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## St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

### Corpus Christi - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, June 14, 2020

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We will live-stream Mass from St. Gertrude Church at 10:30 am this Sunday, using Facebook Live! Please click [HERE](#) to be connected to our parish Facebook page. After Mass, we will upload the video to [our YouTube channel](#) and post the link [on our website](#).

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet with lyrics for music for the Mass [HERE](#). All the lyrics are also available at the bottom of this e-mail.

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## From Father Rich

*"We are the body of Jesus, broken and given that others might live. We are the body of Jesus, creating God's reign when we love and forgive."*

Kathy Sherman, a sister of St. Joseph of LaGrange, wrote those words and put them to music to capture the essence of who we are as members of the Christian faith. They conveyed such a positive message they became the "anthem" of the parish in which she was the Music Minister.

This weekend, as we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus, we also come face to face with the real meaning of where we have come from, who we are, and who we will one day be because of God's love poured out in the flesh and blood of Jesus. As always, we would like to get straight to Easter, but we know the only way to Easter is through Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The only way to new life is by offering everything we have in love, even though it will mean great suffering, and even death to what we knew, but we do it because we love, as He showed us. We do it confident the final outcome is always a gift from God.

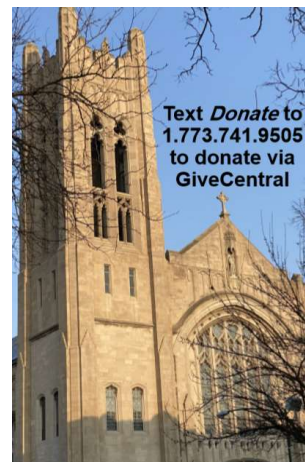
Our world continues wrestling with the COVID-19 pandemic. No one is untouched by it as it delivers sickness and death to so many. At the same

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time, its effects have exposed a different level of suffering throughout the world. Observers have used the language of pandemic to describe the terrible damage other evils have inflicted upon the world. The sins of racism and inequality, the sins of inadequate health care for all citizens, the sins of employment denied or undervalued because of the ones doing the work or the jobs in which they are working. COVID-19 has exposed fractures in our society. If we thought racism was only an American sin, it is now clear from demonstrations around the world it is a universal sin. Those who first labeled it our “Original Sin” were spot on!

With all this exposure, these revelations have become visible in large part because the whole world had to stop for this brief moment. And in that stopping, we finally have become able to recognize what was wrong and that we have been given an opportunity to address these wrongs.

As Christians, we are all united as brothers and sisters in Lord. And not only that, we are now his Body and Blood! We have been saved because of Him. But unlike the Christ, we are not yet perfected. So we still grapple with our sinfulness. But that can never overcome us if we keep turning towards the Lord.

Each time we gather for the Eucharist, the prayers of consecration make not only the bread and wine holy, they are also changing us. While it is true the bread and wine become Christ’s body and blood – perhaps more importantly we do also! We become what we consume. And in so doing, we are inextricably united with Him now and always.

So we need to reconsider what this pandemic has wrought. Is it not like Good Friday? Are we not shocked by the evil and the damage and the hatred that has been exposed? Are not the viruses ripping apart our society an even greater evil? And does it not become clearer every day that this pandemic was perhaps the only kind of global wake-up call that could finally, hopefully, bring us to confront what we have feared and covered over for too many years?

I do not pretend to imply this new awareness and what has to follow will be painless and not cause its own suffering. But that is redemptive suffering! That is the suffering that leads us to new life in which all people are recognized for their true value as daughters and sons of a loving God. That is the suffering which leads all people to be responsible for one another.

Holy Thursday and Good Friday and Easter Sunday are not only historic events, they are also the shorthand that tells us where we are, where we are going and how we will get there. And this should be no surprise to any Christian, or any human being of any faith – we get there when we love one another and never let that love and the care that it necessitates become second in importance to anything else.

God has given us another chance. We can fix things between and among ourselves. We can even fix the world of nature, which now teeters on the brink of collapse. We can live in the hope that this is not the end but only a new beginning.

*“We are the body of Jesus, broken and given that others might live. We are the body of Jesus, creating God’s reign when we love and forgive.”*

#### **Our Reopening Team**

Special thanks to our COVID-19 team co-leaders, Joan Dowdle and Patrick Robinson. We also are grateful to Hallie Burhoe, the greeting team captain, Michael Kowalsky, the set-up team captain, and Debra Novak, the clean-up team captain. These folks will lead all our parish volunteers in getting church ready before every service, providing necessary check-in information and directions when people arrive, and then cleaning and sanitizing after each service.

We are still in need of volunteers for our teams. Please [download this form](#) and email it to Kevin Cheers at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org).

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## **Readings for Sunday, June 14**

### **Reading 1: Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a**

Moses said to the people: “Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

“Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of

Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers.”

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20**

*R. (12) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion.

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.

*R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

He has granted peace in your borders;  
with the best of wheat he fills you.

He sends forth his command to the earth;  
swiftly runs his word!

*R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.

He has not done thus for any other nation;  
his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.

*R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

## **Reading 2: 1 Cor 10:16–17**

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

## **Gospel: Jn 6:51–58**

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I

in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

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## Growing in Faith

Every loved one leaves behind a gift in death, it is said. It may not be immediately evident, but the bereaved must be patient and the gift will appear.

When my sister was receiving chemotherapy for a particularly aggressive cancer, I brought her communion before each of her treatments. Having no pyx with which to transport the consecrated hosts, I used a tiny brass and mother-of-pearl ladies' compact with an even tinier indentation inside, the perfect size for the two hosts I would bring. In the dim, yellow light of her small kitchen, my sister and I held hands in prayer and then partook of the Body of Christ. We were two women living in this sacred moment and, for only this moment, undisturbed by fears and concerns about what the future might hold.

Sometimes we were silent afterward. Sometimes we spoke softly. Always we were aware that a profound and transformative experience had occurred in this very mundane space.

Now, in this time of uncertainty, when Church is a spare room with a computer screen and receiving the Eucharist is not possible, I find myself

recalling those moments that my sister and I shared. I have come to realize that this must serve as my Eucharist. The memory of a tiny Oak Park kitchen has become my cathedral and an antique ladies' compact my ciborium.

I only now recognize that this is the gift for which I had been searching. Thank you, my dear sister.

~ Rose Marie Anichini for *Growing in Faith*

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## Reopening Information - Sign Up to Pray in Church

On Monday, June 8, we received word that we have been certified to reopen church! Church is now open Monday through Saturday from 9:30-11:30 am for private prayer.

Here are some pointers everyone will need to be aware of as we return:

- For all church activities, including services/Masses, the only entrance will be the Granville (handicap access) door.
  - Everyone will need a reservation for coming into church. You can make a reservation online [HERE](#), or you can call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621.
  - Registrations must be entered at least 24 hours in advance of the service/Mass you plan to attend.
  - Only 50 people may be in the church at any given time. If others are waiting, your stay will be limited to 20 minutes.
  - If your name does not appear on the registration list, you will be asked to wait outside. If fewer than 50 people are in attendance at the beginning of the service, you will be admitted.
  - Everyone must wear a mask. If you do not have a mask when you arrive, one will be provided. (Only exceptions are for medical conditions.)
  - Once you are admitted, your temperature will be taken with a non-touch electronic thermometer and you will have your hands sanitized. Then you will be checked in and an usher or greeter will take you to a seat. (Those living in the same households can sit together.)
- Everyone in church is expected to maintain safe-distancing protocols

by observing the markings on the floor and in the pews which give directions for spacing and traffic flow.

- Public masses return on Monday, June 22 at 7:30 am.
- Weekend Masses begin Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28. We will have the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday. On the first weekend, we are allowed to have 50 people in church. Once we are confident we have our protocols down and things are operating smoothly, we can have from 15-20% of our capacity at any Mass, 125-150 people.
- Even when public Masses start, we will continue to live-stream the 10:30 am Sunday Mass as we have been doing.
- If you are 65 or over, and/or have any health condition that leaves your health in any way compromised, please stay home! As Cardinal Cupich reminds us, during this pandemic time, missing Mass is not a sin!

We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back to church! Please feel free to contact the office or any member of the parish staff with any questions. We remember each of you in prayer every day! Please pray for St. Gertrude parish and all those who are suffering in any way.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Private Prayers In Church](#)

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## **Volunteers Need to Help with Reopening Church**

As Chicago moves into its first phase of reopening, the Archdiocese has provided comprehensive guidelines for how parishes can move forward in once again celebrating mass together in church. We have volunteered to assist in coordinating our reopening efforts at St. Gertrude.



The protocols established by the Archdiocese are rooted in protecting the health and safety of our parish family. Assuring this safety is going to take the proverbial village.

We need volunteers to both prepare for opening and to manage each event (mass, baptism, funeral, reconciliation, marriage, private prayer, etc.) that will take place in the church. The safety protocols will likely be in place for an extended time.

As such, we are asking you to prayerfully consider joining our volunteer corps for this effort. Without the assistance of our parishioners, we cannot move forward with reopening our parish home to once again celebrate the sacraments together.

Please consider this additional opportunity to serve our parish. Without enough volunteers, we cannot be certified to reopen.

Here is the archdiocese website for everything you could possibly want to know about reopening: <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/reopening-training>.

We need many volunteers to fill teams for greeting/ushering, set-up, and clean-up. For more information on volunteer responsibilities please view the training webinar available at the above link. For safety reasons, volunteers should be between 18-64 years of age and not have conditions that would put them at risk for negative outcomes from COVID-19 infection (immunosuppressive therapy, heart or lung disease, cancer, etc.)

If you would like to participate on a team, please [download this form](#) and email it to Kevin Cheers at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org) and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.

Thanks,

*Joan Dowdle, Patrick Robinson & Michael Kowalsky*

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**Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory**

The St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Beginning Saturday, June 13, the Rectory will be open on Saturday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

We ask that all visitors follow these regulations:

- The office is open by appointment only. Appointments may be made by email to [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org) or by phoning 773.764.3621.
  - We will accept only one appointment at a time so we can observe social distancing requirements of being six feet apart. There will be social distancing markings in the front hallway. If more than one person needs to be present for the appointment, please inform the office of the number of people so that appropriate social distancing procedures may be observed. We suggest a limit of four people.
  - Visitors must not exhibit any signs of COVID-19 related illness (fever of 100.4 degrees or above, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chest tightness, extreme fatigue, loss of sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, muscle aches, or headaches) or had exposure to anyone with these symptoms.
  - Visitors must wear masks or face coverings.
  - Visitors must use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the building. Hand sanitizer will be provided.
  - Requests such as new parish registrations, changes in parishioner address or phone numbers, Mass or prayer intentions, scheduling, etc. should be made by phone or email.
  - Please make an appointment only if a face-to-face meeting is absolutely necessary. If you are dropping off checks or documents, please put through the mail slot at the Rectory door on the west side of the building between Granville Avenue and the alley. If what you are dropping off is too large to fit through the mail slot, please notify the Rectory to make further arrangements.
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## PDF of Music for This Sunday's Mass

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet with lyrics for music for our live-streamed Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am. A PDF is available [HERE](#). This Sunday, Mary Clare will be accompanied by cantor Lisa Erceg and violinist Jim Szmurlo.

She also wrote a note for those that contacted her about the new music played:

*Many of you commented on how much you enjoyed last week's prelude, Shelter Me by Michael Joncas. Michael Joncas should be no stranger to most of you as he is the renowned composer of On Eagles Wings and Our Blessing Cup among many other favorites in our Catholic contemporary repertoire.*

*He wrote this amazingly beautiful piece in seven hours after waking up in the middle of the night. To learn more about this piece and to hear two recordings, click [HERE](#).*

*We promise to play this piece again at a future Mass. Enjoy! ~ Mary Clare*

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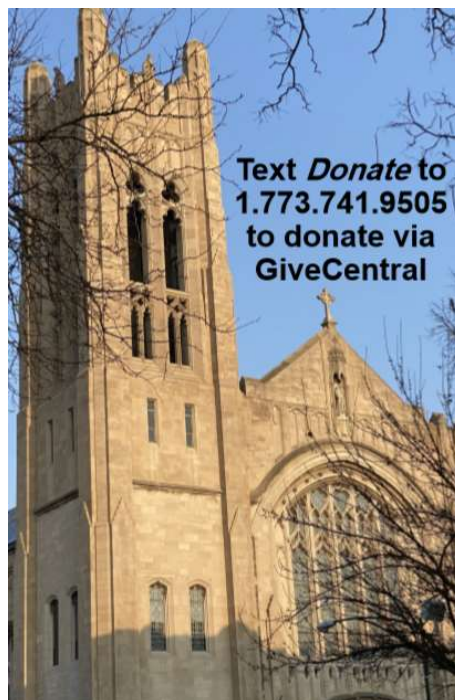


## Drawn into Friendship: An Interactive Art Retreat

Fr. Christopher Alt and other Jesuits have put together a virtual interactive art retreat based on the creation story in Genesis and includes scripture, drawing exercises, music, and meditations. There are versions in English and Spanish, and we've produced a "Creation Sketchbook" with reflection questions.

To view it, please visit <https://thejesuitpost.org/2020/05/drawn-into-friendship-an-interactive-art-retreat/>.

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Ways to Help Our Parish: Text to Give,

# [GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, and Amazon Smile](#)

We have set up a "Text to Give" option through GiveCentral. Parishioners are welcome to text the word **Donate** to 1.773.741.9505 to make a donation via phone.

The Archdiocese has [an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website](#). You simply click on the link and it takes you to the website. Once there, you determine if you want to contribute via a credit card or a checking account. You fill out the form, including selecting the parish to which the contribution is going, and the money will be electronically debited. The site offers options for amounts and the frequency of the contribution.

To access our PayPal link, please visit [our parish website](#) and donate from there.

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For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at [ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org). He will be happy to help in any way he can.

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## In Remembrance

Visit <https://stgertrudechicago.org/in-memorial> for a list of those parishioners and loved ones of parishioners who have passed away since the beginning of the stay-at-home order. We welcome all requests for prayers for those that are sick, those hurting and stressed, and those who have passed away.

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." ~ John 11:25-26*

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## Misericordia Hiring Now!

Misericordia is home to over 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities. We have a 31-acre campus where we provide round the clock care and support to our residents. In supporting and caring for our residents, we strive to find compassionate and hardworking individuals to join our team. **We are currently hiring for DSP, CNA, and LPN/RN/BSN positions on our campus. A flyer can be accessed [HERE](#).**

Experience in this field is not a requirement. We have several openings which are entry level positions. These can lead to further growth and development within our organization and hopefully the start of a career for those who are hired.

We provide paid training for employees hired as Direct Support Professionals and we provide paid training for Certified Nursing Assistants who have passed their state boards.

Misericordia Home is taking every measure to ensure the safety and well-

being of both our staff and residents during the time of COVID-19. This includes enhanced cleaning practices and universal masking. We have an appropriate amount of PPE's to meet all of the guidelines set forth by CDC.

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## Daily Scripture Readings

Our website has links to the daily readings for Masses [HERE](#). (*Scroll down the webpage to see the readings.*)

Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Lk 2:41-51

**Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33



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## Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for scheduled mass will be transferred to the private masses the parish priests (Fr. Mike Bradley, Fr. Mike Gabriel, and Fr. Rich Prendergast) will say during this time.

If those who requested/scheduled these Masses would prefer to have them moved to a different date, please leave a message at the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or email [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org). Sr. Judith will re-schedule them.

- **Monday, June 15:** Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Tuesday, June 16:** Mary Ann Schmitz, Jeremy & Cassidy Smith, Irene Schmitz +
- **Wednesday, June 17:** Marjorie Feld +
- **Thursday, June 18:** James Mostyn +
- **Friday, June 19:** Aileen D'Elia +
- **Saturday, June 20:** Purgatorial Society +, Alejandro & Epifania Eugenio +
- **Sunday, June 21:** Living and deceased fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners

*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*



## Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Aida Calvopina
- Maggie Callaway
- Anne Collins-Dole



- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Mary Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz

- Karey Myers
- Don Piven
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Ruth Timmons
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray
- Marie Wielgosz

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## Lyrics for June 14, 2020 - Feast of Corpus Christi

### **Glory and Praise to Our God by *Dan Schutte***

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways. Verse 1: We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains, praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings. (to refrain)

### **Glory to God from Mass of Spirit and Grace by *Ricky Manalo***

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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.

### **Our Blessing-Cup by *Michael Joncas***

Our blessing cup is a communion in the Blood of Christ.

**Lord, Who at thy First Eucharist by William H. Monk**

Lord, who at they first Eucharist did pray That all thy Church might be forever one, Grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to say With longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done." O may we all one bread, one body be, Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede; Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease; Draw us the nearer each to each we plead, By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace' Thus may we all one bread, one body be, Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

**Communion: Eat This Bread by Jacques Berthier**

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup trust in me and you will not thirst. Verse 1: I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. (to refrain) Verse 2: Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever. (to refrain)

**Recessional: Canticle of the Sun by Marty Haugen**

Refrain: The heavens are telling the glory of God, And all creation is shouting for joy. Come dance in the forest, come, play in the field, And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord. Verse 1: Praise for the sun, the bringer of day he carries the light of the Lord in his rays: the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne. (to refrain)

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