

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: Psalm Prelude (Set 2, ii) - Ps. 139, v. 11

Herbert Howells

Introit: O Lord, we sing Thy praise

J S Bach

Call to Worship

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3

Hymn: 122 Let all the world in every corner sing

Luckington

- 1 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 ‘My God and King !’
 The heavens are not too high,
 his praise may thither fly ;
 the earth is not too low,
 his praises there may grow.
 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 ‘My God and King !’

- 2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 ‘My God and King !’
 The church with psalms must shout,
 no door can keep them out ;
 but, above all, the heart
 must bear the longest part.
 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 ‘My God and King !’

***We bring to God our prayers 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**

We hear the Word of God

Old Testament: **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**
 (Read by: Robin Stimpson)

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren—him you shall heed— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They have rightly said all that they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not give heed to my words which he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

Children’s Time

We respond to God’s Word with our Offering
(Children invited to help with the Offering)

Offertory: Prelude on "St Botolph"

Gordon Slater

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 1 How blest are those who do not stray

St Botolph

- 1 How blest are those who do not stray,
 led by the wicked's talk ;
 who will not with the sinful stand,
 nor sit where scoffers mock.
- 2 The teaching of the Lord their God
 they follow with delight,
 and meditate upon his word
 with gladness day and night.
- 3 They flourish like well-watered trees
 set by a riverside,
 whose fruit matures, whose leaves remain —
 they prosper and abide.
- 4 The wicked, like the straw and chaff
 by wind blown far away,
 can have no place among the just
 nor stand on judgement day.
- 5 The Lord will guard the righteous well,
 he knows the way they take ;
 but doomed to perish is the way
 the wicked undertake.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **Mark 1:21-28**

And they went into Caper'na-um; and immediately on the sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. ²²And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of

Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching! With authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” ²⁸ And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Anthem: O sing joyfully

Adrian Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon: even in the time appointed and upon our solemn feast-day. For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob.

(from Ps.81,vv.1-4)

Intimations

Hymn: 605 Thanks to God Whose word was spoken

St Helen

- 1 Thanks to God whose word was spoken
 in the making of the earth.
 His the voice that called a nation,
 fired her vision, tried her worth.
 God has spoken , God has spoken :
 praise him for his open word.
- 2 Thanks to God whose word incarnate
 came to save our human race.
 Deeds and words and death and rising
 testify to heaven’s grace.
 God has spoken , God has spoken :
 praise him for his open word.

- 3 Thanks to God whose word was written
 in the Bible's sacred page,
 record of the revelation
 showing God to every age.
 God has spoken , God has spoken :
 praise him for his open word.
- 4 Thanks to God whose word is published
 in the tongues of every race.
 See its glory undiminished
 by the change of time or place.
 God has spoken , God has spoken :
 praise him for his open word.
- 5 Thanks to God whose word is answered
 by the Spirit's voice within.
 Here we drink of joy unmeasured,
 life redeemed from death and sin.
 God is speaking , God is speaking :
 praise him for his open word.

Sermon **Speaking truth**

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

Hymn: 112 God, Whose almighty word

Moscow

- 1 God, whose almighty word
 chaos and darkness heard,
 and took their flight ;
 hear us, we humbly pray,
 and, where the gospel-day
 sheds not its glorious ray,
 let there be light.

- 2 Saviour, who came to bring,
 on your redeeming wing,
 healing and sight,
 health to the sick in mind,
 sight to the inly blind,
 now to all humankind
 let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
 life-giving, holy dove,
 speed forth your flight ;
 move o'er the waters' face,
 bearing the lamp of grace,
 and in earth's darkest place
 let there be light.
- 4 Blessèd and holy Three,
 glorious Trinity,
 Wisdom, Love, Might,
 boundless as ocean's tide
 rolling in fullest pride,
 through the world far and wide
 let there be light.

Benediction and Choral Amen

Choral Amen

Richard Aylward

Voluntary: Pavane & Galliard

Philip Cranmer