

## Welcome & notices

Praise our God, all you his servants:  
**those who fear him, both small and great.**

Praise the name of the Lord;  
**ascribe greatness to God our Provider.**

Lord, open our lips  
**and we shall praise your name.**

God of our days and years,  
we set this time apart for you.  
Form us in the likeness of Christ  
so that our lives may glorify you.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn 892

**LORD, FOR THE YEARS** Your love has kept and guided,  
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt You,  
 Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
 Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:  
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –  
 Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
 Past put behind us, for the future take us:  
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith. © 1967 Timothy Dudley-Smith.*

We have been called to be content with what we have. We brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out of it.

God our Father, we are rich with all the things you have given us but we put our hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, rather than putting our hope in you, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our role model, you command us to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share but we fail so easily as we put ourselves above others.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit our life and our breath, you guide us to lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, through trusting you for our needs, so that we may take hold of the life that is truly life. Keep us from being deflected.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love  
bring *us* back to himself,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and assure *us* of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication  
of this house of prayer:  
we praise you for the many blessings  
you have given to those who worship you here:  
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Harvest Gifts will be received during this hymn*

**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*

## Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19

### Sermon

let us declare our faith in God.  
**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### Hymn 148

Guide me O Thou great Redeemer

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Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand  
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven  
Feed me now and ever more  
Feed me now and ever more

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield  
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee  
I will ever give to Thee

*John Hughes | Peter Williams | William Williams*

### [Giving thanks for our mining heritage](#)

Dear God,

We thank you for the natural mineral resources you gave to this area  
We thank you for those who worked hard to mine them  
We remember the many people who suffered, and still suffer,  
because of mining.  
We thank you for the prosperity mining brought to this area  
As we walk past the Pit Wheel outside the church remind us of your  
generosity, and help us to become more like you each day.

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**Amen**

Prayers

Praying for 5

**The Lord's prayer**

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.**

**Hymn 405**

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD,

With hearts and hands and voices;

Who wondrous things has done,

In whom His world rejoices;

Who from our mother's arms

Has blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love,

And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God

Through all our life be near us,  
 With ever joyful hearts  
 And blessed peace to cheer us;  
 And keep us in His grace,  
 And guide us when perplexed,  
 And free us from all ills  
 In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
 The Father now be given,  
 The Son, and Him who reigns  
 With them in highest heaven,  
 The one eternal God,  
 Whom earth and heaven adore;  
 For thus it was, is now,  
 And shall be ever more.

*Martin Rinkart.Tr. Catherine Winkworth.*

How awesome is this place.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
 and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground  
 with its top reaching to heaven,  
 and the angels of God were going up and down it.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
 and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this.

You will see heaven wide open,  
 and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
 and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,  
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.  
The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

Like living stones,  
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ.

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,  
fill this house and illuminate 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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