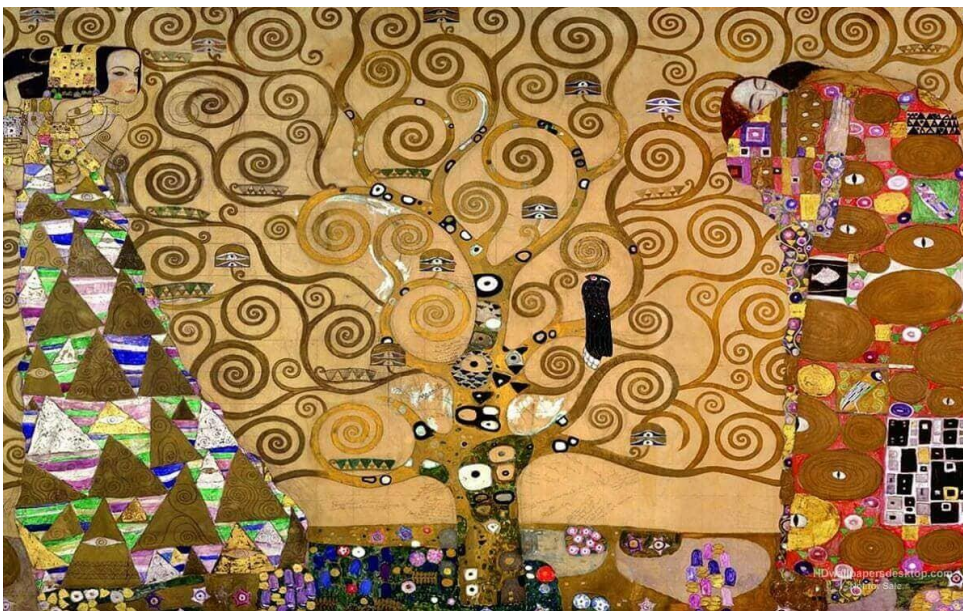


Saint Thomas's Church

Easter IV

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm



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Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God:

Those on the Lady Altar in thanksgiving for the memory of Bert Kish.

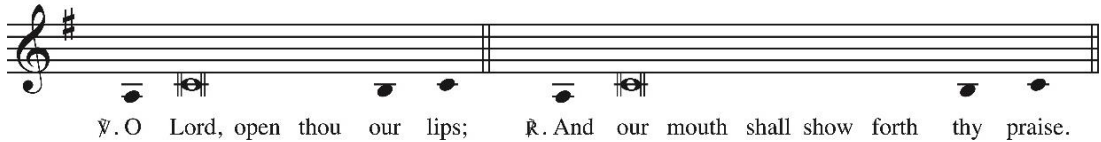


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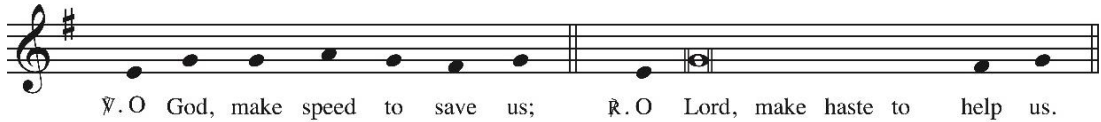
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Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

VOLUNTARY Canon in A-Flat, Op. 56 No. 4, Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

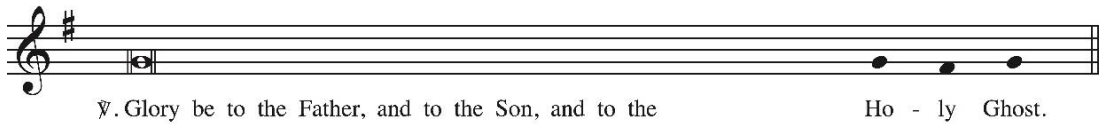
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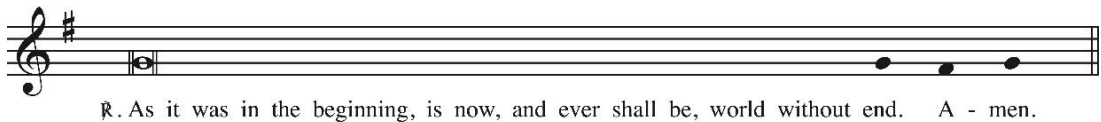
V. O Lord, open thou our lips; R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



V. O God, make speed to save us; R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A - men.



V. Praise ye the Lord; R. The Lord's name be prais - ed.

The choir sings.

PSALM 136

III. 6.



- Cantor* 1 O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for **he** is gra-cious :
People for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
2 O give thanks unto the **God** of all gods :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 3 O thank the **Lord** of all lords : for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 4 Who only **do**-eth[^]great won-ders : for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 5 Who by his excellent wisdom **made** the hea-vens :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 6 Who laid out the earth a-**bove** the wa-ters :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 7 Who hath **made** great (-) lights : for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 8 The **sun** to[^]rule the day : for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 9 The moon and the stars to **gov**-ern the night :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 10 Who smote Egypt **in** their first-born :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 11 And brought out Israel **from** a-mong them :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 12 With a mighty hand and **stretch**-ed out arm :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 13 Who divided the Red **Sea** in sun-der :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 14 And made Israel to go **through** the[^]midst of it :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 15 But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them **in** the Red Sea :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 16 Who led his people **through** the[^]wild-er-ness :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 17 Who **smote** great (-) kings : for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 18 Yea, and **slew** migh-ty kings : for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.

Cantor 19 Sihon **king** of the A-mor-ites : for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 20 And Og the **king** of Ba-shan : for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 21 And gave away their land **for** an he-ri-tage :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 22 Even an heritage unto Isra-**el** his ser-vant :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 23 Who remember-ed us when we **were** in trou-ble :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 24 And hath deliver-ed us **from** our en-e-mies :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
Cantor 25 Who giveth **food** to all flesh : for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.
People 26 O give thanks unto the **God** of hea-ven :
for his mercy en-**dur**-eth for ev-er.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, **and** to the Son : **and** to the Ho-ly Ghost;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be : world **with**-out
end. A-men.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 10.12 - 11.1

The First Lesson is written in the book Deuteronomy, in the tenth chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome

things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven. You shall therefore love the Lord your God, and keep his charge, his statutes, his ordinances, and his commandments always.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles in g, Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; /
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; /
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22

The Second Lesson is written in the Book of Revelation, in the twenty-second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing

its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

"See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!" And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles in g, Henry Purcell

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.


Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

The Creed is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,

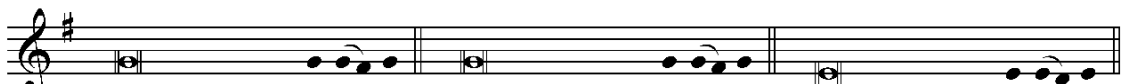
I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY



♩. The Lord be ___ with ___ you; R̄. And with thy ___ spi - rit. V̄. Let us pray.

The People kneel.



V̄. Lord, have mercy up-on us. R̄. Christ, have mercy up-on us. V̄. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

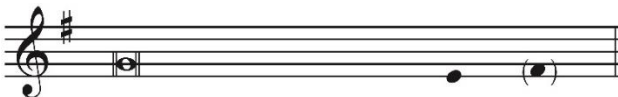
THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,

Our Father

who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE RESPONSES



V̄. O Lord, show thy mercy up-on us;

R̄. And grant us thy salva-tion.

V̄. O Lord, save **the** King,

R̄. And mercifully hear us when we call up-on thee.

V̄. Endue thy ministers with righ-teous-ness.

R̄. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.

V̄. O Lord, save thy peo-ple.

R̄. And bless thine inhe-ri-tance.

Ÿ. Give peace in our time, **O** Lord;
Ŕ. And evermore mightily defend **us**.

Ÿ. O God, make clean our hearts with-**in** us;
Ŕ. And take not thy Holy Spirit **from** us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTHEM

'Easter,' from *Five Mystical Songs*,
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen Sing his praise, without delays, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise With him may'st rise: That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just. Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound his name Who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key Is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long: Or since all music is but three parts vied, And multiplied; O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, And make up our defects with his sweet art.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

The Officiant says selected prayers, following which all say the General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

The People stand.

HYMN 544

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

All 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

Lower 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
Voices Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

All 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Upper 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Voices Till all our strivings cease:
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace.

All 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still small voice of calm!

REPTON
 C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

J.G. Whittier, 1872

The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Hymn 237, pt 2

St. Thomas Aquinas, 35th c.
 tr. E. Caswall and J.M. Neale

Hereford
 S.S. Wesley, 1810-1876

O Sav - ing Vic - tim, op' - ning wide_ the gate_ of heav'n to
 All praise_ and thanks to thee_ as - cend_ For ev - er - more, Blest

man_ be - low,_ Our foes_ press on_ from ev - 'ry side,_
 One_ in Three;_ O grant_ us life_ that_ shall_ not end_

Thine aid_ sup - ply,_ thy strength_ be - stow_ A - men.
 in our_ true na - tive land_ with thee_

Fauxbourdon for the tune Hereford by John Tuttle

MOTET

‘Adoramus te, Christe,’ Orlando di Lasso (c 1530-1594)

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem et passionem tuam redemisti mundum. Domine, miserere nobis.

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee, who, by thy holy cross hast redeemed the world. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

Hymn 234, pt 2

St. Thomas Aquinas, 35th c., tr. E. Caswall

Grafton

French, *Tantum ergo* in

Chants Ordinaires de l'Office Divin, Paris 1880

There - fore we, be - fore_ him_ bend - ing, This great Sa - cra - ment re - vere;
 Glo - ry let us give, and_ bless - ing To the Fa - ther and_ the_ Son,

Types and sha - dows have_ their_ end - ing, For the new - er
 Hon - our, might, and praise_ ad - dress - ing, While e - ter - nal

rite_ is_ here; Faith, our_ out - ward sense_ be - friend - ing,
 ag - es_ run; Ev - er_ too his love_ con - fess - ing,

Makes_ our_ in - ward vi - sion_ clear. A - men.
 Who_ from_ Both_ with Both_ is_ One.

Descant for the tune Grafton by Jenna Freudenberg

The People match the pitch of the Minister on the underlined syllable.

Thou gavest them Bread from heaven; Allelu-ia!
Containing in itself all sweetness. Allelu-ia!

COLLECT OF CORPUS CHRISTI

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

The people are blessed by the Sacrament.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

The People repeat each phrase after the Officiant.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

Antiphon:

Cantor

People

Let us adore Christ our Lord, in the most Holy Sacrament.

Tone VI

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second is for the People. Both are in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yē peo-ples.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-wards us :
and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev**-ēr. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and to thē Ho-ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
world with-**out** end. A-men.

All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.

The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

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