

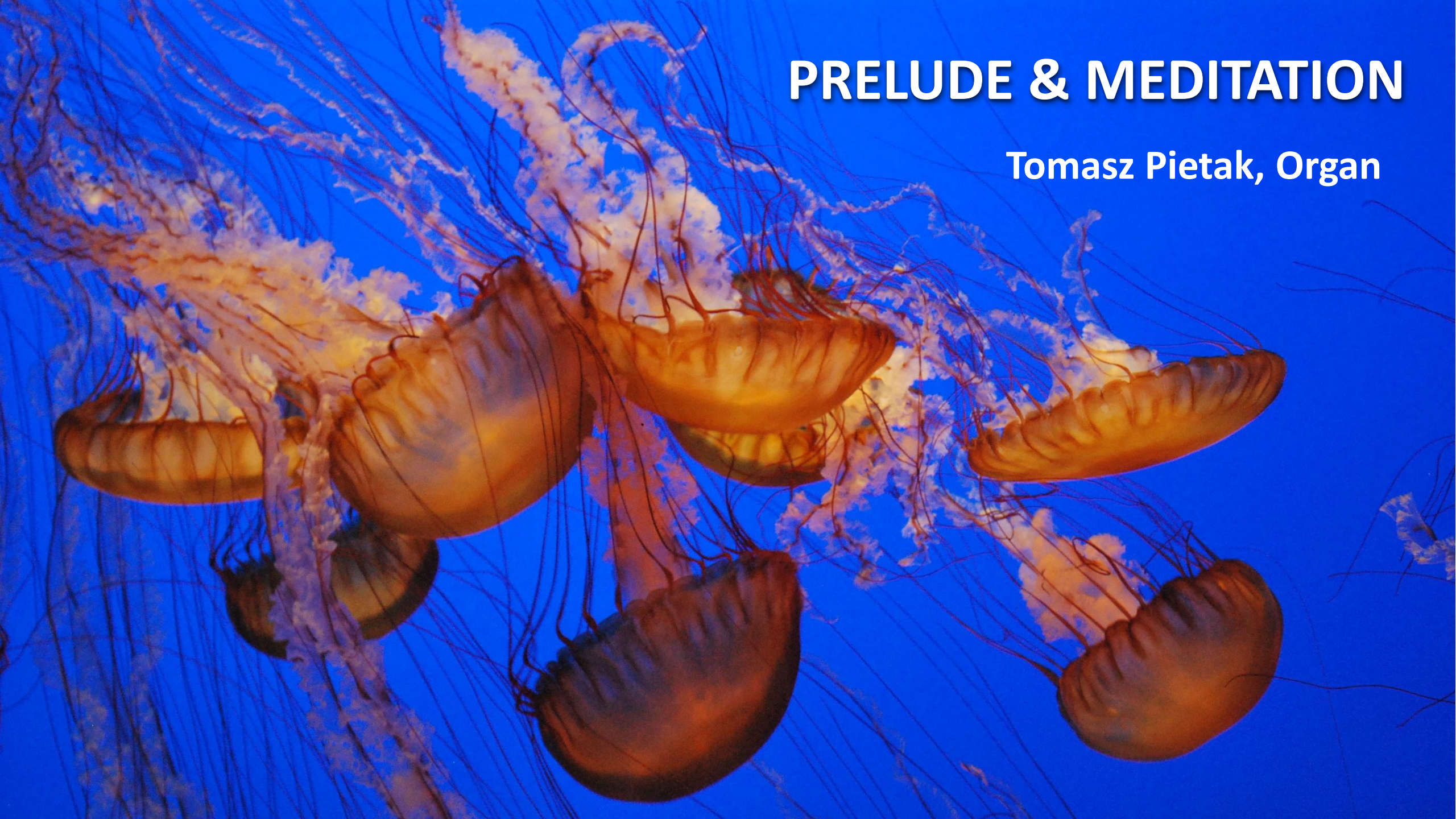


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WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING



OPENING HYMN – CH 22

All Creatures of Our God and King

1.

All creatures of our God and king,
lift up your voice and with us sing;

Allelujah, Allelujah!

Oh burning sun with golden beam,

O silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise God, O praise God,

Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah!

2.

O rushing wind with voice so strong,
you clouds that sail in heav'n along,

O praise God, Allelujah!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening find a voice,

O praise God, O praise God,
Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah!

3.

O flowing water, pure and clean,
make music for your God to hear,
Allelujah, Allelujah!

O blazing fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise God, O praise God,
Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah!

4.

And all forgiven tender hearts,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, Allelujah!

You who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, who knows your every care.

O praise God, O praise God,
Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah!

PASSING OF THE PEACE





SPECIAL PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 25:19-34

Read by Kitty McKinsey

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

The Lord said to her,
“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you will be separated;
one people will be stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger.”

When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home

among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.” “Look, I am about to die,” Esau said. “What good is the birthright to me?” But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered

because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

““You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.’

But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall

away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Psalm 65

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.

You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.

When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.

Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.

You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,
who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,
who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

Sermon



RESPONSIVE HYMN- CH 254

Breathe on me Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
 and do what thou wouldst do.

2.

 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 until my heart is pure,
 until with thee I will one will,
 to do and to endure.

3.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

A group of jellyfish swimming in a deep blue ocean. The jellyfish have translucent, bell-shaped bodies with long, thin tentacles trailing behind them. The water is a vibrant blue, and the jellyfish are illuminated from below, giving them a glowing appearance. The text "OFFERING & MEDITATION" is overlaid in the top right corner in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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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!

PRAYERS

The image features a monochromatic blue color scheme. In the center, a jellyfish is shown in sharp focus, revealing its internal structure, including its bell and oral arms. Other jellyfish are visible in the foreground and background, but they are out of focus, creating a sense of depth. The overall composition is serene and ethereal.

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.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – CH 337

Jesus Calls Us

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me";
2. Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

3.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4.

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5.

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

BLESSING

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE
AND SERVE THE LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Amen! אָמֵן



POSTLUDE

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