

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: Variations sur "Christus Vincit"

Denis Bédard

Introit: We sing this day the festival of life: The Lord is risen! John Wilson

Call to Worship

"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."
John 6:35

Hymn: 63 All people that on earth do dwell

Old 100th

For this hymn we use Ralph Vaughan Williams' magnificent setting, composed for the 1953 Coronation. The singing begins after a short fanfare and the playing over of the first line of the tune. After the fourth and final verse of the Psalm proper, there is a further fanfare, leading to a doxology, sung by all.

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His folk, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.
- 3 Oh, enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom earth and heav'n adore
Be glory as it was of old,
Is now and shall be evermore.
Amen

***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

New Testament: ***Luke 24:36b-48***
(Read by: Olga Macfadyen)

As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Children's Time

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

Offertory:

Chorale Improvisation on "This is the day the Lord hath made"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 782 Lord of life, we come to You

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We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **Acts 3:12-19**

And when Peter saw it he addressed the people, "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name, by faith in his name, has made this man strong whom you see and know; and the faith which is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ "And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn again,

that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Anthem: Now the green blade riseth

John Kitchen

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

Intimations

Hymn: 475 Christ is coming! let creation

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- 1 Christ is coming ! let creation
from her groans and travail cease ;
let the glorious proclamation
hope restore and faith increase :
Christ is coming ! Christ is coming !
Come now, blessèd Prince of Peace.

- 2 Earth can now but tell the story
of your bitter cross and pain ;
she shall yet behold your glory,
Lord, when you return to reign :
Christ is coming ! Christ is coming !
'Come, Lord Jesus, come again !'
- 3 Long your exiles have been pining,
far from you, and rest, and home :
but, in heavenly glory shining,
soon their loving Lord shall come :
Christ is coming ! Christ is coming !
Haste the joyous jubilee.
- 4 With that blessèd hope before us,
harps be played and songs be sung ;
let the mighty advent chorus
onward roll from tongue to tongue :
'Christ is coming ! Christ is coming !
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come !'

Sermon **Opening your minds**

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

Hymn: 622 We sing a love that sets all people free

Woodlands

- 1 We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear :
come, living love, live in our hearts today.
- 2 We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new :
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

- 3 We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed :
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.
- 4 We sing a love, that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed :
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.
- 5 We sing a burning, fiery, Holy Ghost
that seeks out shades of ancient bitterness,
transfiguring these, as Christ in every heart :
come joyful love, live in our hearts today.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: Toccata & Fugue in d, BWV 565

(?) J S Bach