

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary i) Chorale Prelude on "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

Dietrich Buxtehude

ii) "Giant" Fugue in d, BWV 680

J S Bach

### Call to Worship

"The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."

*Psalm 9:9-10*

**Hymn:** 36 God is our refuge and our strength  
(We listen to the music of the hymn)

*Stroudwater*

1. God is our refuge and our strength,  
In straits a present aid;  
Therefore, although the earth be moved  
We will not be afraid:
2. Though hills amidst the seas be cast;  
Though waters roaring make,  
And troubled be; yea though the hills  
By swelling seas do shake.

*We bring to God our Prayers of Adoration and Confession*

*We hear the Word of God*

Old Testament:

**I Samuel 17:32, 37-49**

And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this

Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!" Then Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a helmet of bronze on his head, and clothed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword over his armour, and he tried in vain to go, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these; for I am not used to them." And David put them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in his shepherd's bag or wallet; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

And the Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. And when the Philistine looked, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, ruddy and comely in appearance. And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down, and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone, and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

New Testament:

**Mark 4:35-41**

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Voluntary: Basso ostinato (BACH)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Sermon

**Taking on giants**

**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:** 517 Fight the good fight  
(We listen to the music of the hymn)

*Duke Street*

1. Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.
2. Faint not, nor fear; his arm is near;  
He does not change, and you are dear;  
Only believe, and Christ shall be  
Your all in all eternally.

### **Benediction**

Voluntary: War March of the Priests (from "Athalie")

Mendelssohn