

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: Variations on a theme of Samuel Scheidt:

Puer natus in Bethlehem

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Introit: From the rising of the sun

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Call to Worship

“...and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:17

Hymn: 656 I come with joy, a child of God
(text omitted due to copyright laws)

Dove of Peace

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 42:1-9**
(Read by Douglas Paterson)

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him,
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not fail or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread forth the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ “I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to graven images.
⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

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 C

Harold Darke

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: **Matthew 3:13-17**

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then He consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him;

¹⁷ and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

1. At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
2. Brothers, sisters, name Him with love strong as death,
But with awe and wonder and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.
3. In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true:
Let His grace support you in temptation's hour;
And His will enfold you in its light and power.
4. In His Father's glory Christ shall come again,
Angel hosts proclaiming His return to reign.
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Sermon

That is My Name

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

1. March on, my soul, with strength,
March forward, void of fear;
He Who has led will lead,
Through each succeeding year;
And as You journey on Your way,
His hand shall hold you day by day.
2. March on, my soul, with strength,
In ease you dare not dwell;
Your Master calls you forth;
Then up, and serve Him well!
Take up your cross, take up your sword,
And fight the battles of your Lord.

3. March on, my soul, with strength,
With strength, but not your own;
The conquest you shall gain,
Through Christ your Lord alone;
His grace shall power your feeble arm,
His love preserve you safe from harm.
4. March on, my soul, with strength,
From strength to strength march on;
Warfare shall end at length,
All foes shall be overthrown.
And then, my soul, if faithful now,
The crown of life awaits your brow.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: Grand Choeur no.2 in C

Alfred Hollins