

The Worship of God
In Ordinary Time
August 30, 2020

Welcome to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and give thanks in it.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Silent Meditation

The further you go into the desert, the closer you come to God.

- Arabic proverb

Hymn of Praise

Come Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name—I'm fixed upon it—name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar, hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

A Prayer for Our School Year

Bless our school year, Lord.

We've prepared for this moment, and now, trusting in your grace,
we pray: **Lord, bless our efforts.**

For our students in classrooms, we pray: **Lord, bless them.**

For our students at home, we pray: **Lord, bless them.**

For teachers in classrooms and parents at kitchen tables, we pray:
Lord, bless them.

May classrooms and living rooms be safe havens
for our children to flourish.

In the places we feel stretched thin, we pray: **Lord, fill the gaps.**

May friendships be rich; may learning be joyful!

Parents lay hands on student(s).

Lord, bless (name of child/children) as they begin (grade).

We thank you for this new beginning!

Keep them safe, guide them as they learn and grow.

May they shine like stars in the heavens. Amen.

Blessings written by Elizabeth Brown

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

New Testament Readings

Matthew 16:21-28

Romans 12:9-21

The Word of the Lord for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Praying with the Psalmist (Psalm 105)

Give thanks to the Lord.

Sing to him.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Tell of his wonderful works.

**Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

Piano Meditation

Old Testament Reading
Exodus 3:1-15

Hymn

As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

Sermon

Prayer

Most merciful God,
speak to us now in our joy and in our tears,
in our courage and our fears,
in our faith and our weakness.
Renew us by your holy Word,
and by the power and presence
of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Go in peace.



The Burning Bush
St. Catherine Monastery, Sinai

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