

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Jesus Christus, unser Heiland", BWV 665  
J S Bach

Introit: Open Thy gates to him who weeping waits... Julius Harrison

### **Call to Worship**

*(at lectern)*

**Alana:** *Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,  
The broken and breaking,  
The tired and the breaking,  
Who long for the nourishment  
Found at Your feast.*

**All: Gather us in.**

**Alana:** *Gather us in, the done and the doubting,  
The wishing and wondering,  
The puzzled and pondering  
Who long for the company  
Found at Your feast.*

**All: Gather us in.**

**Alana:** *Gather us in, the bright and the bustling,  
The stirrers, the shakers,  
The kind laughter makers  
Who long for the deeper joys  
Found at Your feast.*

**All: Gather us in.  
Amen**

Minister: Let us worship God

**Hymn:** 641 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God *Seek Ye First*

*(text omitted due to copyright laws)*

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

*(Chloe, at lectern)*

Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God,

In the beauty of the earth,

In the silence of our hearts,

In the community of your Church,

In all that is done in kindness and forgiveness,

You come today with blessing and mercy.

If we know this,

And have still let You down, our Maker;

Or been hesitant to follow Your Son,

Or suspected the power of Your Holy Spirit,

Lord, have mercy on us.

If we have been lazy, If we have been selfish,

If we have forgotten to act like Christians,

Christ, have mercy on us.

If we have been mean-spirited,

If we have been unkind to others, If we have behaved poorly,

Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us today, as we gather at Your table,

That we might be worthy friends of Jesus,

In Whose Name we pray.

Amen

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

Reading:

**John 3:16-17**

*(Read by Charles Wilson)*

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Amen

Talk

## God so loved the world

**Hymn:** 657 Father most loving

*Christe Sanctorum*

*(text omitted due to copyright laws)*

### **The Story of the Lord's Supper – eating and remembering**

What we do today,  
We do because Jesus wants us to do it.  
He once sat in an upstairs room, at a meal,  
With His friends.

During the meal, He took bread.  
And when He had blessed it, He broke it,  
And said to His friends,  
'This is My body, it is given for you.  
Do this and remember Me.'

Later in the meal, He took a cup of wine,  
And after He had given thanks He said:  
'In this cup is the new relationship with God,  
Made possible because of My death.  
Drink of it, all of you...to remember Me.'

All of us, who are children of God,  
Will do as Jesus did.  
We take bread and wine,  
The produce of the earth  
And the work of human hands  
Through which Jesus has promised  
To make Himself known.  
A follower of Jesus once wrote:  
'Think what kind of people you are  
Whom God has called:  
Not many wise by human standards,  
Not many powerful or of noble birth.  
Yet to shame the wise,  
God has chosen what the world called foolish;  
And to shame the strong,  
God has chosen what the world counts weak.'

It is not for our virtue that we are here.  
It is not for who we are  
That we are called to this table.  
It is not because we are old, or young,  
Or somewhere in-between.  
It is only for one reason –  
That God wants us here.  
Jesus says to all of us:  
'I am here...for you. Remember Me.'

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

*(Lena - hand-held microphone)*

Let us pray:  
May it not be long, Lord...  
May it not be long  
Before the world we pray for  
And the world we inhabit  
Are one.  
May it not be long  
Before the wealth of the world  
Is shared fairly amongst all God's children.  
May it not be long  
Before children and women and men  
Are treated with respect and dignity.  
May it not be long  
Before the care for the most vulnerable  
And the care of those who are ill  
In body, mind, or soul  
Will be our priority.  
May it not belong  
Before the hope and joy of Jesus  
May be seen as helpful in the world,  
And we, Your Church,  
May help others to see Him and follow Him.  
Today, refresh us,  
And help us to be the shining light of hope  
That the whole world needs to see.  
So Your work may be done,  
And Your people saved,  
For Jesus' sake.  
Amen

**Intimations**

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

*(Yakov comes to the Minister behind the Communion table after the Offering and sits in central chair)*



*To use the QR code please open the camera app on your smart phone, point it at the QR code, and follow instructions on your screen.*

Offertory: Chorale Prelude on "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen" (2nd setting)  
*Brahms*

**Prayer**

*(Maneli comes to the Communion Table)*

Let us pray:

Accept, we pray, our offerings,  
Our time, our talents, our money,  
For these have been given to us by God,  
And these we now give back to share  
With the world.  
May they bring light, and peace, and hope.  
Amen

*(Maneli returns to seat)*

**We make confession of our Faith  
in the Apostles' Creed (*all standing*)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried,  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead,  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence He shall come  
To judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body;  
And the Life everlasting.  
Amen**

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

This is the table of the Lord Jesus Christ. He invites everyone who loves  
Him to sit with Him and share in this joyful feast

**Process out for Elements**

**Hymn:** 19 Ye Gates

*St George's (Edinburgh)*

1. Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;  
Ye doors that last for aye,  
Be lifted up, that so the King  
Of glory enter may.  
But Who of glory is the King?  
The mighty Lord is this.  
Even that same Lord that great in might  
And strong in battle is.  
Even that same Lord that great in might  
And strong in battle is.

2. Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,  
Doors that do last for aye,  
Be lifted up, that so the King  
Of glory enter may.  
But Who is He that is the King,  
The King of glory? Who is this?  
The Lord of hosts, and none but He,  
The King of glory is.  
The Lord of hosts, and none but He,  
The King of glory is.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Amen, amen, amen.

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

We are here because Jesus has invited us.

When Jesus was on earth He often enjoyed meals with His friends.

On the night before He died, when the darkness was beginning to fall, He sat with the disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem.

At this Last Supper, He broke bread and took wine, and told His disciples to remember Him by following His example.

Today, we are His disciples, and we are glad to do what He has told us.

As the Lord Jesus took bread, together as a family of faith we share the bread and the wine and remember His sacrifice of love for us. And as He gave thanks and blessed, let us give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray:

Loving God,

You made this world marvellous for us to enjoy.

You gave Jesus to be our friend and to bring us to You.

You send Your Spirit, to make us one family in Jesus.

We thank You for these great gifts,

And for Your kindness to us, and Your goodness to all.

We thank You that You showed

Your love by sending Your Son,  
Who gave His life for us, and rose again from the dead,  
And lives to pray for us for ever.  
We thank You that He has taken away  
Everything that separates us from You,  
And has made us friends with You and with one another.  
Send Your Holy Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and wine.  
Help us to know Jesus' presence is true today and every day.  
Hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us when to  
pray to say:

**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**

The Lord Jesus took bread

*(take bread)*

and after giving thanks He broke it and said, 'This is My body which is  
broken for you; do this to remember me.'

In the same way He took the cup,

*(take cup)*

saying, 'This cup is the new covenant sealed by My blood. Whenever you  
drink it, remember me.'

*(take bread and wine)*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**At the Communion:** Panis angelicus

*Franck*

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;

Bread of the angel host sent  
down from God above;

Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum:

Body of Christ our Lord in  
token of His love:

Ores mirabilis! manducat Dominum:  
Pauper, pauper, servus, et humilis.

O gift most wonderful! Christ  
as our Sacrament: Humble,  
lowly, all share His sacred  
feast.

*(The Minister and Yakov serve the elders. The elders will serve the congregation bread and individual glasses; those wishing to share the Common Cup should make their way with the Minister to the back of the Church and the specially prepared table where the Minister will share the bread and Common Cup. Return to the Table, leading elders; elements back on the Table.)*

When Jesus rose from the dead, He came and stood among His friends,  
and showing them His hands and His side, he said, 'Peace be with you.'

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Let us pray:

Lord,

We thank You for Your goodness to us at the Table of our Lord where we  
have remembered Him and offered ourselves to His service till He comes  
again. Help us to walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*(Yakov returns to seat in the congregation)*

**Hymn:** 130 Ye servants of God, Your Master proclaim *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.

**Closing Words**

*(Olu comes to the communion table)*

Olu: Go in faith to serve the Lord:

**All: We go in faith.**

Olu: Go in hope to share the good news:

**All: We go in hope.**

Olu: Go in love to bless the people:

**All: We go in love.**

**Benediction and Sung Blessing**

**Hymn:** 786    May the God of peace go with us

*Ae Fond Kiss*

*(text omitted due to copyright laws)*

*(Olu returns to seat in congregation, with Minister)*

Voluntary: Pièce Héroïque

*Franck*

\*\*\*

*The Apostles' Creed is an ancient creed of the Church. It is the preferred statement of belief of the Reformed churches and was included in weekly worship by both Calvin and Knox. The word 'creed' comes from the Latin word **credo** meaning 'I believe.' The Creed can be understood literally, though it is best read as poetry. It is Scriptural and, therefore, draws upon the faith narratives of the Bible. It employs powerful religious imagery intended for meditation.*