

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: i) Chorale Prelude on "Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn",  
BWV 630 J S Bach  
ii) Intrada Sibelius

Introit: Gloria Martin Shaw

### Call to Worship

“Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

*Revelation 1:4,8*

**Hymn:** 449 Rejoice! the Lord is King

*Darvall's 148<sup>th</sup>*

1. Rejoice! The Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore.  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!*

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he purged our stains,  
He took his seat above:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!*

5. Rejoice in glorious hope,  
For Christ, the judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up  
To their eternal home:

*We then Shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!*

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

*Young people leave for Crèche and Sunday Club*

*We hear the Word of God*

Old Testament: **Psalm 132 1-12**  
**(Read by Irene Wilson)**

Remember, O Lord, in David's favour,  
all the hardships he endured;  
how he swore to the Lord  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,  
"I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed;  
I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,  
until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."  
Lo, we heard of it in Eph'rathah,  
we found it in the fields of Ja'ar.  
"Let us go to his dwelling place;  
let us worship at his footstool!"  
Arise, O Lord, and go to thy resting place,  
thou and the ark of thy might.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness,  
and let thy saints shout for joy.  
For thy servant David's sake  
do not turn away the face of thy anointed one.  
The Lord swore to David a sure oath  
from which he will not turn back:  
"One of the sons of your body  
I will set on your throne.  
If your sons keep my covenant  
and my testimonies which I shall teach them,  
their sons also for ever  
shall sit upon your throne."

New Testament: **John 18:33-37**

Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

Anthem: God omnipotent reigneth      Chas. Wood, arr. Martyn Strachan

God omnipotent reigneth,  
Clad in apparel bright;  
Sovran King He remaineth,  
Girded about with might;  
By Him the world alone  
Immutably was grounded;  
In heav'n hath He His throne,  
From everlasting founded.

Ocean billow and breaker  
Uplift the voice of pride;  
But their mightier Maker  
Governeth wind and tide.  
His laws and sure decree  
Of holiness are telling,  
Which evermore shall be  
Sole inmate of His dwelling. Amen.

(From Ps.93, paraphrased by G R Woodward.)

Sermon

## Reign of Love

### Intimations

*We bring to God our Prayers  
of Thanksgiving and Intercession*

**Hymn:** 436 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

*Guiting Power*

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
Hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
The high renown, the eternal name!*
3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
Victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
Sinners justified:
5. So, our hearts and voices raising  
Through the ages long,  
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
This shall be our song:

### Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: March upon Handel's "Lift up your heads" Alexandre Guilmant