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Trust God to Share Wisdom

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Today's Lay Reader: Judy Pine

Welcome

Prelude

"Bishopthorpe"

Healey Willan

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

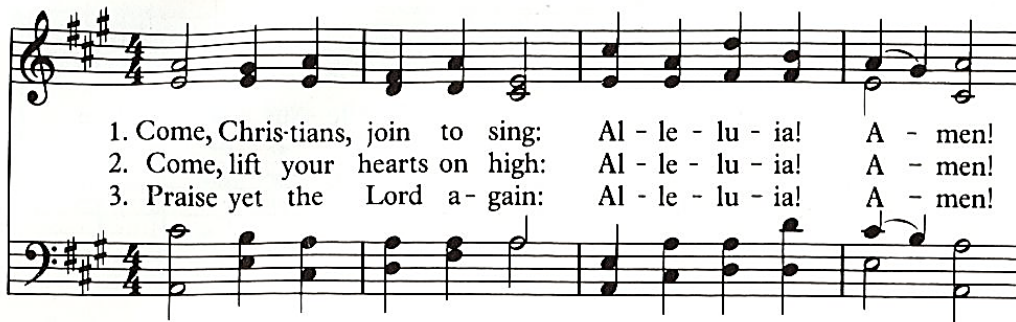
People: **We come, ready to receive the wisdom God wants to share with us!**

Leader: Receiving wisdom requires us to acknowledge that we don't have all the answers. It means when things get hard, confusing and complicated, we stop and turn to God's Word for help.

People: **God's Word contains all the wisdom we ever need! We will open it up and read it.**

Hymn

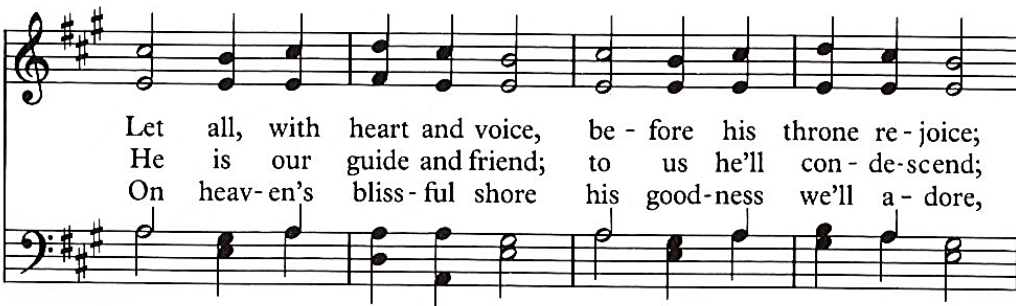
Come, Christians, Join to Sing



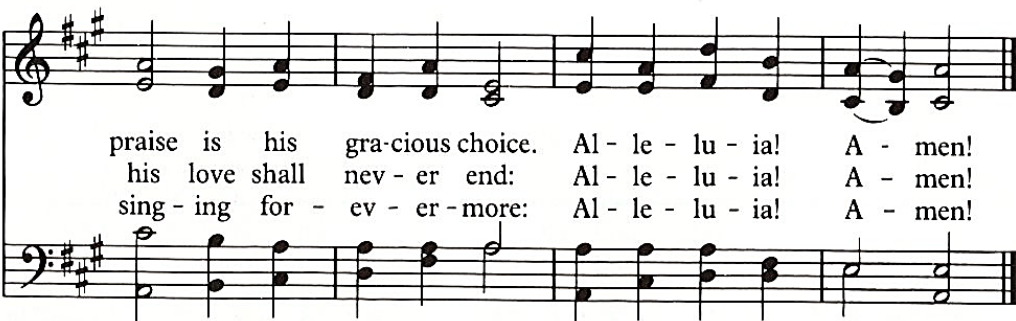
1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Opening Prayer

Lord of Wisdom, thank you for your willingness to share wisdom with us. To receive it, we have to put earthly things aside, and pause to listen for your guidance. Help us turn to your Word for our answers. You are our helper, and we trust you and the wisdom that you share! Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Michael Henry Stella

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord.
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created, for Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created. Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Senior Choir

My Tribute

Andraé Crouch

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"] But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message Trust God to Share Wisdom

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Jesus the Very Thought of Thee arr. Robert Lau

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn He Touched Me

1. Shack-led by a heav - y bur - den, neath a load of
2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, since he cleansed and

guilt and shame, then the hand of Je - sus touched me,
made me whole, I will nev-er cease to praise him;

Refrain

and now I am no long-er the same. He touched me, O he
I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Some-thing

happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Some-thing happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole." The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Benediction

Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise

David Goldstein