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Prelude to Pride

Worship 11:00 A.M.

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Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/princerupertlutheran/>.

Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: Kaien Community Church

Synod Parishes: Grace Lutheran, Burnaby; Mount Zion, Smithers

ACC: Theological colleges and programs within the Ecclesial Province of Ontario

ELCIC: Luther College at the University of Regina and Luther College-High School

Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor is Public, Javadotcup Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30AM.

2. Join us tonight for Family Fun Night! Potluck at 6:00 and dominoes after cleanup.

3. An explorers and new member class is happening Wednesdays @ 7pm, running through June. Please join us if you are interested.

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Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

God of boundless compassion, help us to admit that we have been wrong. Give us the word the world cannot. Tell us again that you believe in us so we can love ourselves as you do.

Amen.

We proclaim publicly the ways we have rejected God's love and God's image of us.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

For historical acts of injustice and oppression perpetuated against Aboriginal communities, and Black, Japanese, and Chinese communities in this abundant land of the First Nations,

Forgive us, merciful God.

For the times we have failed to recognize racism and bigotry in ourselves, in our church, and in our society, and the times we have failed to take action.

Forgive us, long-suffering God.

For complicity in systems of privilege and power over those whose skin color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or creed differ in some way, even today,

Forgive us, compassionate God.

Grant us courage never to let a racist joke or bigoted comment pass in our hearing, but to dare to insist on equitable treatment of all persons and groups, including ourselves, if oppressed, even at the risk of being unpopular or misunderstood.

We beseech you, God of justice.

Grant us patience to endure periods without action, persistence in resisting the evil of oppression, and faithfulness in working toward racial and social justice among your people, in the church, and in the world.

We beseech you, God of hope.

Siblings in Christ, the truth is that God loves you deeply and without end. This forgiveness is a gift; we don't do this on our own. We are bound to the Holy Spirit, who accompanies us on this journey of reconciliation in Christ. Know and believe you are forgiven. Know and trust that God is with you as you adjust and make amends, As you now know what you did not know before And that you have been made whole in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, ✠ and the Sanctifier,

Amen.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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The grace of the One who redeemed and redeems us from binaries, the love, mercy, and justice of the One who created all beyond our wildest dreams and called it all

GOOD, and the wisdom of the One who challenges us to go and do likewise be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

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Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the
2 That we may live out your im -
3 For peace in our hearts, for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Let us pray together our Prayer of the Day

Holy and Living God, we open to you this day. May peace flow and let justice roll down like an ever-flowing stream. Open our eyes and help us to see that no one is outside your love; outside our love. Remind us that we are not alone thanks to your abiding presence, through Jesus Christ, the free gift of grace. Amen.

Our first reading is from Deuteronomy, beginning at the 5th chapter 5: 12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

We read Psalm 8: 1 - 10 responsively:

Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.

Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;
for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.

God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

**"I eased your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.
**I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

Our second reading is from 2 Corinthians beginning at the 4th chapter 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Mark, beginning at the 2nd chapter

2:23-3:6

Glory to you, O Lord

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered

hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

All Are Welcome

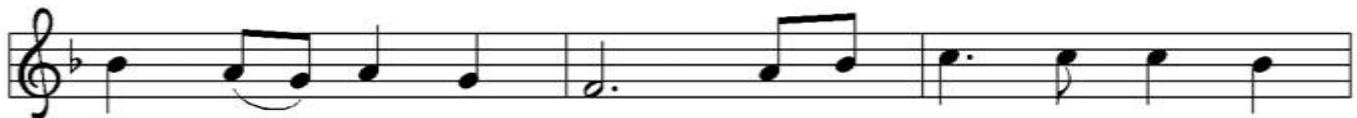
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

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Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Apostles Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. Hearing the words "Merciful God," God's people may reply, "**receive our prayer.**"

A brief silence.

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. We remember and pray for those suffering

discrimination, fear, and violence at the hands of oppressive regimes; may systems of such oppression be dismantled and new systems be built where all of God's Beloved are treated with dignity and respect. We remember and pray for those whose lives have been lost to violence and hate; may we be peacemakers through our words, actions, and advocacy. We remember and pray for those suffering economic hardship and insecurity in basic needs due to unjust systems of oppression; may abundance be shared. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them. Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. We pray now, either aloud or silently, for all those in our hearts and on our minds...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for pastors, deacons, bishops, and church leaders who do their best to live out the loving and welcoming community in Jesus Christ. May they be bold in their call to radical hospitality, inclusion, and the work of justice of all God's diversity, and may we do our diligence in calling them to deeper and more meaningful justice they might not see. We give thanks for Reconciling Works' 50 years of ministry and all the Reconciling in Christ partners. May their ministry with their members, communities, and the larger Church be a mighty force of justice rolling down like an ever-flowing stream. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, non-binary, pansexual, queer/questioning, asexual, Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color in Christ, and the gifts they are to our church and society. May our churches be bold and prophetic in the ways we live out our welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy with and for our siblings. May all know that in their truest, fullest most authentic selves, they are perfectly formed and perfectly loved as God created them to be. Loving and merciful. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Offerings may be mailed to the church, placed in our mailbox, sent by e-transfer to offering2stpauls@citywest.ca, or given at CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

We enter a time of communion. All people are invited to receive God's meal. If you wish to receive, this meal is for you. If you would like to learn about communion please speak with the pastor after worship. Those at home may prepare bread and wine or juice for your worship space. When you receive the elements and eat and drink you may respond, "Amen." We have bread or gluten-free wafers, wine or juice; please let your server know which options are needed.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is good to cry out for the waters of justice to roll down, bringing heaven on earth, watering it with God's will for love-soaked humanity since creation began. For God continues to stand with and for all peoples. And so we sing with all the company of heaven:

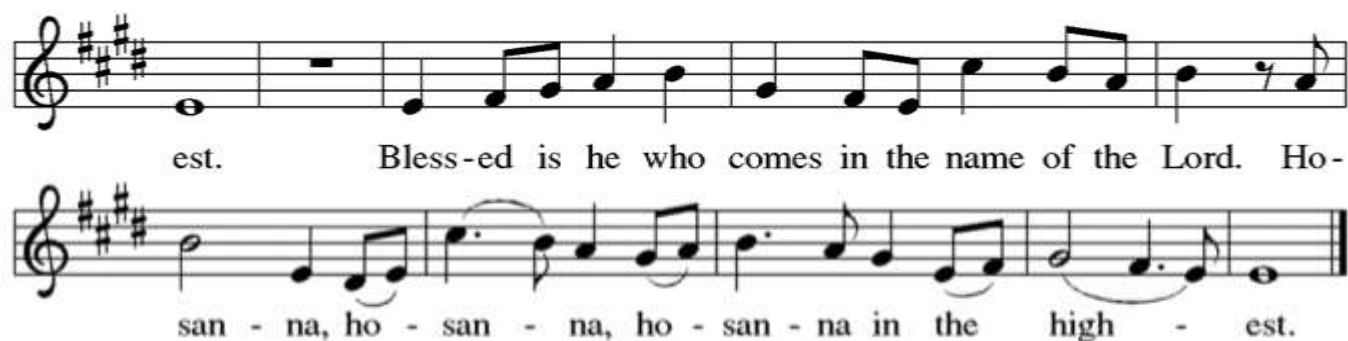
Holy, holy, holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



Holy, just, and merciful God. New birth for creation broke forth upon us in Jesus. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. In these acts of love and justice, we see the birth of our call as church to let the waters of justice roll, knowing we have been delivered from death through a covenant of water and the Spirit.

In this moment, we remember all who suffer in our day and imagine how Jesus would respond to them. In this silence, I invite you to call them to mind and heart.

A time of silence

Just as he said that last night with his disciples, Jesus says to us, "Come, gather around my friends." This common bread at our table is much more than it seems. This is the brokenness of the world, and I feel it as my body. Whenever there is suffering, I suffer with you. I am broken for you. This common cup at our table is much more than it seems. The blood of innocent ones is too often shed at the hands of oppressors. Whenever there is suffering, I suffer with you. I am poured out for you.

But death will not have the last word. Christ has risen! And suffering will end. Christ will come again... ..and again and again, every time suffering is alleviated, comfort is given, food is offered, hope is restored. Loving Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on this body gathered here and on our union with each other and with these gifts of bread and cup. May we become your body for the sake of a world where justice rolls down like an ever-flowing stream

Amen.

L: Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

If the Holy Spirit calls you to this feast of bread and wine or juice, I invite you to receive that which has been prepared. Whether you are distant or present all of us are gathered together around the table of God and we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. God knows what you need. Come and receive it; be inspired to offer it to the world! Everyone is welcome at the table of God

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymns during communion: There Is a Balm in Gilead

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Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*
2. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*
3. Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

Jesus, Remember Me

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Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour strengthen you to eternal life.

Amen

Prayer after communion

God, we give thanks, for the opportunity to serve and be served by those you place in our paths, for our beloved siblings of all genders, sexual orientations, gifts, talents, abilities, marginalizations, and privilege. Take our thanks and make it action. Take your love-soaked justice and drench us with the desire and capacity to bring it more fully into every single thing we do. Take our thanks and make it action. Because you give us the courage, you give us the freedom, you call us to walk in the ways of your Son, the Christ, the redeemer, in this world with your Spirit by our side. We honor this call and give thanks.

Amen.

Blessing

May the outrageous welcome of our Creator ☩ accept and love us for who we are; may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close; may the dancing flicker of the rainbow Spirit help us risk ourselves for love; and the blessing of God now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Let Us Enter In

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1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.

Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.

Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er

Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

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Go now in wholeness to love and work for the justice of God. **Thanks be to God.**