

## PRELUDE

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul/* arr. G. Young

◇ A time of quiet preparation

## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

I Chronicles 29: 10-13 (NIV)

Leader: David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

People: **Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

Leader: Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

People: **In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

IN PRAYER

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 6 (vss. 1-3, & 5) *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord*

### WE CONFESS OUR FAITH IN THE KING

Luke 1:26-33; 4:14-21 (NIV)

Leader: In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her,

People: **Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.**

Leader: Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

People: **The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

Leader: Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them,

People: **Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**

### \*WE EXALT THE KING

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 19:6b-7a; 11:15b (NIV)

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*Shout to the Lord/* arr. C. Tornquist  
Aviendha Fogie

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:18-21 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?"

<sup>19</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches."

<sup>20</sup> Again he asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to?"

<sup>21</sup> It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

SERMON

*The Kingdom of God*  
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**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **441**

WORDS OF PEACE

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