

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation *Dwell with Us, O Lord/ J. Pachelbel*
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise/ arr. J. Innes

WORDS OF GREETING

Rusty Rutter

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD from Psalm 66:5-6; 77:13-20 & 78:13 (NIV)

Leader: Come and see what God has done,
how awesome his works in man's behalf!

People: **He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through
the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him.**

Leader: What god is so great as our God? You are the God who
performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

People: **With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the
descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**

Leader: The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.

People: **He divided the sea and led them through;
he made the water stand firm like a wall.**

Leader: Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty
waters, though your footprints were not seen.

People: **You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses
and Aaron.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Psalm 46 (NIV)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and
the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake
with their surging.

People: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

Leader: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break
of day.

People: **Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice,
the earth melts.**

Leader: The LORD Almighty is with us;

People: **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader: Come and see the works of the LORD,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

People: **He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the
bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God;

People: **I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."**

Leader: The LORD Almighty is with us;

People: **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep,
who made a road in the depths of the sea so that the redeemed
might cross over? The ransomed of the LORD will return.
Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will
flee away. from Isaiah 51:10-11 (NIV)

MISSION MOMENT

Eric Noll family video

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

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Come Unto Me/ W. Coenen
John Woodard, Baritone; Jim Harris, Piano

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ex. 14:10-31 (NIV)

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the
Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.
¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that
you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us
out of Egypt?"

¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them,

²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,

²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea.

²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion.

²⁵ He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen."

²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea.

²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.

³¹ And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

SERMON

A Pathway through the Sea
series in Exodus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 75

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

O Father, You Are Sovereign

Exultate Deo/ V. Williams