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# *Come and Worship the Lord*

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Today's Lay Reader: Melissa Wilson

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am 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 give thanks to God for generous Christians of all times and places.**

**Leader:** This is the fruit of generosity; the people give thanks to God!

**People:** **The more generous the church is, the more people give thanks to God. We can make worship happen anywhere and anytime!**

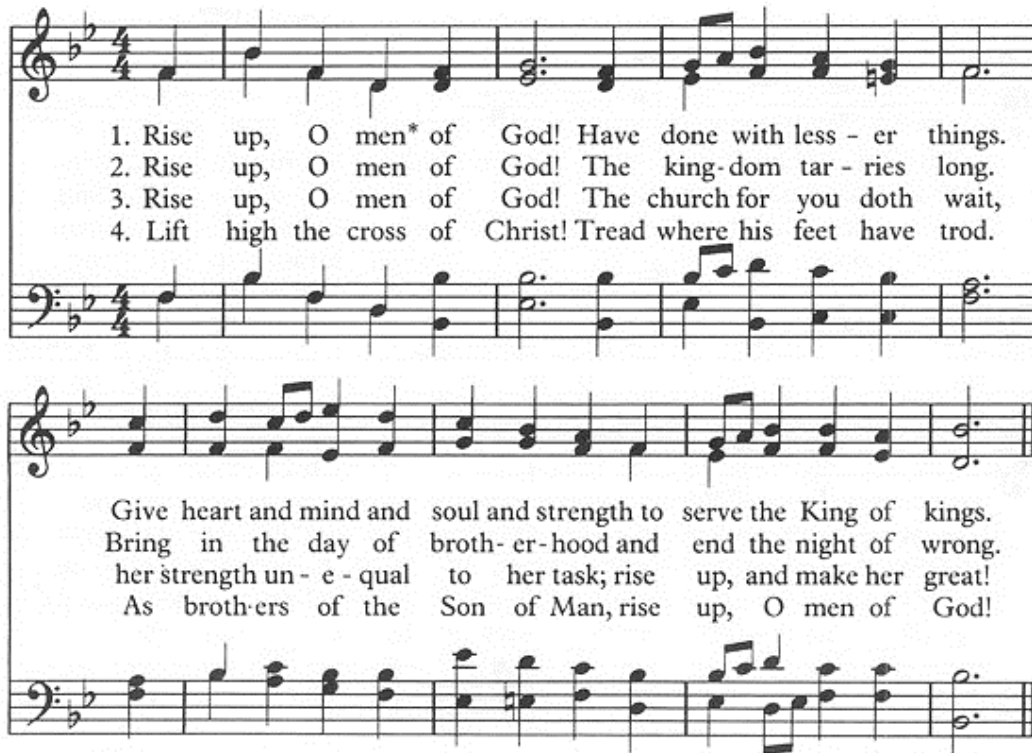
### **Prelude**

"Chorale" from Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

## Hymn

## Rise Up, O Men of God



1. Rise up, O men\* of God! Have done with less - er things.  
 2. Rise up, O men of God! The king-dom tar - ries long.  
 3. Rise up, O men of God! The church for you doth wait,  
 4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod.

Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.  
 Bring in the day of broth-er-hood and end the night of wrong.  
 her strength un - e - qual to her task; rise up, and make her great!  
 As broth-ers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!

## Opening Prayer

**Generous and Gracious God, we come before you with open hearts. Hearts open to who you are: the One who was, who is, and who is to come; the God who provides, protects, and calls us to be your hands, and to be about your work, in your way in this joyous season. Grow us in gratitude, that our lives would overflow with joy from the recognition that all we have and all we are is because of your grace.**

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

## Hymn

## Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



1. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver  
 2. As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
 3. When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me  
 hush the o - cean wild; boisterous waves o - bey thy  
 fear - ful break - ers roar 'twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, hid - ing rock and treach - erous shoal. Chart and  
 will, when thou sayest to them, "Be still!" Won - drous  
 rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I

com - pass came from thee; Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 sov - ereign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 hear thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

**Special Music**

Holy Mystery  
*Karen Hanko*

Pepper Choplin

**Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev**

**Scripture Lesson**

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Message**

*Celebrating Generous Churches*

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

Nocturne

John Field

**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**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

*(verses 1, 2, and 4)*

The image displays the musical score for the hymn "More Love to Thee, O Christ". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

**System 1:**

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
3. Let sor - row do its work, come grief and pain;  
4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

**System 2:**

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.  
now thee a - lone I seek, give what is best.  
sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,  
this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise;

This is my ear - nest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!  
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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Gloria**

**Mozart**