

# WORSHIP

## Prelude

Before the service actually begins, the organist plays the prelude. This word comes from two Latin words meaning “to play before” something. The music sets the mood of the service. When you hear lively music on the radio or TV you want to march, or stamp your feet or dance. When you hear quiet music, you want to settle down and be quiet too. The prelude prepares you for what is to come.

The music for Christmas is very different from the music for Lent. At Christmas we think of the baby Jesus or the angels (Glorias!). During Lent the music is more solemn, since we are studying about how Jesus suffered and died for us.

Our reverence for God tells us to be quiet. Respect for our neighbors and ourselves makes us quiet, and we have the organ music that helps us stay in that quiet, thinking mood.

Some things to do during the prelude might be:

- Pray for help to avoid distractions during the service
- Think about God and give him thanks for the many things he has done in the past week.
- Remind yourself that you are in God’s presence and that want to show respect for his Word and Sacraments
- Look at the worship folder and see if there are some hints as what the theme of the service might be.

Source:

...Hallelujah! Hurray! – CPH

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