

Welcome and notices

We meet in the name of God:

God the Father,

God the Son,

God the Spirit:

God is one.

Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful people,

and kindle in us the fire of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn 44

BLESSED ASSURANCE, Jesus is mine:

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God;

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Saviour all the day long.

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Perfect submission, perfect delight,

Visions of rapture burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above

Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,

I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;

Watching and waiting, looking above,

Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Fanny J. Crosby.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
Forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn 42

BE THOU MY VISION, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;

Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;
 Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:
 O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:
 Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
 Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
 O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
 O grant me its joys after victory is won;
 Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Tr. Mary E. Byrne & Eleanor H. Hull

Bible Reading

Hebrews 12: 18 – 29

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Talk

Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
 he did not cling to equality with God,
 but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,
 he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself
 and was obedient to death,
 even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
 and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Hymn 107

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;
Life with its way before thee lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

John S. B. Monsell

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Intercessions
Praying for 5

**O high king of heaven,
Have mercy on our land.
Restore the honour of your name.
Revive your church.
Send the Holy Spirit
For the sake of the lost
The least, and the broken.
May your Kingdom come to our nation.
In Jesus mighty name. Amen.**

**Heavenly father, you have welcomed us into your Kingdom and
your heart's desire is to draw everyone to yourself. Grant us clear
eyes to see people as you see them, sensitive feet to stand in
their shoes, and a warm smile to welcome them in your name.
Give us such generous hearts that our church becomes a
foretaste of heaven where everyone you send us finds their loving
home in the community of your son our saviour Jesus Christ
Amen**

Hymn 135

**GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT,
As year succeeds to year;
God is working His purpose out,**

And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

From utmost East to utmost West,
Where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
Goes forth the voice of God;
Give ear to Me, ye continents,
Ye isles, give ear to Me,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world:
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth,
Unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
Till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God,

As the waters cover the sea.

Arthur C. Ainger

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.

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