

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn – MP 600 - Sing to God

1. Sing to God new songs of worship –
all His deeds are marvellous;
He has brought salvation to us
with His hand and holy arm:
He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
He recalled His truth and mercy
to His people Israel.
2. Sing to God new songs of worship –
earth has seen His victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising Him with thankfulness:
sound upon the harp His praises,
play to Him with melody;
let the trumpets sound His triumph,
show your joy to God the King!
3. Sing to God new songs of worship –
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord:
let the hills be joyful together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
He will come to judge the earth.

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Psalm 40 – ¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. ²He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. ⁴Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. ⁵Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare. ⁶Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. ⁷Then I said, Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.” ⁹I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know. ¹⁰I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly. ¹¹Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me. ¹²For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. ¹³Be pleased to save me, Lord; come quickly, Lord, to help me. ¹⁴May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. ¹⁵May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!” be appalled at their own shame. ¹⁶But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, “The Lord is great!” ¹⁷But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Acts 8:26-40 - ²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. ³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” ³⁷ ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Hymn - MP 237 - Holy, holy, holy,

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! – merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,.
which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy, - though the darkness hide Thee,
through the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
all Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and
sea:
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn - MP 624 - Take my life

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine:
take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store:
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all, for Thee.

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn - MP 590 - Seek ye first

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

2. Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds
from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

3. Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door
shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Benediction & Amen

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's Blessing surround you

May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.