

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: 3 Chorale Preludes: Brahms
i) Mein Jesu, der du mich
ii) Herzliebster Jesu
iii) O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Introit: I would find Thee George Thalben-Ball, arr. M.W

Call to Worship

“Bear fruits that befit repentance...” *Luke 3:8*

Hymn: 694 Brother, sister, let me serve you *Servant Song*

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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

Old Testament: **Isaiah 55:1-9**
(Read by: Irene Wilson)

“Ho, every one who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in fatness.
3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 Behold, you shall call nations that you know not,
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
6 "Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
Amen

Children's Time

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



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Offertory:

Chorale Prelude on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier", BWV 731

J S Bach

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: CH3 68 Thou art before me, Lord

Sursum Corda

1. Thou art before me, Lord, Thou art behind,
And Thou above me hast spread out Thy hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
Too high to grasp, too great to understand.
2. Then whither from Thy Spirit shall I go,
and whither from Thy presence shall I flee?
If I ascend to heaven Thou art there,
And in the lowest depths I meet with Thee.
3. If I should take my flight into the dawn,
If I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
Thy mighty hand would rest upon me still,
And Thy right hand would guard me evermore.
4. If I should say 'Darkness will cover me,
And I shall hide within the veil of night',
Surely the darkness is not dark to Thee,
The night is as the day, the darkness light.
5. Search me, O God, search me and know my heart,
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
Keep me from any path that gives Thee pain,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **Luke 13:1-9**

There were some present at that very time who told him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? ³I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Silo'am fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

⁶ And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸ And he answered him, ‘Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. ⁹ And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Amen

Anthem: Lord, let me know mine end

Maurice Greene

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live. Behold, thou hast made my days, as it were a span long: and mine age is ev'n as nothing in respect of thee; and verily ev'ry man living is altogether vanity. For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is ev'n in thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling. Hold not thy peace at my tears. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

(from Ps.90)

Intimations

Hymn: 601 Look upon us, blessed Lord

Liebster Jesu

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Sermon

Seeking God

We bring to God our prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn: 462 The King of Love

Dominus Regit Me

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what wonder and delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth.
6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever!

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: Choral

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