

PRELUDE

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name/ arr. M Hayes

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Lead Me Lord/Day by Day/ arr. L. Bergquist

WORDS OF GREETING

Jim Harris

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 9: 1-2 (NIV)

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;

People: **I will tell of all your wonders.**

Leader: I will be glad and rejoice in you;

People: **I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 1

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Psalm 2 (NIV)

Leader: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

People: **The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One,**

Leader: “Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters.”

People: **The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.**

Leader: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

People: **I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.**

Leader: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

People: **You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”**

Leader: Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

People: **Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.**

Leader: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

People: **Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

from Isaiah 43: 18-21

(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

Prayers of God's People

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WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *I Am Thine, O Lord/* D. Krimm & D. Nolan

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1

(NIV)

¹ These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; ³ Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; ⁴ Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher. ⁵ The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt.

⁶ Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, ⁷ but the Israelites were fruitful and multiplied greatly, and became exceedingly numerous so that the land was filled with them. ⁸ Then a new king, who did not know Joseph, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become much

too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labor the Egyptians used them ruthlessly.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶ “When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” ¹⁷ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸ Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”

²⁰ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

SERMON

Welcome to Exodus
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Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **598**

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Have Thine Own Way, Lord/ arr. T. Smith