

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Voluntary:

i) Chorale Prelude on "Mit Fried' und Freud' ich far' dahin", BWV 616  
*J S Bach*

ii) Prelude on the "Nunc dimittis"  
(from *Sternhold and Hopkins*) *Charles Wood*

Introit: Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is come *Eric Thiman*

### **Call to Worship**

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich."  
*II Corinthians 8:9*

**Hymn:** 333 Now, Lord! according to Thy word *t688 Belmont*

1. Now, Lord! according to Thy word,  
Let me in peace depart;  
Mine eyes have Thy salvation seen,  
And gladness fills my heart.
2. That Sun I now behold, whose light  
Shall heathen darkness chase,  
And rays of brightest glory pour  
Around Thy chosen race.
3. This great salvation, long prepared,  
And now disclosed to view,  
Hath proved Thy love was constant still,  
And promises were true.

***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:      **Matthew 5:1-12**  
(read by Dora Cossar)

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And He opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- <sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- <sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- <sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11** “Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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: Berceuse

*Louis Vierne*

### **Prayer**

*Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club*

**Hymn:** 181 For the beauty of the earth  
(Choir sings verse 1)

*Moseley*

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:

*Christ our God, to You we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

*(Congregation stands to join in from v2)*

2. For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:

*Christ our God, to You we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight.  
*Christ our God, to You we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

4. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
*Christ our God, to You we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

5. For each perfect gift and sign  
Of Your love so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven.  
*Christ our God, to You we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

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

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

Old Testament:

**Psalm 15**

O Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tent?  
Who shall dwell on thy holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> He who walks blamelessly, and does what is right,  
and speaks truth from his heart;  
<sup>3</sup> who does not slander with his tongue,  
and does no evil to his friend,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbour;  
<sup>4</sup> in whose eyes a reprobate is despised,  
but who honours those who fear the Lord;  
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

5 who does not put out his money at interest,  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things shall never be moved.  
Amen

Anthem:

When to the temple Mary went

*Johannes Eccard*

When to the temple Mary went,  
and brought the Holy Child,  
Him did the aged Simeon see,  
as it had been reveal'd.  
He took up Jesus in his arms,  
and blessing God, he said:  
In peace I now depart,  
my Saviour having seen,  
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now Thy servants, gracious Lord,  
that we may ever be  
as once the faithful Simeon was,  
rejoicing but in Thee;  
And when we must from earth departure take,  
May gently fall asleep,  
And with Thee wake.

*Translated from the German by Revd J Troutbeck*

### Intimations

**Hymn:** 561 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

*Blessed Assurance*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Sermon

**Blessed**

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

**Hymn:** 202 Stand up and bless the Lord

*Carlisle*

1. Stand up and bless the Lord;  
All people now rejoice:  
Stand up and bless the Lord your God  
With heart and soul and voice.
2. Though high above all praise,  
Above all blessing high,  
Who would not fear His holy Name,  
Give thanks and glorify?
3. O for the living flame  
From His own altar brought,  
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
And wing to heaven our thought!
4. God is our strength and song,  
And His salvation ours;  
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed  
With all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord,  
The Lord your God adore;  
Stand up and bless His glorious Name  
Both now and evermore.

### **Benediction and Threefold Amen**

Voluntary: Fiat lux

*Th. Dubois*