

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in G

Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

“...be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus...”

II Timothy 2:1

Hymn: 202 Stand up and bless the Lord

Carlisle

- 1 Stand up and bless the Lord;
all people now rejoice:
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.
- 2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
give thanks and glorify?
- 3 O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!
- 4 God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.
- 5 Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name
both now and evermore.

***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: **Proverbs 1:20-33**
 (Read by: Aline Haggart)

²⁰ Wisdom cries aloud in the street;
 in the markets she raises her voice;
²¹ on the top of the walls she cries out;
 at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²² “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
 and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Give heed to my reproof;
behold, I will pour out my thoughts to you;
 I will make my words known to you.
²⁴ Because I have called and you refused to listen,
 have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,
²⁵ and you have ignored all my counsel
 and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity;
 I will mock when panic strikes you,
²⁷ when panic strikes you like a storm,
 and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,

when distress and anguish come upon you.

28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.

29 Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

30 would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,

31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.

32 For the simple are killed by their turning away,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

33 but he who listens to me will dwell secure
and will be at ease, without dread of evil.”

Amen

Children's Time

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

Offertory:

Chorale-Improvisation on "Vom Himmel hoch"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 10 The stars declare His glory

Gibson

1. The stars declare His glory;
The vault of heaven springs
Mute witness of the Master's hand
In all created things,
And through the silences of space
Their soundless music sings.

2. The dawn returns in splendour,
The heavens burn and blaze,
The rising sun renews the race
That measures all our days,
And writes in fire across the skies
God's majesty and praise.
3. So shine the Lord's commandments
To make the simple wise;
More sweet than honey to the taste,
More rich than any prize,
A law of love within our hearts,
A light before our eyes.
4. So order too this life of mine,
Direct it all my days;
May meditations of my heart
Be innocence and praise,
My rock and my redeeming Lord,
In all my words and ways.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **Mark 8:27-38**

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" ²⁸ And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one of the prophets." ²⁹ And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And he charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹ 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. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. ³³ 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."

34 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. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? 37 For what can a man give in return for his life? 38 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.”

Amen

Hymn: 268 O God of Bethel

Salzburg

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Intimations

Hymn: 353 Bright the cloud and bright the glory

Lux Tremenda

1. Bright the cloud and bright the glory,
Brighter far than mere sun’s rays,
Opening up a glimpse of heaven
To disciples’ awestruck gaze:
Power past their comprehension,
Splendour too profound to praise.
All was changed, all was changed;
They would never be the same.
2. Bright the cloud but dark the glory
Wrought by human enterprise,
Opening wide with awful terror
Stark new worlds before our eyes:
Power grasped but far from mastered,
Knowledge keen but not yet wise.
All has changed, all has changed;
We shall never be the same.

3. From the cloud and from the glory
Human need brought Jesus down:
Down to death, then from death rising
To receive a victor's crown.
Lead us, Christ, to prize compassion
More than riches or renown.
Help us change, help us change,
May we never be the same.

Sermon **Street-wise**

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

Hymn: 130 Ye servants of God

Laudate Dominum

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our king.
3. 'Salvation to God Who sits on the throne!'
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore, and give Him His right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.
Amen, amen.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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