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## GATHERING

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PRELUDE | "PROCESSIONAL AND TRUMPET TUNE ON 'CWM RHONDDA'" (WAYNE WOLD)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 46:10

- › Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.
- » **Amen.**

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

- › The God of creation makes us one in body!
- » **Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!**
- › The God of Christ makes us one in Spirit!
- » **Let us join hearts in praise of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE | "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING" (V 1,2,5,6)

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

# ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #551

*Unison* D Bm Asus A D

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O rush-ing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail  
 3 Cool flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for

*Harmony* Bm Asus A D G D E (A)

with us and sing: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 in heaven a - long, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison* D G Asus A D

O burn-ing sun with gold - en beam, and shin - ing moon  
 New ris - ing dawn in praise re - joice; you lights of eve -  
 Fierce fire, so mas - ter - ful and bright, pro - vid - ing us

*Harmony* G A G A D Em A Bm

with sil - ver gleam, O praise him, O praise him,  
 ning find a voice: O praise him, O praise him,  
 with warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him,

*Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.*

*For an alternate arrangement see 208, 317, 847*

Words: Francis of Assisi, 1225; tr. William H. Draper, c. 1910, alt., P.D.

Music (LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.8.8.6.4.4.4): *Auserlesen Catholische Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), 1906, P.D.

*Unison*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4 Earth ever fertile, day by day  
bring forth your blessings on our way;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 All you who are of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
All you who pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**SONG OF PRAISE | "ALMIGHTY GOD"**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.  
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy.  
Come with your light; we cannot hide from you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.  
With gratitude we raise our song to you.  
Come and fill the praises of your people.  
In grace and truth, you make us new again.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.  
We long for more than what this world provides.  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us.  
Your river deep floods over everything.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.  
You take away our sickness and our sin.  
Oh, Lamb of God, we gather at your table.  
In bread and wine you have supplied our needs.

## PRAYING

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify  
your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE | FROM HEBREWS 4:14-16

- › Since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
- » **For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.**
- › Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
- » **So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

*Spend some time praying aloud for the following topics, and for concerns in your life and community:*

*Pray for leaders in government, health, business, education and social sectors, that God would lead them to make wise decisions in the face of very complex and challenging circumstances.*

*Pray that God would give help and success to our health experts, and that treatments and vaccines would be discovered and tested successfully.*

*Pray for the ongoing work of justice, reconciliation and healing from our racial divides, and that God would use the church in our city and nation to be an instrument of healing.*

*Give thanks for the baptism of Hamilton MacGregor "Mac" Kell, son of Jesse and Elizabeth (City South parish), as well as the baptism of Harlow Ann Intihar, daughter of Andrew and Katie (Three Chopt parish). Please pray for these two families as we welcome their children into the family of God.*

*Pray for health: Strick Smith, Ann Kooiman, Nancy Taulbee, David Hacker, Elaine Turner, Carolyn Oakley, Karen Tatti, Becky Edwards, Valerie Holland, Bradley Crawford, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones*

*Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: Bill Wildner (8/4); Tim Cole (father, 8/1); Melinda Boethe (father, 7/24); Frank Faust (wife, 6/30); Melba Tyler (mother, 6/17); Tam and Josh Bishop (husband, father Brad, 6/1)*

- › Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:
- » **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 for ever. Amen.**

### GREETING OF PEACE

*As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a moment to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by text to other friends and family watching.*

# THANKSGIVING

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## OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

To give online, visit [thirdrva.org/generosity](http://thirdrva.org/generosity).

*Please be praying for our mission partners Chris and Leah as they use the arts to communicate the good news of Jesus to those who have never heard it.*

## OFFERTORY | "THE MAJESTY AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME" (FETTKE)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers,  
The moon and stars suspended in space,  
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

O Lord our God, the majesty and glory of your name  
Transcend the earth and fill the heavens.  
O Lord our God, little children praise you perfectly,  
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of your name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of your name.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING

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### SCRIPTURE READING | PSALM 130

- <sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;  
<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.
- <sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
- <sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.  
<sup>6</sup> I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- <sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
<sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

- › This is the word of the Lord.  
» **Thanks be to God!**

### MESSAGE | "THE MERCY SONG"

## SENDING

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### SONG OF COMMISSION | "HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US"

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### COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM EPHESIANS 2:8-10

- › For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
not by works, so that no one can boast.
- » **For we are God's handiwork,  
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

### POSTLUDE | "RIGAUDON" (ANDRE CAMPRA)

# HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure; that  
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders. A -  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure. How  
shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scoff - ers. It  
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear-ing loss; the Fa - ther turns his face a-way as  
was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished. His  
should I gain from his re-ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.  
this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.