

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Nun danket alle Gott", BWV 657 J S Bach

Introit: Now thank we all our God (from Cantata 79) J S Bach

Call to Worship

“Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all thy commandments.” *Psalm 119:6*

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

(Text omitted due to copyright laws)

We bring to God our prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray:
Believing that God made and loves the world,
We gather.
That the world may be reshaped to fulfil God's purposes,
We pray.
To seek a wisdom deeper than our own thinking,
We listen.
To honour God Who gave us voice,
We worship.
Today we remember people and places
Left on the outside of things:
With no food, no clothes, no homes, no protection.
We pray that through the work of churches and charities
We might be able to help where we can,
And make a difference that shows
Our faith and our love in action.
In Jesus' Name we pray,
Who taught us to pray together saying:

**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

Old Testament: **Job 42:16, 10-17**
(Read by: Robert Armour)

Then Job answered the Lord:

²“I know that thou canst do all things,

and that no purpose of thine can be thwarted.

³‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,

things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

⁴‘Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.’

⁵I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear,

but now my eye sees thee;

⁶therefore I despise myself,

and repent in dust and ashes.”

¹⁰ And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then

came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house; and they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and

each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold. ¹² And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had

fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. ¹³ He had also seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ And he called the name of the first Jemi'mah; and the name of the second Kezi'ah; and the name of the third Ker'en-hap'puch. ¹⁵ And in all the land there were no women so fair as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers. ¹⁶ And after this Job lived a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, an old man, and full of days. Amen

Children's Time

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

Offertory:

Chorale Prelude on "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott" Dietrich Buxtehude

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 454 A safe stronghold our God is still *Ein Feste Burg*

- 1 A safe stronghold our God is still,
a trusty shield and weapon;
he'll help us clear from all the ill
that hath us now o'ertaken.
The ancient prince of hell
hath risen with purpose fell;
strong mail of craft and power
he weareth in this hour;
on earth is not his fellow.

- 2 With force of arms we nothing can,
full soon were we down-ridden;
but for us fights the proper Man,
whom God himself hath bidden.
Ask ye who is this same?
Christ Jesus is his name,
the Lord Sabaoth's Son;
he, and no other one,
shall conquer in the battle.
- 3 And were this world all devils o'er,
and watching to devour us,
we lay it not to heart so sore;
they cannot overpower us.
And let the prince of ill
look grim as e'er he will,
he harms us not a whit;
for why? — his doom is writ;
a word shall quickly slay him.
- 4 God's word, for all their craft and force,
one moment will not linger,
but, spite of hell, shall have its course;
'tis written by his finger.
And, though they take our life,
goods, honour, children, wife,
yet is their profit small;
these things shall vanish all:
the city of God remaineth.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **Mark 10:46-52**

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho; and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimae'us, a blind beggar, the son of Timae'us, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ And

many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; rise, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Master, let me receive my sight.” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Amen

Anthem: With a voice of singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honour of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Intimations

Hymn: 472 Come, Thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
 born to set thy people free;
 from our fears and sins release us;
 let us find our rest in thee.

- 2 Israel’s strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art,
 dear desire of every nation,
 joy of every longing heart.

- 3 Born thy people to deliver,
 born a child, and yet a King,
 born to reign in us for ever,
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
 rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all-sufficient merit
 raise us to thy glorious throne.

Sermon

Sidelined

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

Hymn: 737 Will your anchor hold

Will Your Anchor Hold

- 1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
 when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
 When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
 will your anchor drift, or firm remain?
 *We have an anchor that keeps the soul
 steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
 fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
 grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*
- 2 Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
 when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
 While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,
 shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?
 *We have an anchor that keeps the soul
 steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
 fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
 grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

- 3 Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil.
*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*
- 4 Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore?
*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

Benediction and Choral Amen

Choral Amen: "Sevenfold"

John Stainer

Voluntary: Festival Prelude on "Ein' feste Burg"

William Faulkes