

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: Pavanne

Gabriel Faure

Introit: View me, Lord, a work of Thine

Richard Lloyd

Call to Worship

Hymn: 632 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer

Belmont

1. Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,
We now devote to You;
Let them Your covenant mercies share,
And Your salvation true.
2. Such children You did once embrace,
While dwelling here below;
To us and ours, O God of grace,
The same compassion show.
3. Dear Lord, Your infant feet were found
Within Your Father's shrine;
Your years, with changeless virtue crowned,
Were all alike divine.
4. Dependent on Your bounteous breath,
We seek Your grace alone,
In every stage of life and death,
To keep us still Your own.

Sacrament of Baptism

Question to the Congregation

Do you welcome Georgia,
And do you renew your
Commitment, with God's help,
To live before all God's children
In a kindly and Christian way
And to share with them
The knowledge and love of Christ?

Sung Blessing (Hymn: 796)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine
upon you,
And be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you,
And give you peace.
Amen

Response: We do.

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



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Offertory: Christ lag in Todesbanden

Scheidt/Walther

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 520 Ye who the Name of Jesus bear

St Anne

1. Ye who the Name of Jesus bear,
His sacred steps pursue;
And let that mind which was in Him
Be also found in you.
2. His greatness He for us abased,
For us His glory veiled;
In human likeness dwelt on earth,
His majesty concealed.

3. Nor only as a man appears,
But stoops a servant low;
Submits to death, nay, bears the cross,
In all its shame and woe.
4. Hence God this generous love to all
With honours just hath crowned,
And raised the Name of Jesus far
Above all names renowned:
5. That at this Name, with sacred awe,
Each humble knee should bow,
Of hosts immortal in the skies,
And nations spread below.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **Acts 9:1-20**
(Read by: Douglas Paterson)

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him. ⁴ And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; ⁶ but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul arose from the ground; and when his eyes were opened, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Anani'as. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Anani'as." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord

said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul; for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen a man named Anani’as come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³ But Anani’as answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to thy saints at Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon thy name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; ¹⁶ for I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷ So Anani’as departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized, ¹⁹ and took food and was strengthened.

Amen

Anthem: Expectans expectavi

Charles Wood

This sanctuary of my soul,
Unwitting I keep white and whole,
Unlatch'd and lit, if Thou should'st care
To enter or to tarry there.

With parted lips and outstretch'd hands
And list'ning ears Thy servant stands.
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
To Thy great service dedicate.

(C H Sorley)

Intimations

Hymn: 645 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord

Jackson

1. I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,
Or to defend His cause,
Maintain the glory of His cross,
And honour all His laws.

2. Jesus, my Lord! I know His Name,
His Name is all my boast;
He will not put my soul to shame,
Nor let my hope be lost.
3. I know that safe with Him remains,
Protected by His power,
What I've committed to His trust,
Till the decisive hour.
4. Then will he own his servant's name,
Before His Father's face,
And in the new Jerusalem
Appoint my soul a place.

Sermon

Road to Damascus

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

Voluntary: Ein Feste Burg

Michael Praetorius