

PRELUDE *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright/* arr. G. Peterson
◇ A time of quiet preparation *Jesus Shall Reign/* arr. D. Wells

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN IN WORD Psalm 114: 1-3, 5, 7-8 (NIV)

Leader: When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,

People: **Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.**

Leader: The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back;

People: **Why was it, O sea, that you fled,
O Jordan, that you turned back,**

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

People: **Who turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 345 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

from Psalm 105 (NIV)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**

Leader: He remembers his covenant forever,
the word he commanded, for a thousand generations,

People: **The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore
to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as
an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of
Canaan as the portion you will inherit."**

Leader: When they were but few in number, few indeed, and strangers
in it, they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom
to another.

People: **Then Israel entered Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the
land. The LORD made his people very fruitful; he made
them too numerous for their foes, whose hearts he turned
to hate his people, to conspire against his servants.**

Leader: He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
They performed his miraculous signs among them, his
wonders in the land.

People: **He sent darkness and made the land dark He turned their
waters into blood, causing their fish to die. Their land
teemed with frogs, which went up into the bedrooms of
their rulers.**

Leader: He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats through-
out their country. He turned their rain into hail, with lightning
throughout their land; he struck down their vines and fig trees
and shattered the trees of their country.

People: **He spoke, and the locusts came, grasshoppers without
number; they ate up every green thing in their land, ate
up the produce of their soil.**

Leader: Then he struck down all the firstborn in their land.

People: **He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold. Egypt
was glad when they left, because dread of Israel had
fallen on them.**

Leader: He spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light
at night. They asked, and he brought them quail and satisfied
them with the bread of heaven.

People: **He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
like a river it flowed in the desert.**

Leader: For he remembered his holy promise given to his servant
Abraham.

People: **He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones
with shouts of joy; He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they fell heir to what others had toiled for.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

People: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the
LORD rejoice.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”

John 7: 37-38

(NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

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Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Now Sing We Alleluia!/ H. von Herzongen-

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WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7 (NIV)

¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, “Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

I Corinthians 10:1-13 (NIV)

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized INTO MOSES IN THE cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.

⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry.” ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfill-

ment of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

SERMON

...and that Rock Was Jesus
series in Exodus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **500** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D minor/ W. Herschel