

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Mercy, Mercy, Mercy*

Joe Zawinul

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(liturgy from the Iona Community, Scotland)

Believing that God made and loves the world,  
**we gather.**  
That it may be reshaped to fulfill God's purposes,  
**we pray.**  
To seek a wisdom deeper than our own thinking,  
**we listen.**  
To honor God who gave us voice,  
**we worship.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(liturgy from the Iona Community, Scotland)

**Just and merciful God, you speak through the prophets, challenging us to seek peace rooted in justice. Help us to hear your urgent call. Loving God, in Jesus you change our lives for good, challenging us to work for reconciliation. Help us to see your way of truth and love. With us God, your Holy Spirit moves us to action, challenging us to live the Good News. Help us to respond wholeheartedly, here and now. Amen.**

HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

(see end of bulletin)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.**

**Lord have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*We continue with a moment for silent prayers and personal confession.*

KYRIE 551

(see end of bulletin)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI 581

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Speak to us, living God, as you spoke to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

# ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

## FIRST READING

Micah 6.6-8

*"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

## SECOND READING

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-11

*These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.*

*Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

*For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## REFLECTION

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## ANTHEM

*My Song in the Night*

arr. Paul Christiansen

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CALL TO OFFERING

## MINUTE FOR MISSION: DAY RESOURCE CENTER

## DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(see end of bulletin)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## HYMN 740

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

(see end of bulletin)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*The Times They Are A-Changin'*

Bob Dylan

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

# Lord, Have Mercy

551

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
 C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

## Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the".

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -".

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,".

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "world with - out end. A - men, a - men.".

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
LM

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# 740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D) (A7) (Em)  
*Refrain* E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you  
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
 day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
 I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me  
 o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your  
 face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Fine*  
*to Refrain*

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

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 MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; arr. Richard Smallwood  
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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME  
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