

Welcome and notices

Praise the name of the Lord;  
**ascribe greatness to our God.**  
Lord, open our lips  
**and we shall praise your name.**

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.**

**Song 10.000 reasons**

**BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL;**  
*O my soul, worship His holy name.*  
*Sing like never before, O my soul.*  
*I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;

Ten thousand years and then forever more!

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The gospel calls us to turn away from sin  
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

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May the God of love and power  
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,  
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Song: Christ Be Our Light**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

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Readings. Luke 2:41-52  
Talk

We say together in faith  
**All Holy, holy, holy**  
**is the Lord God almighty,**  
**who was, and is, and is to come.**  
We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:

**All for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:

**All for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.**

Prayers

Praying for 5

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**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 peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*(end streaming)*

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
 through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
 through whom you have created all things;  
 who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
 By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
 as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
 he lived on earth and went about among us;  
 he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
 he put an end to death by dying for us;  
 and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
 so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
 and with all the company of heaven,  
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and *saying*:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,

his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
 As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
 we bring before you this bread and this cup  
 and we thank you for counting us worthy  
 to stand in your presence and serve you.  
 Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
 and gather into one in your kingdom  
 all who share this one bread and one cup,  
 so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
 may praise and glorify you for ever,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
 for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.

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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

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God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. 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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The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
 the Lord make his face shine upon you  
 and be gracious to you,  
 the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;  
 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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