

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Pavane/ arr. D. Friou
Nearer, My God, to Thee/ arr. A. Fogie
Aviendha Fogie, harp

WORDS OF GREETING

Jim Harris

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD from Revelation 5:12-13; 7:10, 12 (NIV)

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

People: **To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

People: **Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 301

Join All the Glorious Names

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

John 1:1-5, 10-14, 17b-18 (NIV)

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

People: **Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**

Leader: In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.**

Leader: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

People: **He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.**

Leader: Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name,

he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

People: **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Leader: Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

People: **No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: ...because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.
Ephesians 2:4-5

(NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

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Prayers of God's Peo-

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Townend

Speak, O Lord/ Getty/

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-19 (NIV)

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades

will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Mark 14:55-62 (NIV)

⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.’ ” ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

⁶² “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Matthew 27:15-22 (NIV)

¹⁵ Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹ “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered.

²² “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!”

SERMON

Jesus and Questions
Rev. Dwight McKay

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **188** (vss. 1-3)

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting