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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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MORNING WORSHIP

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Led by David Gill

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Voluntary in F major

John Keeble (c.1711 - 1786)

Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy and remain standing for the...

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
And also with you.

Call to Worship

Hymn 118 *We give immortal praise* (Croft's 136th)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

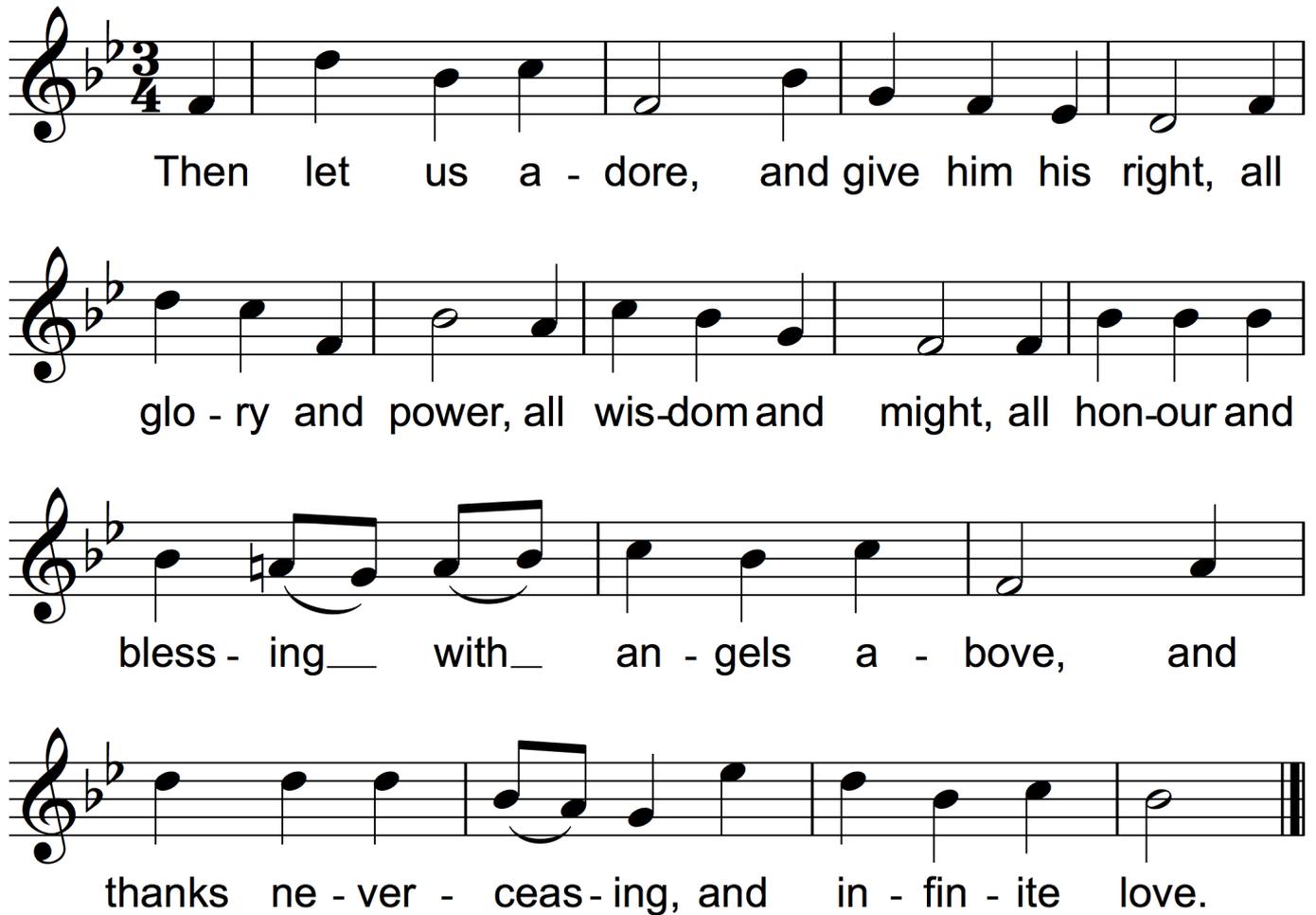
...This is the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Doxology 215

Then let us adore

(Laudate Dominum)



Then let us a - dore, and give him his right, all
glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might, all hon - our and
bless - ing with an - gels a - bove, and
thanks ne - ver - ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

The Service of the Word

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:
A light to our path.

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

1 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. **2** Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. **3** The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." **4** Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. **5** The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." **6** Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. **7** Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. **8** Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. **9** When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." **10** He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." **11** As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of

them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. **12** Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Hymn 97 *Praise the Lord* (T.83 Monkland)

(paraphrase of Ps 150)

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **5** For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. **6** For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Anthem

Christ is the World's True Light

Text: G W Briggs (1875 - 1959)
Music: W K Stanton (1891 - 1978)

Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation;
The Day Star clear and bright of every man and nation.
New life, new hope awakes wherever men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

PTO

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting.
When Christ is throned as Lord, men shall forsake their fear;
To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame, that hinder to enthrone thee.
The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, come Prince of Peace and reign.

Gospel Reading

St Mark 9:2-9

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, **3** and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. **4** And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. **5** Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **6** He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. **7** Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" **8** Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. **9** As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Lord, may your word live in us:

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn 234

How good, Lord, to be here (Carlisle)

Sermon

Hymn 158

God has spoken

(Ode to Joy)

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 106 *Now thank we all our God* (Nun danket alle Gott)

Blessing

... and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ.**

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877 - 1933)