

20th Weekend in Ordinary Time

August 15, 2026

The responses of the people are in ***bold***



Light of Christ
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Presider: Father Mike

Liturgist: "A Brackett"

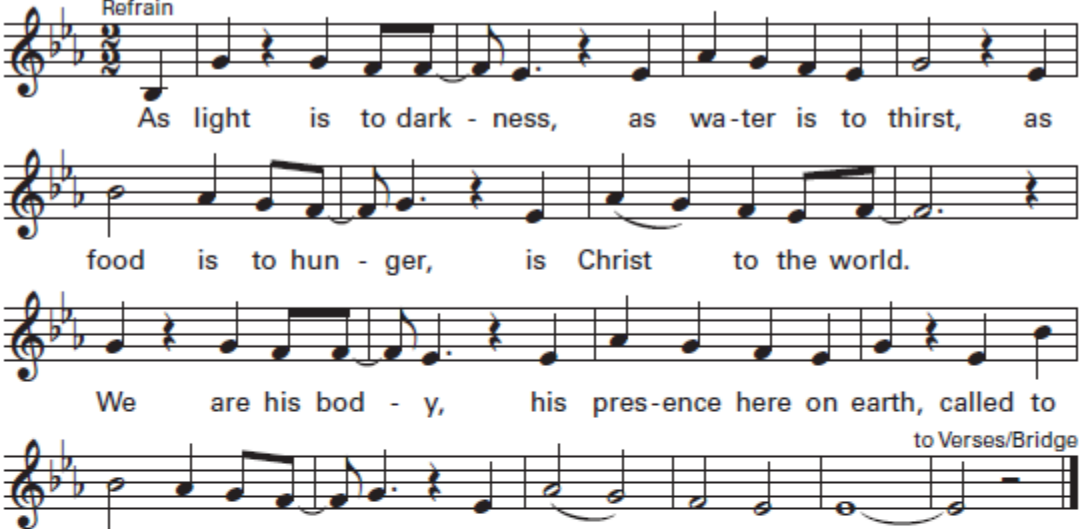
Welcome and announcements:

Opening Song: As Christ to the World

AS CHRIST TO THE WORLD

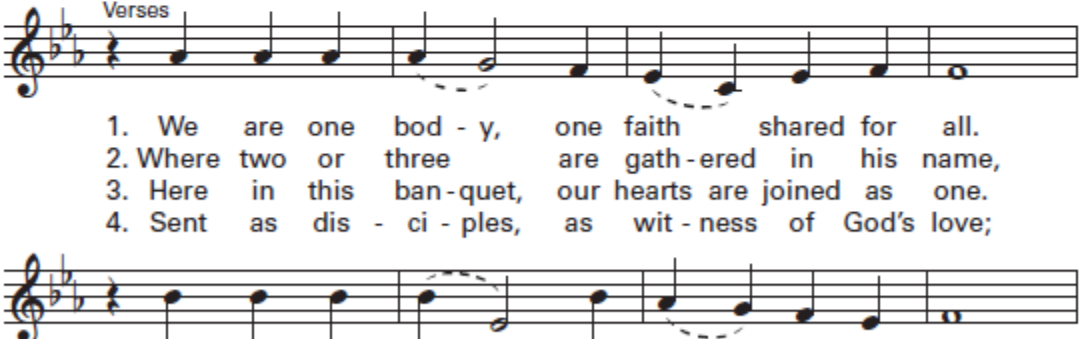
Tom Kendzia

Refrain



As light is to dark - ness, as wa-ter is to thirst, as
food is to hun - ger, is Christ to the world.
We are his bod - y, his pres-ence here on earth, called to
love one an-oth - er, as Christ to the world.

Verses



1. We are one bod - y, one faith shared for all.
2. Where two or three are gath-ered in his name,
3. Here in this ban-quet, our hearts are joined as one.
4. Sent as dis - ci - ples, as wit - ness of God's love;

1. We are Christ's pres-ence, we an - swer the call.
2. Christ walks be - side us, his love in us re - mains.
3. One in the Spir - it, and one in the Lord.
4. a burn - ing fire, so deep with - in our hearts.

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Invocation and Introduction: Mike

Let us continue as one expression of God's people. + Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the love of God, the peace of Jesus the Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Greeting:

Penitential Rite:

The Lord welcomes us back with joy when we fail to live our covenant. Let us accept his pardon with gratitude and learn from him to forgive others.

Jesus, Son of David, you revealed to us your Father as the God of all people: Lord have Mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Jesus Christ, you came to save all people and you died and rose for all: Christ, have merc ***Christ, have mercy.***

Jesus, you hear the prayer of all and make yourself known to all those who seek you: Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. ***Amen***

For this amazing gift of grace we give you Glory

Mass of Welcoming Glory and Praise in C

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro

REFRAIN

Bless - ed are you O

God Glo - ry and praise for - ev - er

VERSE 1

Praise - wor - thy and ex - al - ted for - ev - er and

bless-ed is your ho - ly and glo - ri - ous name for all a - ges!

To REFRAIN

VERSE 2

Bless - ed are you on the throne of your kin(g) dom

Glo - ry and praise for -

ev - er Bless - ed are you who look in - to the depths

Bless - ed are you O God

To REFRAIN

Opening Prayer: Father Mike

Let us pray: Creator of all, long ago you chose the people of Israel to make your name known to all the nations. Your Son Jesus Christ made it clear that forgiveness and fullness of life are the share of all who believe in him. Make your Church truly a place of encounter for all those who grope for you, that all obstacles and barriers may be removed and that the riches of all nations and cultures may reveal the thousand faces of the love you show us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:

Our first reading is from the prophet Isaiah (56:1, 6-7).

Thus says ADONAI:

“Do what is right, work for justice. For my liberation is about to come and my justice is about to be revealed.”

For thus says ADONAI,

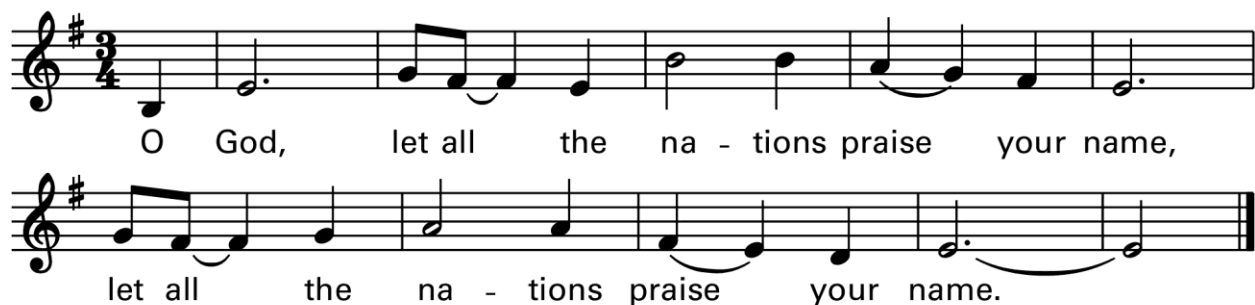
“The foreigners who join themselves to me, ministering to me, loving the name of ADONAI, and becoming my servants— all who observe the Sabbath and do not profane it, and cling to my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer.”

This has been a reading from the prophet Isaiah. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 67: O God, Let all the Nations

PSALM 67: O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS

Timothy R. Smith



1. Lord, look with favor on us;
show us your face.
Reveal to the faithful your way, Lord,
salvation for all the world.
2. May the nations sing and be glad,
for your word governs all the world.

- Your justice will guide all nations,
all people on the earth.
3. Lord, may we sing your praise;
may we sing to you all of our days.
O God, we ask you to bless us,
as we honor your name.

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Second Reading:

Our Second Reading is from the letter to the Romans (11:13-15, 29-32)

I say this now to you Gentiles:

“Inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry, trying to rouse my own people to jealousy and save some of them. For if their rejection has meant reconciliation for the world, what will their acceptance mean?

Nothing less than life from the dead!

God’s gift and God’s call are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God and now have received mercy through Israel’s disobedience, now they have become disobedient — since God wished to show you mercy — that they too may receive mercy. God has imprisoned all in disobedience in order to have mercy on everyone.”

This has been a reading from the book of Romans

Thanks be to God.

Mass of Welcoming Gospel Acclamation

MJS

Intro



Final REFRAIN



Gospel Reading: Mike

The Risen Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (15:21 - 28)

Glory to you, O God+

Jesus left Gennesaret and departed for the district of Tyre and Sidon. It happened that a Canaanite woman living in that area came and cried out to Jesus, "Heir to the House of David, have pity on me! My daughter is horribly demon-possessed."

Jesus gave her no word of response. The disciples came up and repeatedly said to him, "Please get rid of her! She keeps calling after us." Finally Jesus turned to the woman and said, "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

She then prostrated herself before him with the plea, "Help me, Rabbi!"

He answered, "But it is not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

"True, Rabbi," she replied, "but even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table."

Jesus then said in reply, "Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass." At that very moment her daughter was healed.

The Gospel of our God ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Homily: Mike

Prayers of the People:

Our response today is: Loving God, hear our prayer. ***Loving God, hear our prayer.***

For leaders across the world. That they work towards justice, peace and inclusivity for all, especially the most marginalized. We pray: ***Loving God, hear our prayer.***

For our church and all people of faith. That we may open our hearts to one another, and value the gift of relationship as we move forward in our charge to be the Body of Christ together. We pray: ***Loving God, hear our prayer.***

For all who are sick, (especially_____). For those whose hearts are not at peace and those who struggle to feel a sense of belonging. That the friendship of Christ may walk with them and bring comfort to their hearts. We pray: ***Loving God, hear our prayer.***

For all who have died (especially _____). That they may rest peacefully in God's eternal embrace. And for those who mourn the loss of friends, family, and companions. That God's compassion may bring them comfort during these days. We pray: ***Loving God, hear our prayer.***

Are there any prayers here in the sanctuary? (liturgist to field. Please repeat/summarize the prayer for those at home and then “We pray:**Loving God, hear our prayer.**”)

For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray:
Loving God, hear our prayer.

In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Collect.

God our Father, do not allow us ever to become a self-enclosed group, but make us into a real community open to all people and all needs, on account of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sign of Peace

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace! Let us first turn to the cameras in the back of the sanctuary and give a sign of peace to those at home.

And now let us give a sign of peace to those in the sanctuary.

Offertory Song: Healed In Christ

HEALED IN CHRIST

Sarah Hart



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| 1. Fa-ther, you are here; | ho - ly, this a - noint-ing, |
| 2. Je - sus, you a - bide; | gen-tle is your pres-ence. |
| 3. Spir - it, lead us home | in - to our be - long - ing. |



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| 1. gift of sweet-est com - fort in our suf - fer - ing. |
| 2. Grant to us your strength, for we are weak of heart. |
| 3. Love has made a way; our fu - ture is se - cured. |



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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. God, we are a - fraid; | you re - store our cour-age. |
| 2. In your lov - ing cross | is our res - to - ra - tion. |
| 3. And be-yond the veil, | all our tears for-got - ten, |



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| 1. Though we are in dark-ness, bind our wounds with light. |
| 2. Ev - ery scar we've car - ried, you have cru - ci - fied. |
| 3. ev - ery last af - flic - tion we will leave be - hind; |



- 1, 2. We are healed in Christ.



Bless-ed be our God, heal-ing us in Christ, con-so-la-tion of our



soul. mak-ing all that once was bro-ken whole.



3. ev - ery shame for - giv-en as we find our life. And O how we shall



3. sing for-ev-er in the skies! We are healed in Christ.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

(Adapted from a Liturgy by ECC priest Sue Ringler)

Preface: Father Mike

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine and other food from our own cupboards to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. These gifts have traveled through purses, pockets, and even the mail. May these become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

The peace of our God be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Open up your hearts. ***We open them up to God.***

Let us give thanks to our Loving God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Eternal God, Creator of all, it is right that we give you praise and glory as we come in thanksgiving, for you are the one God, living and true. Source of life, you have blessed all creation in love and in joy. You never cease to call us to a new and more abundant life. You invite us to trust in your mercy for you are always ready to forgive us and to gift us with peace when we forgive, too. You ask us to serve the family of God by opening our hearts to the fullness of your Holy Spirit and to proclaim the power of your love. In

wonder and gratitude, we join our voices with all of creation, with the choirs of angels and saints who have gone before us, as together we sing:

Sanctus:

Mass of Welcoming Holy, Holy, Holy

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro



Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly One God of pow-er and
love hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -
san - na in the high - est Bless - ed is the
One who comes in the name of this Ho - ly One Ho - san - na in the
high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around these tables throughout your world and gathered as the Body of Christ that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine and other food before us to make them holy

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - ***"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."***

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Mass of Welcoming
Rising You Revealed New Life

Intro

Dy - ing You de - stroyed our death ris - ing You re -

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vealed new life Oh — Je - sus you are here and yet to come.

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within all of creation. He brought to light your way of compassion and justice, helping us to understand the need to care for each other with dignity and respect. He taught us by his life and by his death and resurrection to be true to ourselves, even if we, also, might need to give up everything as he did.

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Compassionate God, this life-giving bread, this cup of plenty. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ, be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

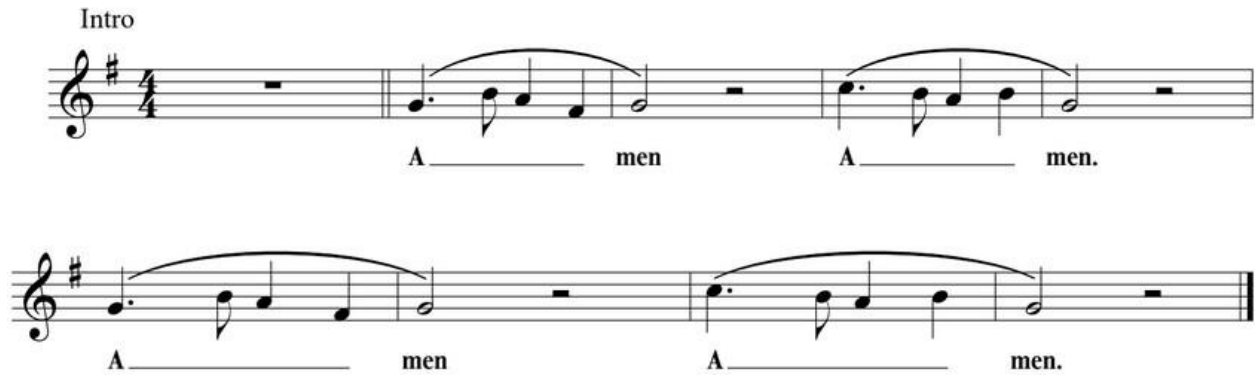
May we be One with the love of Christ, joined by the love of all of us gathered here both in the sanctuary and through your gift of the internet. We send prayers to all in leadership in every place of worship, especially for our chosen shepherds Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul, and for all who serve God's creation. We pray for all countries and their leaders that they may create justice and equality for their peoples; may peace come to our own country as well as to all the troubled lands of our world. We pray for all who are sick that health may soon be theirs. We pray for all who have died. May they be in peace and may they welcome us, one day, into the place of eternal peace. In that new creation where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Eternal Brother.

Together now, we say.....

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

Mass of Welcoming Amen

MJS



Our Father

Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

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 the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Mass of Welcoming Agnus Dei

MJS

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Fr. Teri Harroun

1. Liv - ing God, You feed the world that hun - gers for
2. Liv - ing God, You quench the world that thir - sts for

You You Your Love trans - forms us

1. To Verse 3

3. Liv - ing God You bless the world cre - a - ted by You

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

This is the Living God. This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The one who transforms the world with love. The one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

Invitation to Communion

*(Father Mike will give general instructions for Communion ending with).....*The most important thing is that you know that you are welcome here.

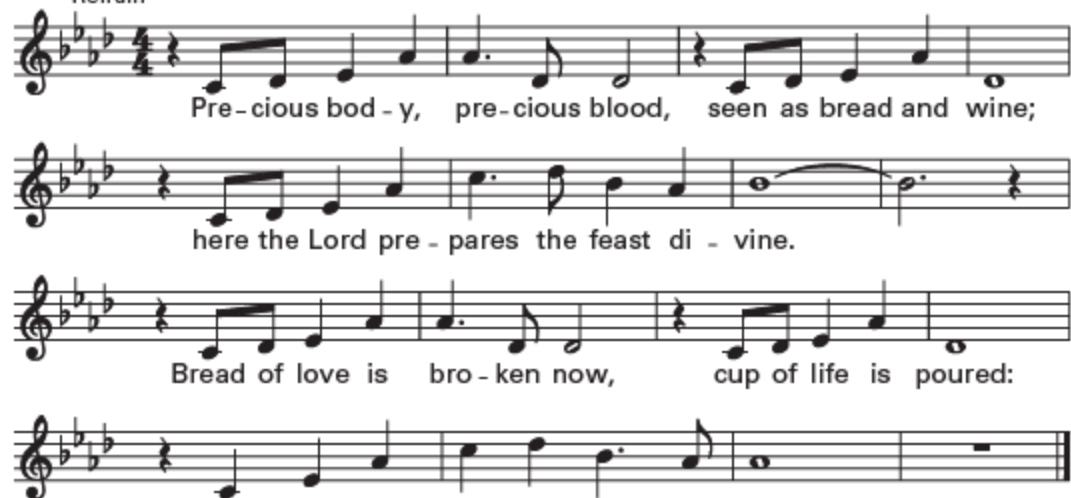
For those of us who join us with Facebook and YouTube, receive the grace that God gives to you this day.

Communion Song: The Supper of the Lord

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

Laurence Rosania

Refrain



Pre-cious bod - y, pre-cious blood, seen as bread and wine;
here the Lord pre - pares the feast di - vine.
Bread of love is bro - ken now, cup of life is poured:
come, share the sup - per of the Lord.

Verses



1. This is the bread of God com-ing down from heav'n,
2. "I am the liv - ing spring of e - ter - nal life;
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giv - ing life to you;
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me,
5. All praise to you, O Christ, pres-ent in this feast;

to Refrain

1. giv - ing life to us, to all the world.
2. you that drink from me shall not thirst a - gain."
3. you that eat this bread shall nev - er die."
4. as I have my life in the liv - ing God."
5. in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

Text: Verses 1-4 based on John 4, 6.

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Prayer after Communion: Mike

Let us pray...

God, in this Eucharist we have all been one in Jesus Christ your Son.

He died and rose to life for all; his likeness is reflected in the face of every human being: let it become visible in all. Let his face not be marred or divided by our prejudices and fears; do not allow our love to be less than universal, but unite us all in him who is our common way to you and to one another, Jesus Christ our Lord In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

The Love of God be with you. ***And also with you.***

Let us open our hearts and ask for God's blessing.

May the God who calls us into the fullness of life bless you with courage for the journey, gentleness for those you meet, and joy in every act of love.

AMEN

May Christ, our companion and our peace, guide your steps and guard your hearts. **AMEN**

And may the Holy Spirit make your life a gift for the world. **AMEN**

May God bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Please repeat our sending forth after me:

We are Light of Christ.... ***We are Light of Christ***

Let us go forth as such..... ***Let us go forth as such***

Loving and serving God..... ***Loving and serving God***

As we get to love and serve in God's world....***As we get to love and serve in God's world.***

Thanks be to God...***Thanks be to God.***

Closing Song: Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST **450**
Karen Lafferty

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1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his
 2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek, and
 3. You do not live by bread a - lone, but by

1. righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
 2. ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be —
 3. ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the

1. add - ed un - to you. }
 2. o - pened un - to you. } Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 3. mouth — of — God. }

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