

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

We see light, hope, and joy;

We bring heart, soul, mind, and body.

We share blessings and fears;

We bring faith and doubt.

With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

May Jesus Christ Be Praised



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries, May
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find, May
 3. The night be - comes as day, When from the heart we say, May
 4. Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find, May
 5. Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face, May
 6. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine, May

Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer To
 Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss? My
 Je - sus Christ be praised! The pow'rs of dark - ness fear When
 Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round Ring
 Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er, For
 Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song Thro'

Je - sus I re - pair, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 com-fort still is this, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this sweet chant they hear, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 joy - ous with the sound, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 aye and ev - er - more May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 all the a - ges long, May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - men.

TEXT: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Würzburg, 1828;
 translated by Edward Caswall

MUSIC: Joseph Barnby

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we seek God's mercy, we draw close the mystery of faith: love that cannot be undone by our sin. Trusting that God is grace, let us offer to God the truth of our lives, first in silent prayer...

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer. Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear, paths that lead to dread and death. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, life that is abundant and eternal, life that began at the creation of all things. Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end! Amen, Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON

Filled with the Love of God!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing ech - oes of Thy tone;
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre-cious things Thou dost im-part;
3. O fill me with Thy full-ness, Lord, Un - til my ver - y heart o'er-flow
4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, Just as Thou wilt and when and where;

As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy err-ing chil-dren lost and lone.
And wing my words, that they may reach The hid-den depths of many a heart.
In kind-ling thought and glow-ing word Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.
Un - til Thy bless - ed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glo-ry share. A - men.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal
MUSIC: Robert Schumann

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We give our offering hopefully, hoping that you can use these gifts,
hoping that these gifts can further your kingdom, hoping that your
kingdom will come. Your kingdom, your will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

PASTORAL PRAYER with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

TEXT: Ancient Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne;
 versified by Eleanor H. Hull

MUSIC: Irish Folk melody; arranged by David Allen

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CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Forest Green"

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