

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

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CALL TO WORSHIP – *adapted from Psalm 47:5-7*

Sing praises to God, sing praises.

Sing praises to our king, sing praises,

For God is king of all the earth.

Sing praises with all your skill.

OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,
But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - jice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, you have called us to be one in Christ and have sent your Holy Spirit to empower us for mission and ministry in the world. We confess that we are a people divided and fractured into many denominations and sects. We cling to our own agendas and prejudices, and resist the transforming power of your Spirit. We are swift to judge and condemn, slow to listen and learn. We do many things that we should not, and fail to do those things that we ought. Therefore, we lay before you the burden of our sins, trusting that in your compassion and mercy, you will not only forgive us, but cleanse and renew us for service to you and to your Son, who together with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns with you in eternal glory...*Time of silent reflection*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news. Christ died for our sins and rose again so that we may be free of the tyranny of judging others to live fully in the power of God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives your sins and offers you a transformed future. Live fully into God's grace. 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

John 17:1-11

SERMON

HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677
Trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850; alt.

Silesian folk melody
In *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,
 Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 And all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Good and gracious God, we give you thanks for the blessings of this life, for family and friends, for work and play, for health and healing, for the good news we receive and that we give. We praise your holy name not only with our lips, but by returning to you a portion of the gifts that you have so generously bestowed on us, asking you to use them to build up the body of Christ here and to the ends of the earth. 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

Thine Is the Glory

Edmond Louis Budry, 1884
Trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923; alt.

George Frederick Handel, 1748

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris-en, con- quering Son; End-less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris-en from the tomb; Lov-ing - ly He
 3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo-rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 out Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
 Through Thy death-less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain (last time only)

Where Thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting.
 To Thy home a - bove. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris-en, con- quering Son;

End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

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CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Forest Green"

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