

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Preludes: i) Through Adam's fall, BWV 705 JS Bach  
ii) Jesus, my joy JL Krebs  
iii) Elegy GS Morrison

Introit: Pleasure it is Cope

### **Call to Worship**

“I will sprinkle clean water upon you... A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you...”  
*Ezekiel 36:25a, 26a*

**Hymn:** 633 Child of blessing, child of promise *Shipston*

- 1 Child of blessing, child of promise,  
God's you are, from God you came.  
In this sacrament God claims you:  
live as one who bears Christ's name.
- 2 Child of God, you bear God's image,  
learn to listen for God's call;  
grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.

### ***Sacrament of Baptism***

#### **Question to the Congregation**

Do you welcome Finlay,  
And do you renew your  
Commitment, with God's help,  
To live before all God's children  
In a kindly and Christian way  
And to share with them  
The knowledge and love of Christ?

#### **Sung Blessing (Hymn: 796)**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face to shine  
upon you,  
And be gracious unto you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance  
upon you,  
And give you peace.  
Amen

**Response: We do.**

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

Offertory: Chorale Prelude on 'Crimond'

A Rowley

**Prayer**

*Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club*

**Hymn:** 632 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer

*Belmont*

- 1 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,  
we now devote to you;  
let them your covenant mercies share,  
and your salvation true.
- 2 Such children you did once embrace,  
while dwelling here below;  
to us and ours, O God of grace,  
the same compassion show.
- 3 Dear Lord, your infant feet were found  
within your Father's shrine;  
your years, with changeless virtue crowned,  
were all alike divine.
- 4 Dependent on your bounteous breath,  
we seek your grace alone,  
in every stage of life and death,  
to keep us still your own.

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

Old Testament:

**I Samuel 16:1-13**  
**(Read by David Rimer)**

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eli'ab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abin'adab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." <sup>12</sup> And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah."

Amen

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

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

New Testament:           **Ephesians 5:8-14**

for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; <sup>13</sup> but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. <sup>14</sup> Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

Amen

Anthem:   Magnificat in B flat

Stanford

### **Intimations**

**Hymn:** 14 The Lord's my shepherd

*Crimond*

- 1       The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
          He makes me down to lie  
          in pastures green: he leadeth me  
          the quiet waters by.
- 2       My soul he doth restore again;  
          and me to walk doth make  
          within the paths of righteousness,  
          even for his own name's sake.
- 3       Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
          yet will I fear none ill:  
          for thou art with me; and thy rod  
          and staff me comfort still.
- 4       My table thou hast furnishèd  
          in presence of my foes;  
          my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
          and my cup overflows.
- 5       Goodness and mercy all my life  
          shall surely follow me:  
          and in God's house for evermore  
          my dwelling-place shall be.

Sermon

**This is the one**

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

**Hymn**: 160 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

*Praise My Soul*

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.
  
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
glorious in his faithfulness.
  
- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
widely as his mercy flows.
  
- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the high eternal One.
  
- 5 Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him;  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**Benediction and Threefold Amen**

Postlude: 'Giant' Fugue in D minor, BWV 680

JS Bach