

# God Reveals Himself

A prayer service to be used at the conclusion of chapters 3 & 4 of *Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World*

## Gathering

**LEADER:** Loving Father, you have shown your love for us through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. You have made a covenant with your people and have revealed to us through Holy Word and the gift of your Holy Spirit your greatness. Please continue to guide us through your revelations as we strive to be closer to you, in body, in heart and in mind. We ask this of you.

**ALL:** Amen

## The Word of the Lord (based on Matthew 11:25-27)

### READER:

At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm Response (based on Psalm 105)

**LEADER:** Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name  
make known among the peoples his deeds!  
Sing praise to him, play music; proclaim all his wondrous  
deeds! Glory in his holy name; let hearts that seek the  
LORD rejoice! Seek out the LORD and his might;  
constantly seek his face.

**GROUP 1:** He the LORD, is our God  
whose judgments reach through all the earth.  
He remembers forever his covenant,  
the word he commanded for a thousand generations,

**GROUP 2:** Which he made with Abraham,  
and swore to Isaac,  
And ratified in a statute for Jacob,  
an everlasting covenant for Israel:

**GROUP 3:** For he remembered his sacred promise  
to Abraham his servant.  
He brought his people out with joy,  
his chosen ones with shouts of triumph.

**GROUP 4:** He gave them the lands of the nations,  
they took possession of the wealth of the peoples  
That they might keep his statutes  
and observe his teachings.

**ALL:** Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (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 : EYE HAS NOT SEEN** by: Marty Haugen (1982)