

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: i) Fanfare Francis Jackson
ii) Introduction & Trumpet Tune John Stanley
iii) "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" (from Cantata no.147) J S Bach

Introit: This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin C S Lang

Call to Worship

"...lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory"

I Thessalonians 2:12

Hymn: 700 As man and woman we were made

Sussex Carol

1. As man and woman we were made,
That love be found and life begun;
The likeness of the living God,
Unique, yet called to live as one,
Through joy or sadness, calm or strife,
Come praise the love that gives us life.
2. Now Jesus lived and gave His love
To make our life and loving new;
So celebrate with Him today,
And drink the joy He offers you
That makes the simple moments shine
And changes water into wine.
3. And Jesus died to live again,
So praise the love that, come what may,
Can bring the dawn and clear the skies,
And waits to wipe all tears away,
And let us hope for what shall be,
Believing where we cannot see.

4. Then spread the table, clear the hall,
And celebrate till day is done;
Let peace go deep between us all,
And joy be shared by everyone:
Laugh and make merry with your friends,
And praise the love that never ends!

*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:

**Isaiah 62:1-5
(Read by Charles Wilson)**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
which the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My delight is in her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a virgin,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

New Testament:

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with His disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

Anthem All creatures of our God and King

William Harris

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care:
O praise Him, Alleluia!

And thou, most kind and gentle Death,
Waiting to hush out latest breath,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod:
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, Alleluia!

(St Francis of Assisi, tr. W H Draper)

Sermon

At a wedding

Intimations

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

Hymn: 336 Christ is our light! the bright and morning star

Highland Cathedral

1. Christ is our light! the bright and morning star
Covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
Into our hearts, into our world today.

2. Christ is our love! baptized that we may know
The love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
And see in You the light of heaven's embrace.

3. Christ is our joy! Transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
Christ be our joy; Your glory let us see,
As Your disciples did in Galilee.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: Processional

William Mathias