

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Welcome and notices

Hymn 54

Brother let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might 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 Christ-light 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 sister let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you

Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

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**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

An invitation to penitence

Our Father in heaven,

We confess to you, and to each other, that we have sometimes failed
to be aware of our responsibility to safeguard those in our care.

Give us, we pray, a new awareness of situations which put people at
risk.

Forgive our lack of attentiveness towards the vulnerable and instil in us all a sense of community and caring so that the love of God is shared more fully.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

For times when we have failed to see when people may have felt unsafe.

Lord have mercy.

For those occasions when we have not listened effectively to those in distress or danger.

Christ, have mercy.

For times when we have seen and heard but have failed to act in order to keep others safe.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive our laziness and indifference and ignorance; and create in us a new spirit of responsibility and responsiveness, for the sake of your people and for the extension of your kingdom.

Amen.

Gracious God,

who forgives our sins when we repent and seek your will,

teach us your ways of caring and compassion,

and forgive us for failing to be aware of the needs of others.

We respond to your great forgiveness by committing ourselves more fully to the well-being of those in our care. Amen.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

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**we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Hymn Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Interlude

He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless stand before the throne

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Bible reading:*Psalm 91*

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*Sermon**Creed*

**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
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayers

Hymn for Safeguarding

Tune Coverdale/ "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

May this place be one of nurture
where we all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us
as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom
full of truth and light and grace,
living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.

For our negligence and failures
you have called us to repent,

drawing energy for action
from the voices of lament.

As the secret hurts long hidden
may at last be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom
that is every person's right.

When the smallest child is valued,
and the strong empower the weak,
and each human life is hallowed
and the unheard voices speak:
then your justice stands like mountains
and your mercy falls like rain,
and you hold the broken-hearted
till they learn to live again.

So in gratitude we praise you,
and we lift to you in prayer,
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.

Give us wisdom, grace and courage,
holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another
we will love and serve our Lord.

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It is God's will that all of his creation should live in harmony.
Make our community here a place of safety and peace for all who
enter our doors.

The peace and security of God be always with you:

And also with you.

(End streaming)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Loving God, we give you thanks for bringing us into the safety of your love. Your Son Jesus Christ gave us an example to follow by highlighting cruelty and injustice and showing his care for the marginalised and mis-used. Help us to follow him more faithfully.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;

he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
 This is my body, given for you all.
 Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
 he took the cup, gave it and said:
 This is my blood, shed for you all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this in remembrance of me.
 This is our story.

This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
 we celebrate the cross
 on which he died to set us free.
 Defying death he rose again
 and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
 This is our story.

This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
 that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
 with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
 May we and all who share this food
 offer ourselves to live for you
 and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
 where all creation worships you,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

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.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Distribution

God of peace, we thank you that by sharing bread and wine, we are more aware of your love for us and for all humanity. Guide us when encountering those in distress, loving as you love, and being prompted to action. May we share in keeping your precious ones safe and cared for.

Amen.

*Hymn 120***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

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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.

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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**

And now may God the Father protect and keep us,
May Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, lead us and teach us,
And may the Holy Spirit fill us and inspire us to do God's will.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all,
and those whom we serve. **Amen.**

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