

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: i) Allabreve in D, BWV 589
ii) Aubade

J S Bach
Eric Thiman

Introit: Arise, shine

George Elvey

Call to Worship

“...He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit...”
Titus 3:5

Hymn: 633 Child of blessing

Shipston

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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

New Testament:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-23
(Read by: Dora Cossar)

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear

his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, “Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.”

Amen

Children’s Time

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

Offertory:

Chorale Prelude on "Helft mir Gottes Gute preisen", BWV 613

J S Bach

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 630 When to the sacred font we came

Caithness

- 1 When to the sacred font we came,
 did not the rite proclaim,
 that, washed from sin and all its stains,
 new creatures we became?

- 2 With Christ the Lord we died to sin;
 with him to life we rise,
 to life which, now begun on earth,
 is perfect in the skies.

- 3 Too long enthralled to Satan’s sway,
 we now are slaves no more;
 for Christ hath vanquished death and sin,
 our freedom to restore.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

Old Testament: **Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷every one who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Amen

Anthem: When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem Mendelssohn

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judaea; behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men, and said: Say, where is He born, the King of Judaea? For we have seen His star, and are come to adore Him.

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre from Israel rise up, And dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation!
Thy Word, O Lord,
Radiance darting, Truth imparting,
Gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

(St Matthew, Numbers, Psalms.)

Intimations

Hymn: 635 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more Engelberg

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Sermon **Baptized**

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

Hymn: 336 Christ is our light! Highland Cathedral

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Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: Tema mit variaties Hendrik Andriessen