

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary 3 Chorale Preludes

Brahms

- i) Mein Jesu, der du mich
- ii) Herzlich thut mich erfreuen
- iii) Herzlich thut mich verlangen (first setting)

Call to Worship

“Beloved, we are God’s children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”
1 John 3:2

Hymn: 189 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
(We listen to the music of the hymn)

Be Still

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found –
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.
2. Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace:
No work too hard for Him –
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

We bring to God our Prayers of Adoration and Confession

We hear the Word of God

Old Testament:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sar'ai your wife, you shall not call her name Sar'ai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her; I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

New Testament:

Mark 8:31-38

And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Sermon

Following Him

Intimations

*We bring to God our Prayers
of Thanksgiving and Intercession and the Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father,
Which art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.
Amen**

Hymn: 512 To God be the glory, great things He has done!

To God Be The Glory

(We listen to the music of the hymn)

1. To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory! Great things He has done!*
2. Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher, and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory! Great things He has done!*

Benediction

Voluntary Prelude & Fugue in c, BWV 549

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