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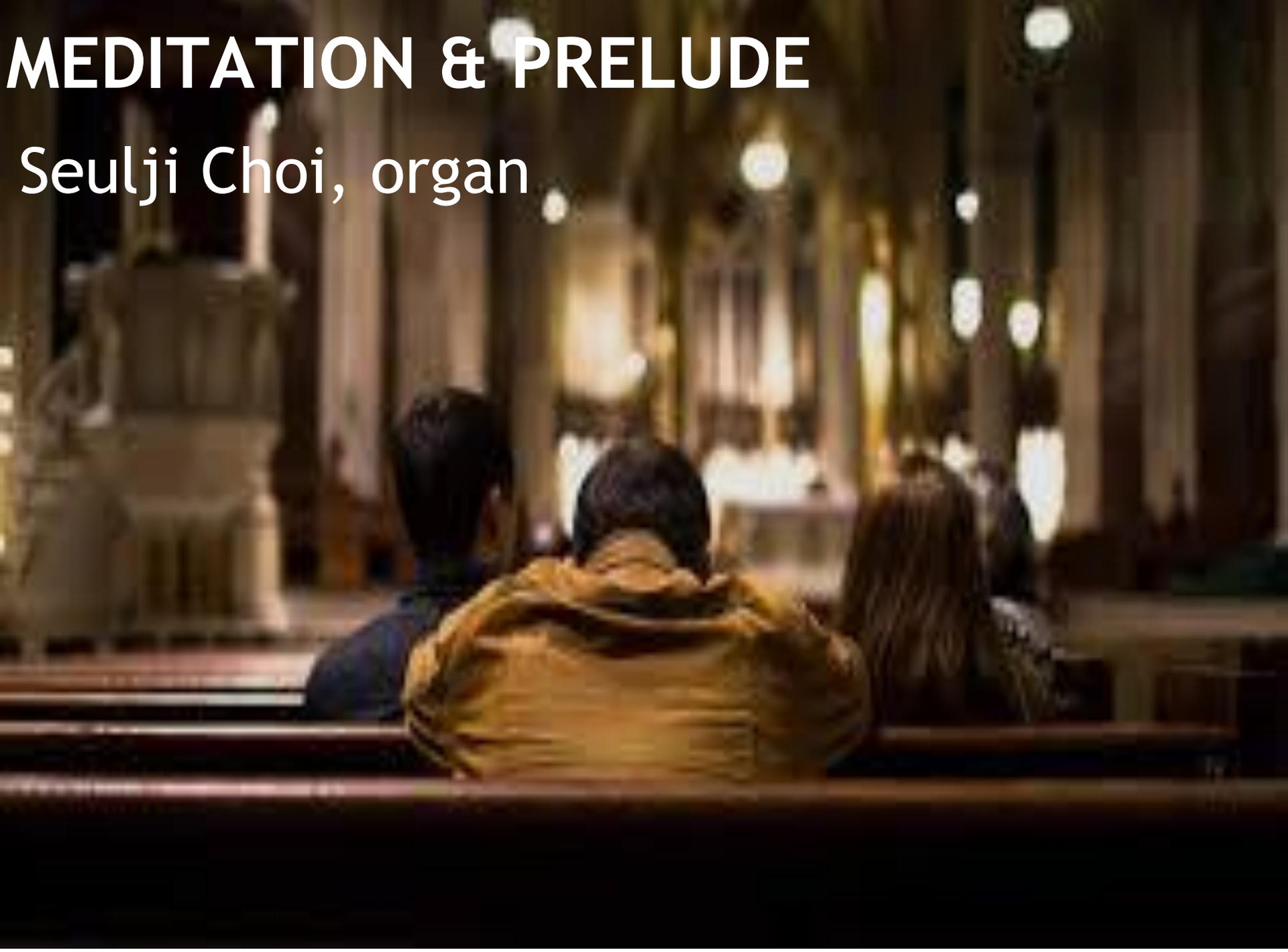


THEME: GARDEN OF EDEN TEMPTED IN THE DESERT

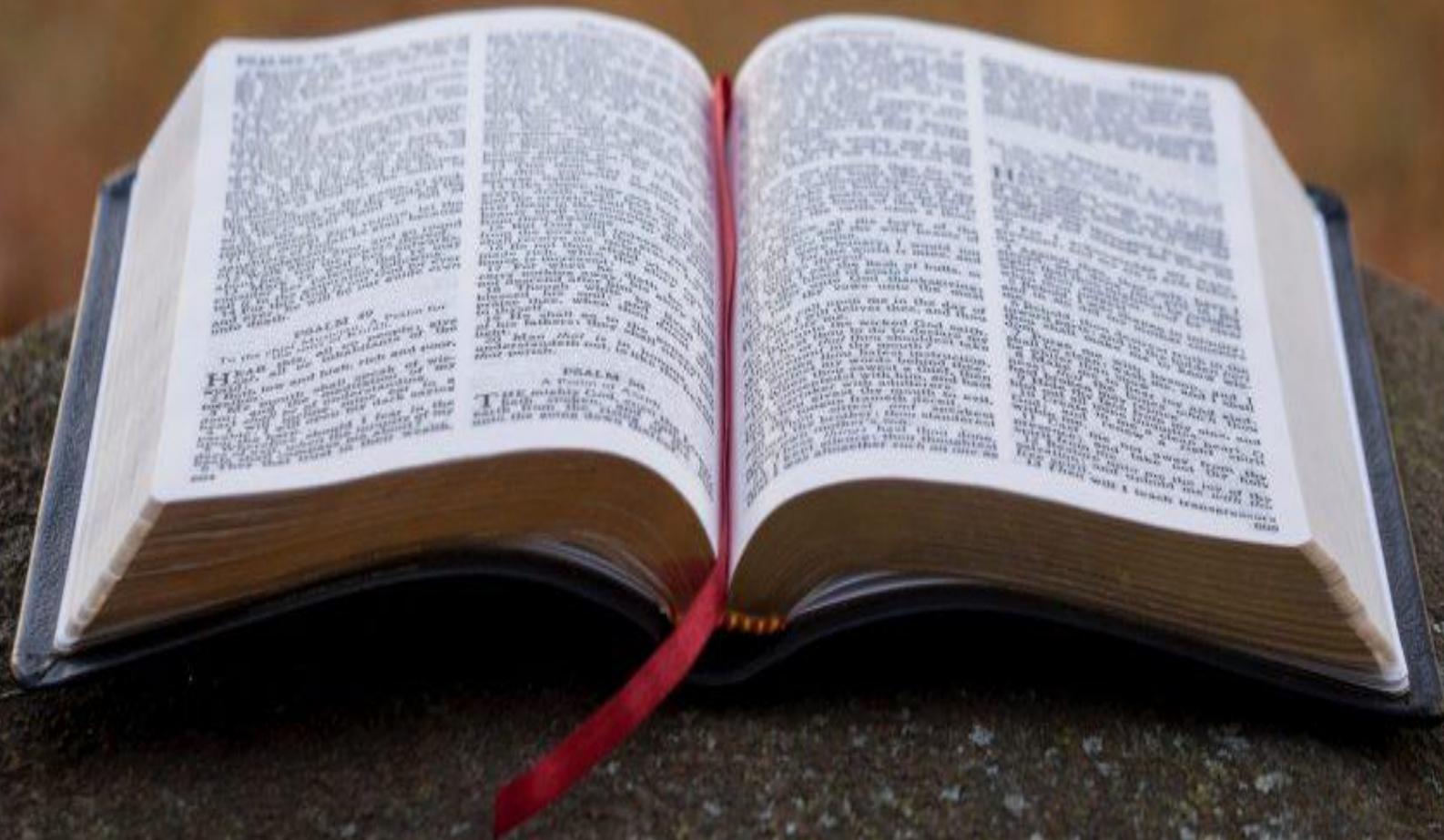
Lay Pastor: Chanda Rule Bernroider
First Sunday in Lent
26 February 2023

MEDITATION & PRELUDE

Seulji Choi, organ



WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING



OPENING HYMN – CH 179, v. 1-4

Forty Days and Forty Nights

1 Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

2 Shall not we your sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with you to suffer pain?

3 Then if Satan on us press,
Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Grant we may not faint nor fail!

4 So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as served You faithfully.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER



SPECIAL PEOPLE



FIRST READING: *Genesis 2:15-17*

Genesis 13:1-7

Read by Alex Varghese

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

SECOND READING: *MATTHEW 4:1-11*

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ““He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

RESPONSIVE PSALM-Psalm 32

Read by Chanda Rule Bernroider

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

CHORAL RESPONSE

VCC Choir

You Are My Hiding Place



SERMON WHERE DEVILS ROAM



RESPONSIVE HYMN-CH 211

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley;

He had to walk it by himself.

Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;

He had to walk it by himself.

2 We must walk this lonesome valley;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
We have to walk it by ourselves.

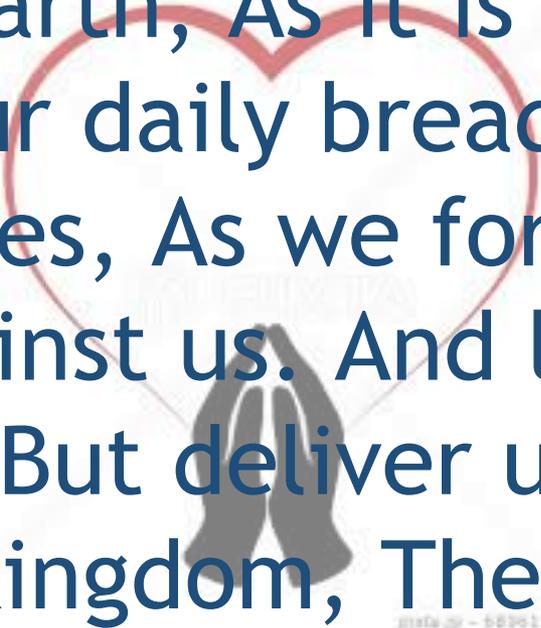
3 You must go and stand your trial;
You have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
You have to stand it by yourself.

PRAY



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.



OFFERING

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OUR
GIFTS

Meditation, Suelji Choi, organ

DOXOLOGY - CH 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING HYMN-CH 546

Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound that
saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

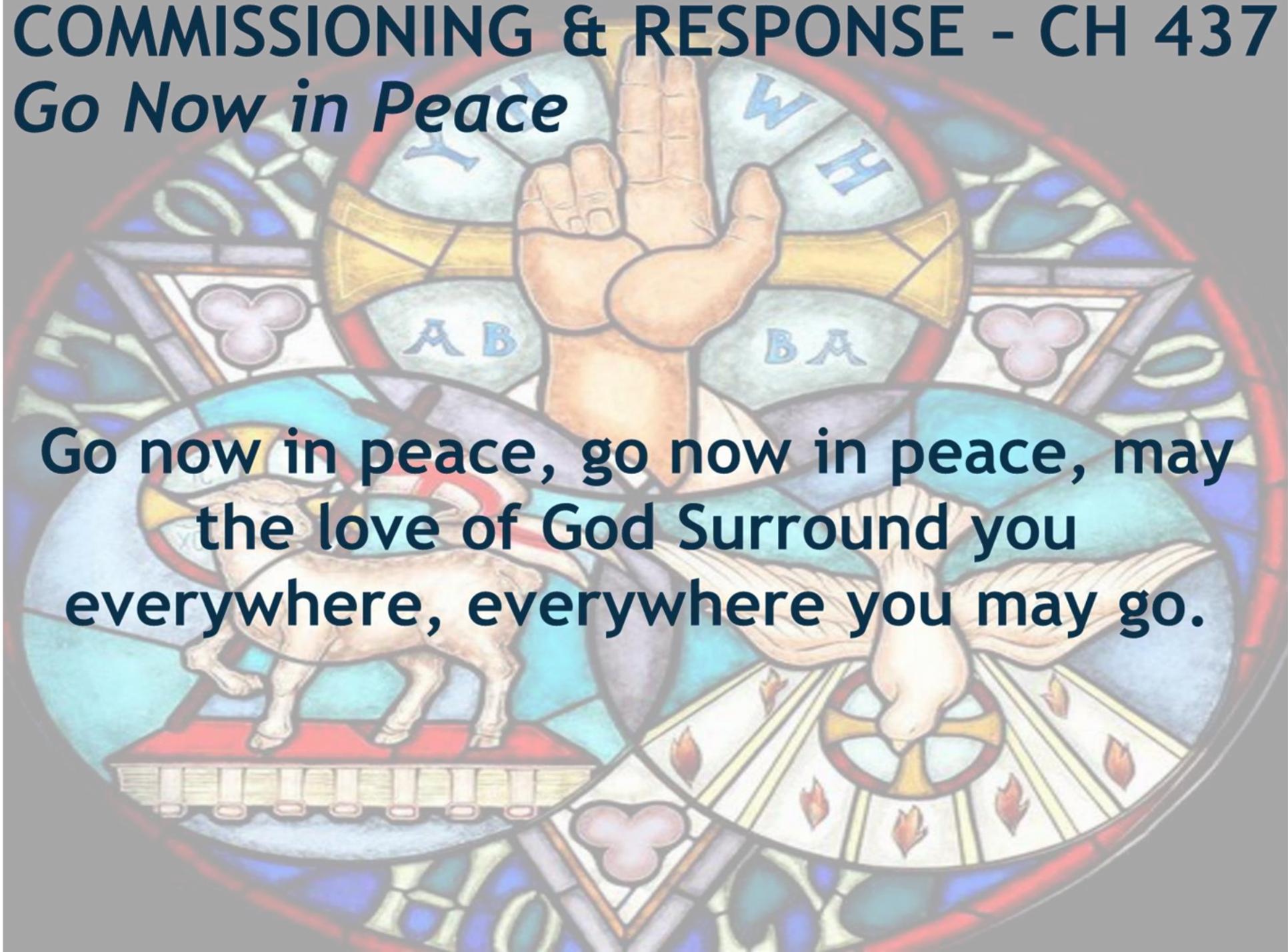
3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I
have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand
years, bright shining as the sun, we've no
less days to sing God's praise than when
we'd first begun.

COMMISSIONING & RESPONSE - CH 437

Go Now in Peace

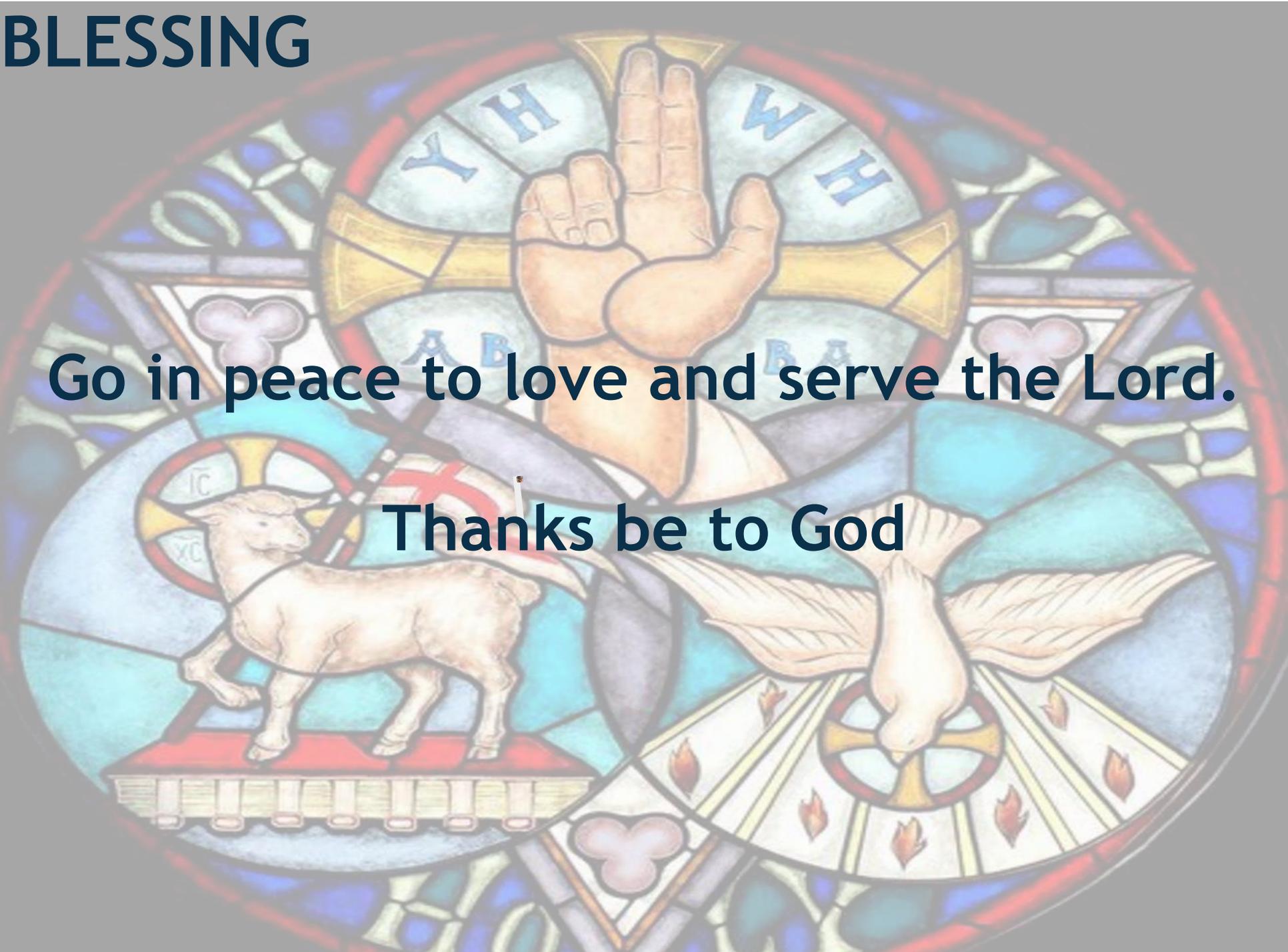
**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may
the love of God Surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**



BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God



POSTLUDE



Seulji Choi, organ