

*Sunday, January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*



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The Rev. Abigail Zang Hoffman and The Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson, co-Pastors

Welcome!

We are so glad to have you share in worship at Bethlehem today. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the pastors – they would love to greet you personally! At this time, we ask all worshipers to wear masks in worship.

Today's service will be recorded and live-streamed. Our camera operators take care to focus on worship leaders and don't regularly film worshipers. In the movement of the service, glimpses of people may occur. Please speak with a pastor if you have concerns.

Communicate with us: Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website - <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship. We have designated space within the sanctuary (underneath the window of Jesus, the Good Shepherd) that is reserved for families who may need additional space for strollers or carriers for children who cannot yet wear masks. If there is a way we can make worship a more hospitable environment for your family, please speak to a pastor or leave a comment through our website (see above).

Hearing assistance: Our sound system is equipped with personal hearing loop devices. Please ask an usher for a loop device.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please speak with one of our pastors.) Please see additional notes about the Sacrament in the service portion of the bulletin.

Our Perrin Street entrance is accessible. Please ask an usher or greeter for help if you need assistance operating the lift.

Please silence your cell phones: As a courtesy to others, we ask that you please silence your cell phones during worship.

We Need YOU... to serve on the Worship Team!

As Lutheran Christians, **we believe that worship is not a passive experience**, watching and listening to the Pastor. **Worship is the work of the people – that’s what liturgy means!** We all have a job to do in worship: lifting our voice in prayer and song, bowing our heads in prayer, opening our ears to hear the Word, and extending our hands to receive the Sacrament. It also takes many people to support the work of worship, both serving publicly and behind-the-scenes. **That’s why we need you!**

Worship Roles Needed TODAY

Visit the table in the Narthex and put your name next to the role you want (so we know the role is filled by you!) and grab the corresponding bulletin.

Thank you!

Acolyte: *Lights the altar candles during the prelude and extinguishes altar candles during the final hymn, bringing the light of Christ out into the world! May robe and sit on the chancel or sit within the congregation during worship. All ages who can safely handle fire and reach the candles are welcome to serve! If you’d like to help serve communion as well, snag that role too!*

Glass Washer: *Washes communion glasses either immediately following worship or after Faith Formation for All. Many hands make light work so grab a friend to help! (This is also a great opportunity for a household to serve together!)*

Offering: *Sit in the congregation and bring the offering trays forward to the altar during the offertory, giving our congregation’s gifts to the glory of God! Pair up with a child if you’d like, so they can have a hands-on role in worship!*

Communion Assistant: *Sit in the congregation and come forward at the time of communion to serve the wine/grape juice for communion. Must be able to hold a tray steady and speak the words, “Blood of Christ shed for you!”*

Intercessory Prayer Reader: *From your seat, speak the highlighted petition as part of the intercessory prayers on behalf of the congregation.*

Worship Roles Scheduled for Future Weeks

Interested in Serving?

Sign up on the insert or at the table in the Narthex and the Contact Person will follow up with you soon!

Altar Guild: *Helps prepare altar (set up for communion, change paraments, etc.) for weekly and special occasion worship. Contact: Sandy Goehle*

Bread Guild: *Provides fresh bread (homemade or purchased!) for communion.*

Wine Guild: *Provides wine for communion. Make sure the bread/wine is dropped off at church by Saturday! Contact: Julie Owen*

Assisting Minister: *Assists in leading worship from the chancel by reading the lessons, writing/preparing and leading the intercessory prayers and other portions of the liturgy and serving communion. Contact: Jim Berner*

Hospitality Team: *Contact: Matt Beutel & Beth Schoenfeld*

Usher: *Team of 2-3 people who arrive early to open the church building, ensure entrances are open and clear, attend to safety protocols, and help with flow of people during worship (including communion).*

Greeter: *Arrives around 8:30 to offer a warm welcome to those who come for worship and helps people get acquainted with the building and worship needs (bulletins, restrooms, elevator, etc.) Another great opportunity for a household to serve together!*

Children's Sermon: *Prepare and deliver message based on weekly lessons/theme, geared towards preschool and early school aged children. Consultation with Pastors is available and encouraged! Contact: Pastors or Beth Schoenfeld*

Special Music: *Individuals and ensembles are regularly scheduled to provide music for worship, including Chancel Choir, Folk Group, Bell Choir, Children's Choir, and more. (If you have a musical talent to share, we want to know about it!) Contact: Raelynn Clare*

Livestream Team: *Operates camera/computer and ensures the livestream feed happens each week. Contact: Mike Joyce*

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Prelude:

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Joseph Barnby

arr. by Dan R. Edwards

The Chancel Bells (Raelynn Clare, director)

Each year, on the Sunday after Epiphany (January 6) we affirm our baptism, celebrating that God has chosen us as beloved children. Each week throughout the season after Epiphany, we are focusing on the responsibilities entrusted to us – as individuals and a community – in response to God’s love for us at baptism. (Review these promises in the hymnal on page 228!) Today, we reflect on what it looks like to live among God’s faithful people.

Today, we remember that we do not live into our baptismal promises by ourselves, and not even only with the grace of God. We need the care and support of a community of faith, which often (not always) includes having a "baptismal sponsor" or "Godparent". Today, we celebrate Godparents, sponsors and all the people who have faithfully shared the journey of faith with us!

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God’s glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Confession and Forgiveness:

We gather in the name of the triune God ✠ and return to our foundation—to words of love, starting with love for ourselves.

We pray together, Holy God,

In Christ Jesus, you lean down and enter our world with your boundless love. But we are quick to forget. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-

worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us through your Son. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: “You are loved; you are forgiven.” That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news:

We are loved. We are ✠ forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

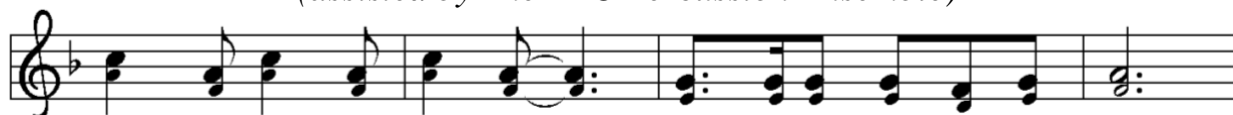
Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Gloria:

(assisted by The BLC Percussion Ensemble)



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



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Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord."

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the

synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

In This Very Room

ST 1/ Quartet

ST 1/ All

ST 2/ All

ST 3/ All

Quartet: Nancy Price, Phyllis Stock, Robert Stock, Dave Wideman

Cellist: Julia Finkbeiner

In This Very Room

words & music by Ron and Carol Harris



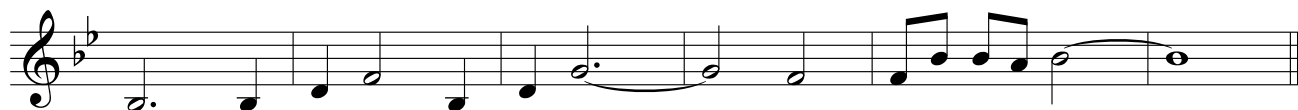
1. In this ver-y room there's quite e-nough love for one like me,
2. In this ver-y room there's quite e-nough love for all of us,
3. In this ver-y room there's quite e-nough love for all the world,



and in this ver-y room there's quite e-nough joy for one like me;
and in this ver-y room there's quite e-nough joy for all of us;
and in this ver-y room there's quite e-nough joy for all the world;



and there's quite e-nough hope and quite e-nough power to chase a-way an-y



gloom, for Je - sus, Lord Je - sus, is in this ver-y room.

The Prayers of the People:

Our prayers are always offered on behalf of the whole community.

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

#1 We thank you for the beauty around us. We thank you for the snow which sparkles in the sunlight. We thank you for the seasons that mark the passage of time and prepare us for our journey. We thank you for warmth, food, clothing, our Pastors and Bishops...for all good things come from You! God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

#2 Heavenly Father, No matter how young or old we are, You have a purpose for our lives. Help us to live into that purpose. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

#3 We remember those in pain and suffering, either physically, mentally or emotionally. If it be Your will, heal them from these afflictions. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks that in Baptism you form us into community. Today, we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Bob and Julie; Evan, Maxwell, Reagan and Ryan; Peggy; Anne and Richard, Luke and Olivia; CarolynAnn; and Joanne. We also pray for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:

- The birth of Sloane, daughter of Connor and Erin, and little sister to Marlee. Sloane was born on 1/14/2022 and is the granddaughter of Sandy and Mike.

We pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of:

- Kim (cousin of Chris) who died on 1/21
- Aulikki (aunt of Marja) who died on 1/18
- Elenore who died on 1/14

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Those who lost their homes in the fire at the Pines of Perinton this week
- Chris (nephew-in-law of Mary) who continues to be hospitalized with Covid in serious condition
- Mary as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on 1/24
- Doug (cousin of Chris) who is very ill with Covid
- Donna as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on 1/25
- Sherry, who broke her shoulder in a fall and is at home recuperating
- Those involved with the ongoing work of caregiving for loved ones
- Those infected with or recovering from Coronavirus, and their caregivers

God of compassion, you know our needs better than we ourselves. Hear the prayers that we offer you now, silently or aloud...

Silence for people to offer their prayers

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL:

The Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet those with whom you worship physically with a sign of peace. At home, extend the peace of Christ through the comments section or text to those who are at a distance.

Offering

Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. We celebrate the opportunity to share our abundance – of compassion, of time, and of material resources.

If you would like to make a one-time gift electronically, scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page. For recurring gifts, download the Tithe.ly app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450. Those worshipping in person may leave their offerings in the basket in the narthex.



Whatever form your offering takes, we give thanks to God for you and your generosity.

Offering of Music:

God of Grace and God of Laughter

words by Carl P. Daw, Jr.
SOUTH BRANCH
arr. by Roy Hopp

The Chancel Choir (Jim Jefferis, director)
Julia Finkbeiner, cellist

Offertory:

As with Gladness Men of Old

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CONRAD KOCHER, 1836

1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
So may we, with ho-ly joy, Pure, and free from sin's al-loy,

So, most gra-cious God, may we Ev-er-more be led to Thee.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King. A-men.

William Chatterton Dix, 1860

Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Words of Institution:

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

You sent Jesus to love and serve all people.
Sustain us with this meal to follow in his footsteps.

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Invitation to Communion:

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Communion:

Please come forward at the direction of the worship leaders. All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please contact one of the Pastors.) Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please indicate your need to the pastor or communion assistant. You may lower your mask as you receive communion. If you worship through the Livestream and wish to receive communion, please reach out to one of the pastors.

The Communion:

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Hymns sung during communion:

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

ELW 644

Drawn to the Light

ELW 593

Table Blessing:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer:

Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

WE LEAVE TO SERVE:

Sending Hymn:

O Word of God Incarnate

ELW 514

Benediction:

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal:

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: A Mighty Fortress

EIN FESTE BURG
setting by Calvin Hampton

Thank you to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! If you would like to learn more about participating in a worship role, please speak to one of the co-pastors or contact the church office.

Happening today (1/30):

- 8:55 am Worship with Communion (in-person and livestream)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation for All
 - pre-K to 5th grade gathers in the Sunday School Wing
 - 6th-8th grade gathers in the Confirmation room
 - 9th-12th grade gathers in the LYO Room
- 10:15 am Quarterly Dialog (Sanctuary or via Zoom)
- 11:15 am Children's Choir (Choir Room)

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Calendar for January 30 – February 6

(Last updated on 1/26/22 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 1/30

8:55 am Worship with
Communion (in-person
and livestream)
10:15 Quarterly Dialogue
(In-person or
[Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 859 4251 6915)
10:15 am Faith
Formation for All
11:15 am Children's
Choir

Monday, 1/31

BLC Office Closed
7:00 pm Crucial
Conversation: Christian
Nationalism Part 2 –
Pre-Registration
required

Tuesday, 2/1

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019
Meeting

Wednesday, 2/2

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
at The Landmark
Restaurant
9:30 am Bible Study –
Hybrid (In-person or
[Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)
6:00 pm Chancel Bells
6:15 pm Folk Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, 2/3

6:30 pm Officers
([Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 836 2369 6315)
7:00 pm BLC Quilters

Friday, 2/4

Pastor's Sabbath
2:30 pm Dulcimer
Group Rehearsal

Saturday, 2/5

Sunday, 2/6

***100th Anniversary
Sunday
Scout Sunday***
8:55 am Worship with
Communion with guest
Pastor Matthew
Nickoloff
(in-person
and livestream)
10:15 am Sanctuary
Conversation/Reception
(In-person or
[Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 859 4251 6915)
10:15 am Faith
Formation for All
11:15 am Children's
Choir

Beth Schoenfeld will be out of the office on Monday, January 31

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M, W, Th & F from 9 am to 12 noon. Our co-Pastor's schedules vary from week to week. Both are available for scheduled appointments.

Zoom Meetings at BLC: The easiest way to join is to use the direct link available in the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website. If you don't see your meeting in the Calendar of Events or have questions, please contact your group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details!

In-Person Meetings at BLC: Submit details at <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/> for each planned meeting, event and activity at BLC. This allows us to check for availability, reserve the space, and plan accordingly. Please contact the church office to confirm or with any questions following your submission.

Called to Domestic Disturbance

Jesus reads from the scriptures and is the talk of the town. At first, Jesus is seen as the hometown boy made good. Then something changes. Is it the mention of Jesus being the son of a local carpenter, Joseph? Does Jesus sense that people are proud of his learning but less eager to engage in his teachings? Is it that people's expectations are raised—but now Jesus tells them that "no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown"? Jesus angers the crowd and is driven to a cliff and probable death. What does it mean for this hometown boy to create a domestic, and more to the point, a holy disturbance? God's vision is certainly a challenge, and now Jesus, with the words of the prophets, is unleashing a disturbance in the domestic, tamed, controlled ways of the world and its powers. In the first lesson for today, Jeremiah recognizes the challenge of speaking a prophetic word and questions whether he is too young to take on God's commission. Jesus steps into his role and finds challenge among his home community and those who have known him his whole life. In a strange twist, Jesus walks through this challenging crowd to safety.

Today, echoing Jeremiah and the psalmist, we sense a call or mission, even in the midst of dangers or among those who would do harm. Jesus and Jeremiah become key illustrations and open conversation of how we are formed, equipped, and called to live God's agape love, even when surrounded by challenges, obstacles, or hostility. Where is God calling us? How must we confront our own or the community's barriers? What prophetic word are we being called to speak that might cause a holy disturbance?