



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Toccatina" Dmitri Kabalevsky

OPENING HYMN

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hand" vs. 1-5, Lift Every Voice and Sing 217

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the
 whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world
 in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

2. He's got you and me sister, etc. 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
 3. He's got you and me brother, etc. 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

People

And blessed be God's playground, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

GENESIS 21:8-21

The baby grew and was weaned. Abraham threw a big party on the day Isaac was weaned. One day Sarah saw the son that Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham, poking fun at her son Isaac. She told Abraham, "Get rid of this slave woman and her son. No child of this slave is going to share inheritance with my son Isaac!" The matter gave great pain to Abraham—after all, Ishmael was his son. But God spoke to Abraham, "Don't feel badly about the boy and your maid. Do whatever Sarah tells you. Your descendants will come through Isaac. Regarding your maid's son, be assured that I'll also develop a great nation from him—he's your son, too." Abraham got up early the next morning, got some food together and a canteen of water for Hagar, put them on her back and sent her away with the child. She wandered off into the desert of Beersheba. When the water was gone, she left the child under a shrub and went off, fifty yards or so. She said, "I can't watch my son die." As she sat, she broke into sobs. Meanwhile, God heard the boy crying. The angel of God called from Heaven to Hagar, "What's wrong, Hagar? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy and knows the fix he's in. Up now; go get the boy. Hold him tight. I'm going to make of him a great nation." Just then God opened her eyes. She looked. She saw a well of water. She went to it and filled her canteen and gave the boy a long, cool drink. God was on the boy's side as he grew up. He lived out in the desert and became a skilled archer. He lived in the Paran wilderness. And his mother got him a wife from Egypt.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:1-10,16-17

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
 for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
 save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
 I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
 for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, *
 and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, *
 and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
 for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
 nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, *
 and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; *
 and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
 give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
 because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

ROMANS 6:1B-11

So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land! That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country. Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer captive to sin's demands! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Wede Harer Guzo” (May no harm touch you) Ethiopian Song

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel

(Playfully)

La la la la la la la la la la la la la la la

la_____ la la la la la la la la la la_____

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:24-39

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“A student doesn't get a better desk than her teacher. A laborer doesn't make more money than his boss. Be content—pleased, even—when you, my students, my harvest hands, get the same treatment I get. If they call me, the Master, ‘Dungface,’ what can the workers expect? “Don't be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are. So don't hesitate to go public now. “Don't be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There's nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands. “What's the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries. “Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I'll cover for you? “Don't think I've come to make life cozy. I've come to cut—make a sharp knife-cut between son and father, daughter and mother, bride and mother-in-law—cut through these cozy domestic arrangements and free you for God. Well-meaning family members can be your worst enemies. If you prefer father or mother over me, you don't deserve me. If you prefer son or daughter over me, you don't deserve me. “If you don't go all the way with me, through thick and thin, you don't deserve me. If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Alicia & Jeff Cox
Barb & Chet Knobe
Katharine & Jake Hill
Debby & Jon Hirtle
Lisa & Matthew McGee
Sarah & George Phocas
Kathy & Rick Stuck
Adrian & John Robinson
Bea & Peter Van Rooijen
Kristi & Randy Wade
Katherine & Andy Ward

Those Who Have Died
Nancy Gorman

THE SERMON

The People may be seated

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

Travis Helms

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively, standing or kneeling

God of laughter and light, God of mountains and rivers, God of children and wild creatures, you created this world not merely to be used but to be loved, not merely to be endured but to be enjoyed. As summer unfolds around us, teach us again the holy practice of delight.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

For your holy Church throughout the world. Where we have become anxious, make us trusting. Where we have become rigid, make us curious. Where we have become burdened, make us joyful. May we remember the words of Jesus: "Unless you become like little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

For the nations of the world. For places wounded by war, fear, division, and despair. Grant wisdom to leaders, courage to peacemakers, and hope to those who have forgotten joy. May every child have space to laugh, dream, and flourish.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

For this valley, for Grand Teton and Yellowstone, for rivers rushing with snowmelt, for elk crossing ancient migration routes, for bears emerging from dens, for osprey and trout, for fireweed blooming after fire. May we learn from creation's endless dance of renewal.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

For children everywhere. For those who teach us wonder. For those who ask questions adults have forgotten to ask. For those whose imaginations still stretch toward heaven. May we receive their wisdom with humility.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

For all who are weary. For those carrying illness, grief, loneliness, depression, or fear. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list.

May your Spirit gently restore their hearts, bringing moments of laughter amid sorrow and companions for the journey.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

For this congregation. As we gather this summer beneath cathedral skies and mountain peaks, help us remember that faith is more than obligation. It is participation. It is wonder. It is joining the great dance of creation. As Sarah laughed at the birth of Isaac, as David danced before the Ark, as the disciples were astonished by the

rushing wind of Pentecost, may we discover again the joy of being alive in your presence. We offer our delight for those celebrating birthdays this week, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

We pray for those who have died. Trusting the vision revealed to John: that one day every tear will be wiped away, death shall be no more, and all creation will join in the song of heaven. Until that day, keep us faithful, hopeful, and joyful.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

God our Father, we give you thanks for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and grace to balance work, family and faith commitments with joy and gratitude. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and wisdom. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

God of delight, whose Wisdom rejoiced before the foundations of the world, whose Son welcomed children, and whose Spirit came like wind and fire, renewed in us the gift of holy joy. Free us from fear, restore our sense of wonder, and teach us once again how to live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The People stand as able

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available for more information on what is happening around the parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“How can I keep from singing” Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear though far-off hymn That hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

What though my joys and comfort die? The Lord my savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night it giveth.

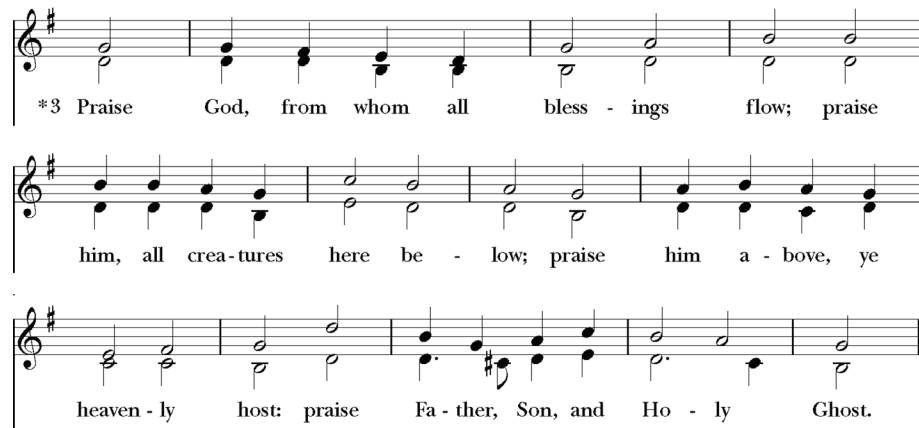
Refrain

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

PRESENTATION HYMN

“From all that dwell below the skies” vs. 3, The Hymnal 380



*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The People stand as able

GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: COME OUT & PLAY

The People stand as able

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth. Before there were mountains, before rivers carved their paths through valleys, before stars burned in the darkness, your Wisdom delighted in your presence and rejoiced in the world you were creating. You spoke, and galaxies danced into being. You breathed, and life awakened. You called creation good. Again and again, you called it good. You made humanity in your image, not merely to survive, but to wonder, to create, to love, to play, and to share in the joyful stewardship of your world. When we forgot our belovedness, when fear replaced wonder and striving replaced delight, you did not abandon us. Through prophets and poets, through wilderness and wisdom, through animals and children at play, you called us home.

In Jesus, your Word made flesh, we see the fullness of human life. He welcomed children. He attended weddings. He shared meals with friends. He told stories about seeds and birds and lilies. He revealed a kingdom where joy is stronger than fear and love is stronger than death.

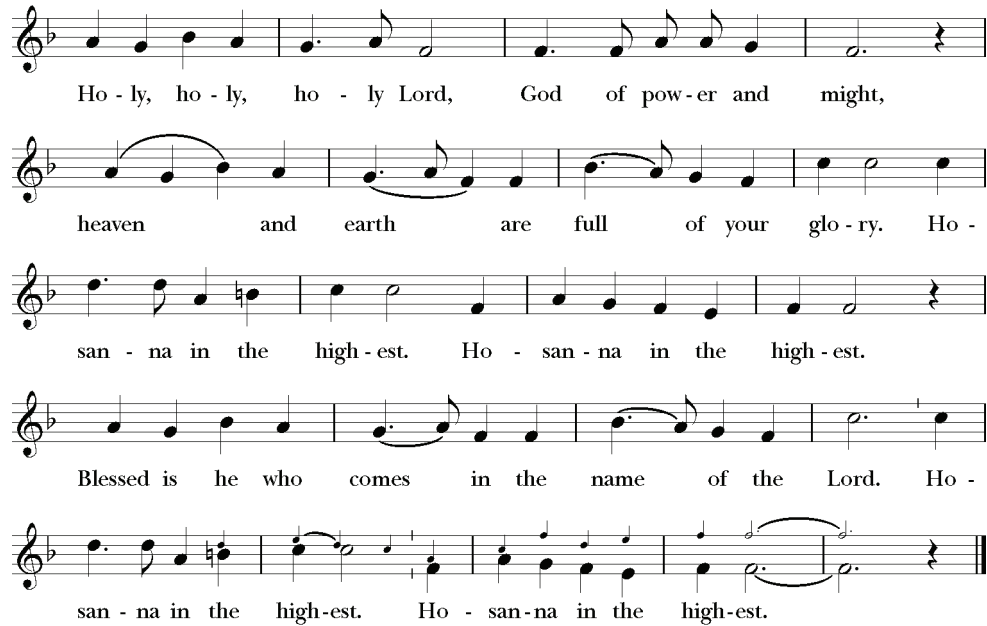
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with elk bugling in autumn meadows, with rivers rushing from mountain snow, with every creature beneath heaven, who forever sing:



SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” from A Community Mass; Richard Proulx, Hymnal S125

The Celebrant and the People sing together



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God, in your infinite love you made us for yourself. And when we had wandered, you sought us. When we were lost, you found us. When we forgot how to live, you showed us the way.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread. When he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine. When he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant

Christ has died.

& People

Christ is risen.

Christ comes again and again.

We celebrate the memory of our relationship with you, offering you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the food and drink of new and unending life. Sanctify us, too, that we may faithfully receive this sacrament, and be renewed as your joyful people at play. Teach us again how to marvel. Teach us again how to laugh. Teach us again how to trust. Make us like children who know they are loved.

Send us into the world to play our part in your great story, to tend the earth, to welcome the stranger, to seek justice, to practice mercy, and to delight in the gift of being alive. Bring us at last into that heavenly dinner table where every tear is wiped away, where creation is restored, where death is no more, and where all things join in the eternal joy of your kingdom. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant
& People*

**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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

“Christ our Passover” from New Plainsong; David Hurd, The Hymnal S154,

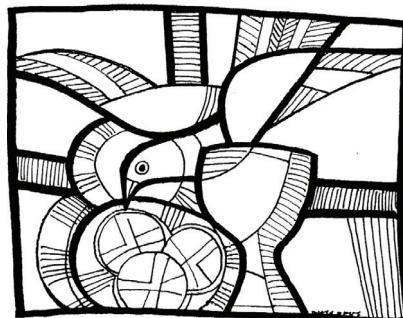
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.

A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium to the left of the main altar during Communion.



COMMUNION HYMNS

The People are invited to sing

“I have decided to follow Jesus” vs. 1-3, Lift Every Voice and sing 136

1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

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 2. _ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. _ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. _ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

— No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____
 (no turn - ing back,)

“O Jesus, I have promised” vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 655

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,

be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us pray.

God of joy and wonder, you have fed us with the bread of life and refreshed us with the wine of gladness. Send us now into this playground of creation, filled with the knowledge that we are all your beloved children. Make us light in spirit, open in heart, quick to laugh, ready to love, and eager to play our part in the healing of your world. Restore in us a childlike joy and wonder, that we may receive each day as a gift, and play nicely with those around us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

May God fill your days with joy, your hearts with wonder, and your lives with love and laughter. Go out and play in God's good creation. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“We are Playing in the Light of God”

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are play - ing in the light of God, we are play - ing in the light of God. We are play - ing in the light of God, we are play - ing in the light of God. We are play - ing. Oo we are play - ing in the light of God. We are play - ing. Oo we are play - ing in the light of God." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a fermata over the final note of the piece.

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Take up your cross, the Savior said” [Bourbon] Freeman Lewis

We invite you to join us for “Recess” on the lawn after the service.



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The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Haley at haley@stjohnsjackson.org, call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of Flo McCall 1 year after her death,
given by Brian Nystrom and our church family.*



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