

—The Gathering—

OPENING SENTENCE

Mark 11:9-10

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Thou Fount

NETTLETON

1. Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Here I raise mine *Eb - en - e - zer; Hith-er by Thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt-or Dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise:
And I hope, by Thy good pleas-ure, Safe-ly to ar - rive at home:
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove:
Je - sus sought me when a stranger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of Thy re-deem-ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR PURITY

Psalm 24:8-10

Leader Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

All and the King of glory shall come in.

Leader 'Who is this King of glory?'

All 'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Leader Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

All and the King of glory shall come in.

Leader 'Who is this King of glory?'

All 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth,
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;
 4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a-dore Him!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-va-tion!
 Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-tain-eth!
 Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-tend thee.
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore Him.

All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw near;
 Hast thou not seen, How thy de-sires e'er have been
 Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can do,
 Let the A-men Sound from His peo-ple a-gain,

Praise Him in glad ad-o-ra-tion.
 Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?
 If with His love He be-friend thee.
 Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him. A-men.

OPENING PRAYER

—The Service of the Word—

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

FOR THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on

the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

THE PSALTER
The New Hundredth

All sing refrain.

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○ H, SHOUT FOR JOY unto the Lord, worship Him with gladness.
Let all the earth bring songs of praise telling of His greatness.
Know that the Lord we praise is God; He is God our Maker.
And we are His, a people called sheep within His pasture.

*Oh, enter in His gates with praise, His courts with great thanksgiving;
for He is good, His love endures morning after morning.*

- ² Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord! See the way is open
to live in peace beneath His grace, every sin forgiven.
For He who knew no mark of sin took our sin upon Him,
that we might be the righteousness of the God of Heaven.
- ³ Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord through the hours of darkness,
for day by day His faithful hand ever stays upon us.
With every morning rise, we kneel; all our lives we offer
to be a living sacrifice, wholly to the Savior.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

FOR THIS REASON, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

1. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, care for the dy - ing, Snatch them in
 2. Tho they are slight - ing Him, still He is wait - ing, Wait - ing the
 3. Down in the hu - man heart, crushed by the tempt - er, Feel - ings lie
 4. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, du - ty de - mands it - Strength for thy

pit - y from sin and the grave; Weep o'er the err - ing one, lift up the
 pen - i - tent child to re - ceive; Plead with them ear - nest - ly, plead with them
 bur - ied that grace can re - store; Touched by a lov - ing heart, wak - ened by
 la - bor the Lord will pro - vide; Back to the nar - row way pa - tient - ly

fall - en, Tell them of Je - sus, the might - y to save.
 gen - tly, He will for - give if they on - ly be - lieve. Res - cue the
 kind - ness, Chords that are bro - ken will vi - brate once more.
 win them, Tell the poor wan - d'rer a Sav - ior has died.

per - ish - ing, Care for the dy - ing; Je - sus is mer - ci - ful, Je - sus will save.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

JESUS SAID, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed,

into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SERMON

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INVITATION HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

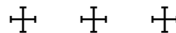
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For the Church; the nation; the world; the community; the suffering; the lost; the bereaved

BLESSING & DISMISSAL *Seek Ye First*

KAREN LAFFERTYⁱⁱ

SEEK YE FIRST the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!



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—ALTERNATE PSALM—

PSALM 95:1-7

All sing refrain; leader sings verses

ORTEGA / PLAINSONG

Refrain **Come, let us worship and bow down,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

- COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- ³ For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods. *Refrain*
- ⁴ In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- ⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! *Refrain*

Refrain **Come, let us worship and bow down,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**