

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary:

i) Prelude on "Old Hundredth"

ii) Prelude on "Down Ampney"

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Call to Worship

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

John 10:10

Hymn: 63 All people that on earth do dwell

Old 100th

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.
3. Oh, enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

***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: **Psalm 82**
(Read by Dora Cosar)

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
² “How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?
³ Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”
⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
⁶ I say, “You are gods,
sons of the Most High, all of you;
⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like men,
and fall like any prince.”

⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for to thee belong all the nations!
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: Andantino in F (from "Vesper Voluntaries")

Elgar

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 225 Summer suns are glowing

Ruth

1. Summer suns are glowing
Over land and sea;
Happy light is flowing,
Bountiful and free.
Everything rejoices
In the mellow rays;
All earth's thousand voices
Swell the psalm of praise.
2. See God's mercy streaming
Over all the world,
And His banner gleaming,
Everywhere unfurled.
Broad and deep and glorious,
As the heaven above,
Shines in might victorious
His eternal love.

3. Lord, upon our blindness
Your pure radiance pour;
For Your loving-kindness
Make us love You more.
And, when clouds are drifting
Dark across the sky,
Then, the veil uplifting,
Father, still be nigh.
4. We will never doubt You,
Though You veil Your light;
Life is dark without You;
Death with You is bright.
Light of light, shine o'er us
On our pilgrim way;
Still go on before us,
To the endless day.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **Luke 10:25-37**

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, 34 and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii^[a] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Amen

Hymn: 599 Holy Spirit, hear us

Glenfinlas

1. Holy Spirit, hear us;
Help us while we sing;
Breathe into the music
Of the praise we bring.
2. Holy Spirit, prompt us
When we try to pray;
Nearer come, and teach us
What we ought to say.
3. Holy Spirit, teach us
Through the words we read;
Bring to life the Bible
With the light we need.
4. Holy Spirit, give us
Each a lively mind;
Make us more like Jesus,
Gracious, pure, and kind.
5. Holy Spirit, help us
Daily, by Your might,
What is wrong to conquer,
And to choose the right.

Intimations

Hymn: 489 Come down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

1. Come down, O Love Divine,
Seek out this soul of mine,
And visit it with Your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let Your glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity
My outward vesture be,
And lowliness become my 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;
We cannot guess its grace,
Till we become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Sermon

The Good Samaritan

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

1. How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?
2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I Thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluias be.
3. How great a being, Lord, is Thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: Introduction & Toccata (from "Suite Gothique") Léon Boëllmann