



GOD IS OUR
REFUGE AND
STRENGTH, AN
EVER-PRESENT
HELP IN
TROUBLE.

PSALM 46:1



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Worship Gathering
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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Are “knowledge” and “wisdom” the same thing, or are they different?

God wants us to have knowledge. In order to follow God, we need knowledge. But equally important as having knowledge is having wisdom. Knowing facts about God and the Bible is not all there is to wisdom. Wisdom is a gift from God. God blesses us with wisdom so we can worship and rejoice, and use the knowledge we have of God.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self c - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, you gave your servant Solomon wisdom so that he might govern your people well. Grant us your wisdom, so that we might perform our life's duties with gratitude and wisdom. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
 a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
 though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam,
 though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Selah

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

**⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

READING: 1 Kings 3:4-9, 16-28

A reading Kings

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁶Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. ¹⁷The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. ¹⁸Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. ¹⁹Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. ²⁰She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. ²¹When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." ²²But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king.

²³Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead'; while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" ²⁴So the king said, "Bring me a sword,"

and they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one, and half to the other." ²⁶But the woman whose son was alive said to the king — because compassion for her son burned within her — "Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." ²⁷Then the king responded: "Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." ²⁸All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - mighty word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Meal

OFFERING *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship.
As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, And the power,

And the glory, forever and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

COMMUNION BLESSING *All Stand*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

This week:

- Read the Book of Ecclesiastes. What does it teach about wisdom?

- Enter into a mentorship relationship, either as a mentor or a mentee (or ideally, in two relationships, one where you are the mentor and one where you have a mentor!). Agree to meet three times over the coming six months in order to talk through life and share wisdom with one another.

- Watch two or three movies about knowledge and wisdom and compare and contrast their views of wisdom.

PRAYER LIST

Strength

The Carroll Family

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Janet Delgado

Gabe DeMaria

Jason Haley

Miles Hartnett

Karl Hurowitz

Ryan Lynch

Marty Massey

Dr. Les Prusnofsky

Brian Tarner

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Jim Oliveto

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Sean Hudgins

Jesse Fritz

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