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There are three that testify in heaven,
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit,
and these three are one. 1 John 5.7 [NKJV]

Trinity Sunday

26th May 2024, 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass
for Trinity Sunday

Today's setting for mass is Stainer in F

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own church are welcome to come and receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come to the altar carrying this order of service.

Please let clergy or a churchwarden know at the beginning of the service if you need a gluten-free host.

5 minutes before the service begins, a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet reflection is kept during which you may wish to use this prayer.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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

Before the liturgy begins notices are given, and then a bell is rung to begin our worship.

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(St. Gaudenzio Church at Ivrea, Torino).

The Gathering

Introit Hymn (146)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.



Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty.

Alleluia.

cf Revelation 1.8

Invitation to confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

cf Ephesians 4.30,32

Prayer of Penitence

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president says

May the Father ☩ forgive you by the death of his Son
and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect for Trinity Sunday

Silence is kept

**Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Romans 8.12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 3.1-17

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of

water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy
 hear our prayer.

Today we pray for Eleanor Joyce Ormerod, Freddie Grayson Price and their families on the occasion of their celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Nicola; Angela; Pam; Paula; Lynn; Beryl; Marion; Richard; Brenda; Victoria; Joe & Mark; Rose & Colin; Janis Gallagher; Mary Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; Cath Godridge; Rhys Williams; Angela Hyomes; David Murray; Andrew Leach; Janet Hickling; Jenny Attwood (Priest); Margaret Kidger; Christine Campbell; Margaret Tonks; Jo Straw; Sandra Marsh; Michael Phipps; Barry Sowerby.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Catherine McArdle; Peter Birdsall; Elliott.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Dorothy Trevorrow; John Calverley Clapham; James Thomas Hayward; Alma Beatrice Kaye; Gary Newbert; Albert Hester; Callum Cunningham; Thomas Hemingway.

At the end: Merciful Father
 **accept these prayers
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

St Giles' 3.16 share what they have been learning.

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn (373)

**How shall I sing that Majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?
Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I Thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun,
there alleluyas be.**

**Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when Thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.**

**How great a being, Lord, is Thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.**

John Mason (c1645-1694)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
give us the bread of everlasting life,
and make us branches of the true vine.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.

All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.
And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:

Sanctus & Benedictus

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

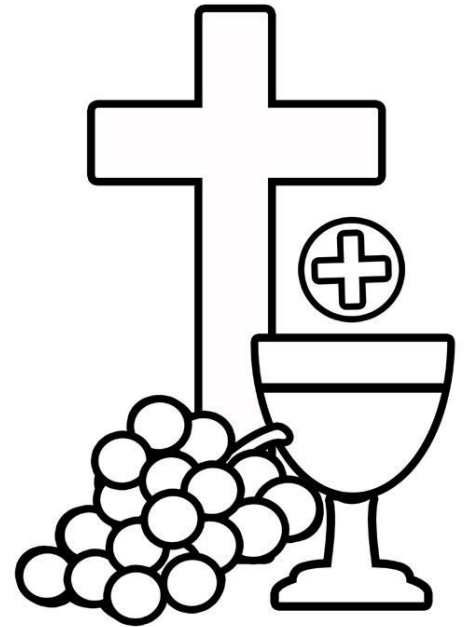
Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary, Giles, Michael, Stephen and all your saints



to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As God's children, and heirs with Christ, we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.
**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion.

Organ Voluntary

Hymn (358)

**Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before Thy throne we sinners bend:
to us Thy pardoning love extend.**

**Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before Thy throne we sinners bend:
to us Thy saving grace extend.**

**Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before Thy throne we sinners bend:
to us Thy quickening power extend.**

**Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son -
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life to us extend. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

Hymn to the Trinity - Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.**

Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

We stand for the Blessing.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;
ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.

The whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise,
more than we can utter, more than we can conceive,
be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
by all angels, all people, all creatures,
for ever and ever.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing ...

Amen.

Hymn (466)

**Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring
on Thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth Thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

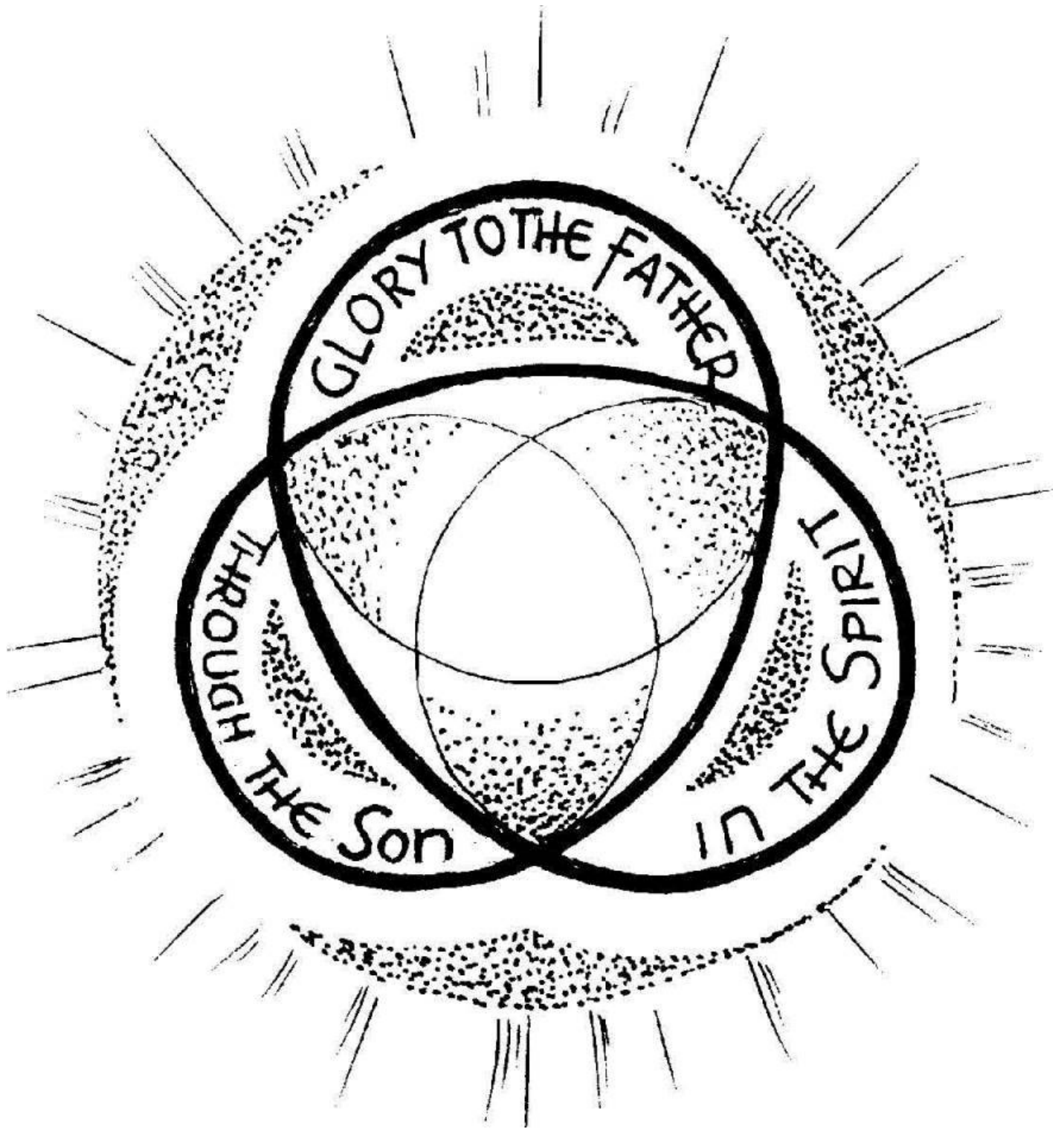
**Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.**

John Marriott (1780-1825)

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The altar party departs.

Organ Voluntary



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