

Welcome and notices.

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

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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!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
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!
Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960), William M. Runyan (1870–1957)
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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.

Do not be anxious about your life,
 what you shall eat or what you shall drink.
 Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness.

Matthew 6.31,33

Let us confess our sins
 and our failure to make God's will our priority:

We have not held out the word of life
 in a dark and twisted world:
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to share our bread with the hungry:
 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have closed our hearts to the love of God:
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
 who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon *you*,
 pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
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confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER, LEAD US

O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
All our weakness Thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston, altd.

Bible Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

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WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD

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In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey!

*Trust and obey!
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey!

Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay:
Not a grief nor a loss,
Not a frown nor a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey!

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for those who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet

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We will sit at His feet,
 Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
 What He says we will do,
 Where He sends we will go;
 Never fear, only trust and obey!

John Henry Sammis.

Prayers.

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel:
 peace to those who are far off
 and peace to those who are near.
 The peace of the lord be always with you
And also with you.

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BE THOU MY VISION, O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
 Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
 Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
 Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
 Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
 Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;
 Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:
 O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:
 Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
 Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:

O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Tr. Mary E. Byrne & Eleanor H. Hull.

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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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

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

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

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

Distribution

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.**

Father of all,

**we give you thanks and praise,
 that when we were still far off
 you met us in your Son and brought us home.
 Dying and living, he declared your love,
 gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
 May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
 we who drink his cup bring life to others;
 we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
 so we and all your children shall be free,
 and the whole earth live to praise your name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH,

Pilgrim through this barren land;
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
 Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
 Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
 Feed me now and ever more,
 Feed me now and ever more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
 Let the fiery, cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through:
 Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
 Be Thou still my strength and shield,
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death, and hell's destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side:
 Songs of praises, songs of praises,
 I will ever give to Thee,
 I will ever give to Thee.

William Williams. Tr. Peter Williams.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
 cleanse you by his holiness
 and send you to proclaim his word.

Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
 pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
 equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

Amen.

and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

The Lord says, 'Go into all the world
 and make disciples of all the nations.'
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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