

MORNING WORSHIP
WITH CHRISTINE GHINN
26TH JUNE 2022
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

LORD, I COME BEFORE YOUR THRONE
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GATHERING

God is a God who calls.

**We have gathered to worship
and to hear that call.**

God is a God who equips.

**We are here to worship
and to be shaped into the body of Christ.**

God is a God who sends.

**We are here to worship
so that we can carry that spirit of worship
out into the world where we live.**

God is a God who blesses.

**We are here to worship
and to receive his blessing.**

Let us worship God.

Amen!

SONG

BE THOU MY VISION

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PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God of the blazing chariots,
the whirling wind,
the sacred silence,
Listen softly to the confessions of our hearts.

[silence]

Create clean hearts in us.
Renew right spirits within us.

Shelter us within your presence.
Sustain us by your Holy Spirit.
Restore to us the joy of our salvation.

Blazing, whirling, sacred God,
inhabit and transform our stories.

Amen.

PSALM 77:1-2, 11-20

¹I cry aloud to God,

aloud to God, that he may hear me.

²In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;

in the night my hand is stretched out without
wearying;

my soul refuses to be comforted.

¹¹I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;

I will remember your wonders of old.

¹²I will meditate on all your work

and muse on your mighty deeds.

¹³Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is so great as our God?

¹⁴You are the God who works wonders;

you have displayed your might among the peoples.

¹⁵With your strong arm you redeemed your people,

the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶When the waters saw you, O God,

when the waters saw you, they were afraid;

the very deep trembled.

¹⁷The clouds poured out water;

the skies thundered;

your arrows flashed on every side.

- 18 The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.**
- 19 Your way was through the sea,
your path through the mighty waters,
yet your footprints were unseen.**
- 20 You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

SONG

HOW GREAT THOU ART
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THE COLLECT

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The reading is taken from 2 Kings 2:1–14.
Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God.

Our hearts and our minds are open.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 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. 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."

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. 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; keep silent."

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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 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, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

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." 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." 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. 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.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

HOW GREAT THOU ART
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GOSPEL READING

The reading is taken from Luke 9:51-62.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.
And he sent messengers ahead of him.
On their way, they entered a village of the Samaritans
to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him
because his face was set toward Jerusalem.
When his disciples James and John saw this, they said,
“Lord, do you want us to command fire
to come down from heaven and consume them?”
But he turned and rebuked them.
Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to
him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’
And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes,
and birds of the air have nests;
but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’
To another he said, ‘Follow me.’ But he said,
‘Lord, first let me go and bury my father.’ But Jesus said
to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for
you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’
Another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say
farewell to those at my home.’ Jesus said to him,
‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back
is fit for the kingdom of God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

SONG

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

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INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEACE

May the peace of the
God of the blazing chariots,
the whirling wind,
the sacred silence
fill our hearts
and move among us.

Amen

Let us share a sign of peace.

SONG

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

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THE BLESSING

Christ says, "Follow me!"
so that we may be citizens of the Kingdom of God.

And the blessing of God Almighty,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

May be with us always.

Amen.

NOTICES

SENDING

Let us go out into the world in peace.

Let us live as those who have already passed from
death to life.

Let us give aid and be willing to receive it,

trust and be trusted,

forgive and be forgiven,

give respect and be respected,

love and be willing to be loved.

Amen!

POSTLUDE

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