

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*For All the Saints/ W. Held
Voluntary (Ps. 67:7)/D. Wagner*

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

from Hebrews 12: 18-29 (NIV)

Leader: You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm;

People: **You have not come to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded.**

Leader: The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

People: **But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.**

Leader: You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

People: **You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

Leader: Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,

People: **Let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 382

God Himself Is with Us

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Psalm 32 (NIV)

Leader: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: **Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

People: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

People: **You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

People: **Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

Habakkuk 3:18-19 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY *Take My Life & Walk with Me/ P. Drennan*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 2:23-25 (NIV)

²³ During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. ²⁴ God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²⁵ So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

Exodus 3: 1-12 (NIV)

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

SERMON

Moses on the Far Side
series in Exodus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD

THE CUP

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **300**

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising/ D. Lasky