

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.

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BROTHER, LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT,

Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,

We are brothers on the road;

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you

In the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,

Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,

When you laugh I'll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow

Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
 We shall find such harmony,
 Born of all we've known together
 Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
 Let me be as Christ to you;
 Pray that I may have the grace
 To let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard. © 1977 Scripture in Song,

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him
 by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus,
 you came to reconcile us to one another and the Father:
 Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
 you heal the wounds of sin and division:
 Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
 you intercede for us with your Father:
 Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

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HALLELUJAH! SING TO JESUS;

His the sceptre, His the throne;

Hallelujah! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark, the songs of holy Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

‘Jesus out of every nation

Hath redeemed us by His blood.’

Hallelujah! not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;

Hallelujah! He is near us,

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the clouds from sight received Him

When the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise,

‘I am with you ever more’?

Hallelujah! Bread of heaven,

Thou on earth our food, our stay;

Hallelujah! here the sinful

Flee to Thee from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners,

Earth’s Redeemer, plead for me

Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

Hallelujah! sing to Jesus;

His the sceptre, His the throne;

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Hallelujah! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of holy Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood.'

William C. Dix.

Bible Reading: John 3.13-17

Talk

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
**maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

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and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

Of the Christ who died for me;

How He left His home in glory

For the cross on Calvary.

I was lost but Jesus found me,

Found the sheep that went astray;

Threw His loving arms around me,

Drew me back into His way.

I was bruised but Jesus healed me,

Faint was I from many a fall;

Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,

But He freed me from them all.

Days of darkness still come o'er me;

Sorrow's paths I often tread,

But the Saviour still is with me,

By His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river

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Rolls its waters at my feet,
Then He'll bear me safely over,
All my joys in Him complete.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

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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**

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**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**

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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.

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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**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit
 May we know the joy of the Lord,
 Growing disciples of Christ
 With compassion, confidence and courage
 To the Glory of God the Father
 Amen**

May Christ crucified draw us to himself,
 to find in him a sure ground for faith,
 a firm support for hope,
 and the assurance of sins forgiven;
 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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