



9:00 service + May 27, 2018

 KNOW  BE KNOWN  MAKE KNOWN

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Themes and keywords: follow, disciple, self-denial

Prelude

Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*

E. Elgar

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

Psalm 100

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

All: *Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

Liturgist: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: *For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

We praise God

Come, Thou Almighty King
Hymnal #267

Text: Unknown
Tune: Felice de Giardini 1716-1796

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.*

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

God calls us to confess our sins

from Mark 8:34; 1 John 1:6, 9

Liturgist: Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Sovereign Lord,
you have called us to follow you with faith and hope wherever you lead us.

All: *But when the day of testing comes,
we often fail to follow when you call.
We may not hear your call to follow
because we listen more closely to media than to you.
We may fear your call to follow
because we do not trust your power to protect us.
We may doubt your call to follow
because we ignore or forget the truth we know from your word.
We may reject your call to follow
because we do not believe that you are the greatest good.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Sovereign Lord, forgive us for failing to deny ourselves and follow your call and for all the excuses we make to ourselves and others. Fix our eyes firmly on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, and fill us with the Spirit of Christ so that we will forsake all that hinders us from following you and find eternal life and joy with you.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from 1 John 4:9; 1 Peter 2:24

Liturgist: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

Holy, Holy, Holy
Hymnal #262

Text: Reginald Herber 1783-1826
Tune: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-1876

SEATED

Magnificat from *Belfast Evening Canticles*
Chancel Choir

Philip Stopford

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed,
for he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm.
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, hath helped his servant Israel
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.
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.

God instructs us in scripture reading

John 17:26
(pew Bible p. 903)

God instructs us in preaching

“The Church Is a Discipled People”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

Though the World and Many Idols

Text: Gina Tuck 2010, © 2010 Gina Tuck

Tune: Sherdonna Denholm 2010,

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1. Though the world and man - y i - dols all de - mand my loy - al - ty,
2. Though the dev - il wields temp - ta - tion like a dag - ger to my faith,
3. Though my sin, my self - ab - sorp - tion wa - ges bat - tle in my breast,
4. On that day of Christ's re - turn - ing, I shall see him as he is.

clam - or for my heart's al - le - giance, mock my faith - less pi - e - ty,
and he whis - pers ac - cu - sa - tions of my grim, un - love - ly state.
I do not the good I want to; I live not what I con - fess.
No more tears or death or sor - row; all cre - a - tion back to bliss.

God, my Fath - er, my Cre - a - tor, sought to ran - som back his own,
Christ, my Lov - er, my Re - deem - er, while I strayed, for me he died,
Yet my Sa - vior, he trans - forms me, heart of flesh for heart of stone;
I will wor - ship him un - hin - dered and be - hold his lov - ing smile.

paid the price for my re - bel - lion, made me his by grace a - lone.
and his truth holds firm for - ev - er, right - eous - ness to me ap - plied.
his own Spir - it guides and com - forts, pleased to make in me his home.
I call him my Ab - ba, Fath - er; he calls me his pre - cious child.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Be Thou My Vision

Text: Ancient Irish poem c. 700;

tr. Mary E. Byrne 1905

Tune: Traditional Irish tune, arr. David Evans 1927

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all
2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word; I ev - er
3. Be Thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be Thou my
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, Thou mine in -
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, May I reach

else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by
with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Fa - ther,
dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light, Thou my soul's shel - ter,
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: Thou and Thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, Wa - king or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
I Thy true son, Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
Thou my high tow'r: raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
first in my heart, High king of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
ev - er be - fall, Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said . . .

All: *Hallelujah! Amen.*

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken 1709
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heavn' - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Postlude

God of Our Fathers

George William Warren
Arr. Richard Unfreid

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