

God
will
SUPPLY.

1 Kings 17:8-16





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**Welcome. Together with the faithful of every
time and place, let us worship God.**

Welcome

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*** Call to Worship**

Based on Matthew 25

Jesus once said to his followers, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

*** Opening Prayer**

<http://www.bibleclaret.org/liturgy/CycleA/>

God, Father of the poor, your Son Jesus was born among us poor, humble and dependent. Open our eyes and our hearts and our hands to honor him now as our Lord and King by welcoming him in those who are hungry and thirsty, in all who are abandoned and lonely, in refugees, in the poor and the sick. Let our love become free and spontaneous, like the tenderness you have shown us in your Son. Welcome us in the everlasting Kingdom prepared for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*** Opening Song**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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I For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

- 2 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:

Refrain

- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

Refrain

- 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain

- 5 For each perfect gift and sign to this world so freely giv'n;
graces human and divine, love uniting earth and heav'n:

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Song

Lord, I Need You

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- 1 Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

*Refrain Lord, I need you, oh, I need you.
Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
O God, how I need you.*

- 2 Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.

And where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Refrain

Bridge: So, teach my song to rise to you
when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Refrain

Pastoral Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

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The widow of Zarephath thought the end was near. In a time of great drought, she had only enough meal and oil to prepare a last bit of flatbread for herself and her son. And yet, when asked, she was willing to share what she had with a stranger. With great courage, she trusted God's promise to provide for her family. Her story invites us to look at the act of sharing as an act of trust. Let us share generously and courageously because we can trust God to provide us with what we need.

Prayer for Gifts Offered

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Gracious God, we give these gifts because you ask us to share. We dedicate this offering and our lives to your service, that the hungry may be fed, the oppressed may receive justice, and the stranger may be welcomed in our midst. We offer this prayer in the name of the bearer of your good news, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Special Music

All That I Need (My Only Hope)

John Paul Trimble

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LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Song

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#182 ^{VT}

- 1 I sing the mighty pow'r of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command
and all the stars obey.
- 2 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food.

God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

- 3 There's not a plant or flow'r below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne.
While all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
there's not a place where we can flee
but God is present there.

Sermon

“From Scarcity to Abundance”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Song**

God of Grace and God of Glory

#716^{VT}

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy pow'r.
Crown thine ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, ^(of this hour)
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, ^(of these days)
for the living of these days.

- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
 bend our pride to thy control;
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, ^(kingdom's goal)
 lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
 to the evils we deplore.
 Let the search for thy salvation
 be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 serving thee whom we adore, ^(we adore)
 serving thee whom we adore.

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Lead Me, Lord

arr. Fred Bock

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** Please stand as able and led*



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