

## ***WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD***

Voluntary:

Variations on an Old French Carol: Noël Nouvelet

Gwilym Beechey

Introit: O Lord, open Thou our lips...

Richard Ayleward

### **Call to Worship**

“...for apart from Him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the man who pleases Him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy...”

*Ecclesiastes 2:25-26*

**Hymn**: 417 Now the green blade riseth

*Noël Nouvelet*

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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:

**Acts 16:9-15**

*(Read by: John Scott Moncrieff)*

<sup>9</sup>And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedo'nia was standing beseeching him and saying, "Come over to Macedo'nia and help us." <sup>10</sup>And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedo'nia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.  
The Conversion of Lydia

<sup>11</sup>Setting sail therefore from Tro'as, we made a direct voyage to Sam'othrace, and the following day to Ne-ap'olis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedo'nia, and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days; <sup>13</sup>and on the sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyati'ra, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to give heed to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And when she was baptized, with her household, she besought us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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: The Swan (from Carnival of the Animals)      Camille Saint-Saëns  
(cello: Henry Jones)

## **Prayer**

*Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club*

1. Praise waits for Thee in Zion, Lord:  
To Thee vows paid shall be.  
O Thou that hearer art of prayer,  
All flesh shall come to Thee.
2. Iniquities, I must confess,  
Prevail against me do:  
But as for our transgressions all,  
Them purge away shalt Thou.
3. How blest are they whom Thou dost choose,  
Whom Thou dost call to Thee,  
That they within Thy courts, O Lord,  
May always dwellers be.
4. We surely shall be satisfied  
With Thy abundant grace,  
And with the goodness of Thy house,  
Even of Thy holy place.

***We bring to God our Prayers of Confession***

***We hear the Word of God***

New Testament:       **John 14:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If a man loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and we will come to Him and make our home with Him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s Who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard Me say to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father

is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe.

Amen

Anthem: Laudate Dominum

Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes:  
laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos  
misericordia ejus:

et veritas Domini, manet in  
æternum.

Gloria patri et filio

et spiritui sancto,

Sicut erat in principio et nunc

et semper et in sæcula sæculorum.

Amen.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations:  
praise him, all ye people..

For his merciful kindness is great  
toward us:

and the truth of the Lord endureth  
for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

### Intimations

**Hymn:** 489 Come down, O Love Divine  
(words from CH3 115)

*Down Ampney*

1. Come down, O Love Divine,  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Sermon

**If you loved me**

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

**Hymn:** 462 The King of Love my Shepherd is

*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 transport of 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 Choral Amen**

Choral Amen: Richard Ayleward

Voluntary: Toccata in G

Th. Dubois