



the fullness of time, you sent your Son to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you. But time and time again, we ignore your gift of grace, follow false gods, or fill our days with things that do not keep our connection strong with you or with others. We repent of those actions today and ask for forgiveness. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end! Amen, amen.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

SOLO

"My Faith has Found a Resting Place"

Lidie H. Edmunds  
Jeffrey Sumner, Soloist

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them,

“Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Actions Matter”

Dr. Sumner

\*HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

*Duke Street*

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King:  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (featuring Alan, Gayle, and A.J. Osiborski )

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

This congregation continues to need offerings to support the staff and missions we have. You may mail checks to us or have your checks mailed regularly from your bank at no cost to you. Otherwise, you may give by credit or debit card by going to [www.wbts.org](http://www.wbts.org) and clicking “Donate now.”

OFFERTORY

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

Beck

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN                      “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Diademata*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise!  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pieced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time:  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer hail! For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

### *Sending*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE                      “Fughetta in A Flat”

Muffat

\*Stand as desired

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