

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: i) "Giant" Fugue in d, BWV 680
ii) Preludio "Sine Nomine"

J S Bach
Herbert Howells

Introit: Let all the world in every corner sing

C S Lang

Call to Worship

Hymn: 147 All creatures of our God and King (v 1-3) *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

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

Reading: **Joshua 24: 14-15**
(read by Rosemary Braid)

RSV p. 178

Children's Time

Covenant

Minister:

Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, some are difficult; some bring sorrow, others bring reproach; some are suited to our natural inclinations and material interest, others are contrary to both. In some we please Christ and please ourselves, in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all things is given us in Christ Who strengthens us.

I invite you now to reaffirm your confession of faith and your personal commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.

Do you confess your faith in God as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your sanctifier?

All: I do

Minister:

Do you promise to join regularly with your fellow Christians in worship on the Lord's Day?

All: I do

Minister:

Do you promise to be faithful in reading the Bible and in prayer?

All: I do

Minister:

Do you promise to give a fitting proportion of your time, talents and money for the work of Christ's Church in the world?

All: I do

Minister:

Do you promise, depending on the grace of God, to profess publicly your loyalty to Jesus Christ, to serve Him in your daily work, and to walk in His ways all the days of your life?

All: I do

Minister:

Let us pray

God of love and faithfulness, You have appointed our Lord Jesus Christ as Mediator of a new covenant. Give us grace to join ourselves in a perpetual covenant with You, as with joy we take upon ourselves the glad yoke of obedience and engage ourselves to seek and do Your perfect will.

**All: We are no longer our own, but Yours.
Put us with what You will,
Rank us with whom You will;
Put us to doing, put us to suffering;
Let us be employed for You
Or laid aside for You,
Exalted for You or brought low for You;**

**Let us be full, let us be empty;
Let us have all things, let us have nothing;
We freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to Your pleasure
and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
You are ours and we are Yours.
May this covenant, now made on earth, be ratified in heaven,
to the glory of Your Name.
Amen**

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

Offertory: Introduction & Aria Cantabile in e/E

Samuel Wesley

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 645 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord

Jackson (Byzantium)

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

We hear the Word of God

Reading:

Mark 4: 2-8

RSV p. 818

(read by Rosemary Braid)

Anthem: O Thou, the central orb of righteous love

Charles Wood

*O Thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about Thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.*

*Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our natures all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with Thee, transforming clay
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

(H R Bramley)

Intimations

Minute for Mission– Ewan Brown about the Street Event

Hymn: 251 I, the Lord of sea and sky *Here I Am, Lord*

Sermon **Brother of the poor, talker with birds**

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

Hymn: 147 Dear Mother earth (v 4-7) *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: Allegro (from Organ Symphony no.2 in e) Louis Vierne