

Discovering the Lord

A prayer service to be used at the conclusion of chapters 1 & 2 of *Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World*

Gathering

Leader: Heavenly Father, we ask today for you to gather and guide us and hold us close as we embrace your vision for our lives and our call to your will in the name of your son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

The Word of the Lord (based on John 14: 6-10)

READER:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth* and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.* From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works do it.

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response (based on Psalm 46)

GROUP 1: God is our refuge and our strength,
an ever-present help in distress
Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken
and mountains quake to the depths of the sea,
Though its waters rage and foam
and mountains totter at its surging.

GROUP 2: Streams of the river gladden the city of God,

the holy dwelling of the Most High
God is in its midst; it shall not be shaken;
God will help it at break of day
Though nations rage and kingdoms totter,
he utters his voice and the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

GROUP 3: Come and see the works of the LORD,
who has done fearsome deeds on earth
Who stops wars to the ends of the earth,
breaks the bow, splinters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire;
“Be still and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
exalted on the earth.”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

Prayer of Praise (page 59 of Jesus Christ: God’s Revelation to the World)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
cry out to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with a song of praise,
joyfully sing out our psalms.
For the LORD is the great God,
the great king over all gods,
Whose hand holds the depths of the earth;
who owns the tops of the mountains.
The sea and dry land belong to God,
who made them, formed them by hand.
Enter, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
we are the people he shepherds,
the sheep in his hands.

CONCLUDING HYMN: HERE I AM LORD By: Dan Schutte (1981)