

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 SoF466

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN;

To His feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like thee His praise should sing?

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour

To our fathers in distress;

Praise Him, still the same forever,

Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;

Well our feeble frame He knows;

In His hands He gently bears us,

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Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!
Henry Francis Lyte.

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 *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,

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and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn SoF234 .

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
Walter Chalmers Smith

Collect Prayer

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King

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and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, •
a very present help in trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, •
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and swell, •
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, •
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; •
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, •
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; •
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, •
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; •
**he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.**
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God; •
**I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'**
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; •
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Talk

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

**All 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 SoF77

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save:
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime!
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring.

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 SoF120

FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME,

Helpless babe,
Entered our world,
Your glory veiled;
Not to be served
But to serve,
And give Your life
That we might live.

*This is our God,
The Servant King,
He calls us now
To follow Him,
To bring our lives
As a daily offering
Of worship to
The Servant King.*

There in the garden
Of tears,
My heavy load
He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow
Was torn,
'Yet not My will

But Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands
And His feet,
The scars that speak
Of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars
Into space
To cruel nails
Surrendered.

So let us learn
How to serve,
And in our lives
Enthroned Him;
Each other's needs
To prefer,
For it is Christ
We're serving.

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;

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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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