

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 147

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father,

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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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 You Are My Vision

You are my vision O King of my heart
 Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
 You are my best thought by day or by night
 Waking or sleeping Your presence my light

You are my wisdom You are my true word
 I ever with You and You with me Lord
 You're my great Father and I'm Your true son
 You dwell inside me together we're one

You are my battle-shield sword for the fight
 You are my dignity You're my delight
 You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower
 Come raise me heavenward O Power of my power

I don't want riches or man's empty praise
 You're my inheritance now and always
 You and You only the first in my heart
 High King of heaven my treasure You are

High King of heaven when victory's won
 May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son
 Heart of my own heart whatever befall
 Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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Psalm 65(1-7)

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; •
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; •
**when our misdeeds prevail against us,
 you will purge them away.**
- 3 Happy are they whom you choose
 and draw to your courts to dwell there. •
**We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
 even of your holy temple.**
- 4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,

4

O God of our salvation, •

**O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**

5 In your strength you set fast the mountains •
and are girded about with might.

6 You still the raging of the seas, •
**the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.**

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels; •
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

Bible Reading

Joel 2.23–end

2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18

Luke 18.9–14

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**

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**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**

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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**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**

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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