

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.

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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

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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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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;**

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

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Chorus

*Here I am wholly available
As for me I will serve the Lord*

The fields are white unto harvest
But oh the labourers are so few
So Lord I give myself to help the reaping
To gather precious souls unto You

The time is right in the nation
For words of power and authority
God's looking for a people who are willing
To be counted in His glorious victory

As salt are we ready to savour
In darkness are we ready to be light
God's seeking out His very special people
To manifest His truth and His might
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Bible Readings

Isaiah 58:1 - 9a

Matthew 6:16-34

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After each reading

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

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.

Song (SoF 2231)

Chorus

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

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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 forevermore

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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

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**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**

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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*

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*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
 Thy 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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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,

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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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