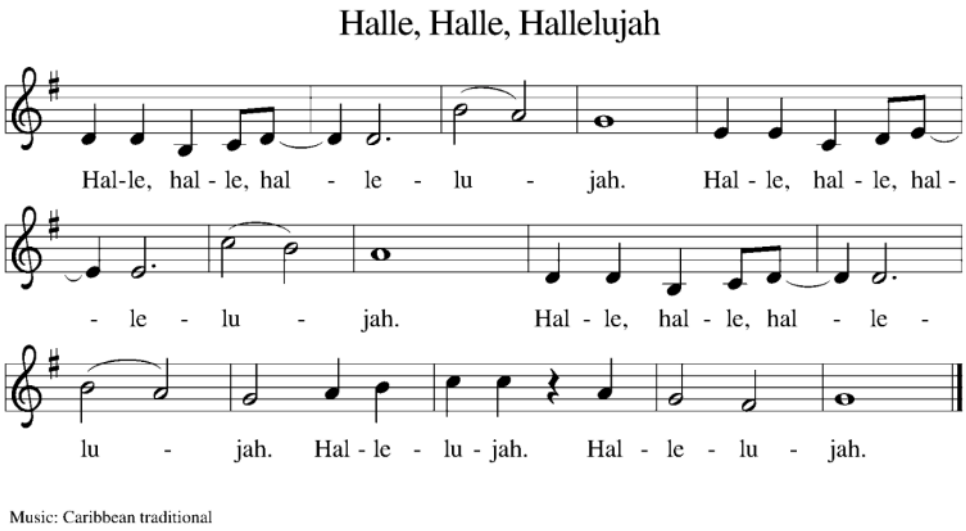
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand in body or spirit.* "Halle, Halle, Halle" - HAL H. HOPSON



GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, [12] and if she divorces
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[13] People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to
them. [14] But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop
them, for it is too such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. [15] Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the
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them, and blessed them.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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KIDS CONNECTION

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Please stand in body or spirit* ……Hymn #812 *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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MEAL

ADULT CHOIR *"Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring"* - J. S. BACH

Jesu, joy of our desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned, With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock in Thee confiding, Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou does ever lead Thine own In the love of joys unknown.

OFFERING *Please stand in body or spirit* …… Hymn #714*"O God of Mercy, God of Light" vs 1, 3, 4*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn: