

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power to free our praise,
inspire our prayer and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn 470

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters, draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee,
Then to thy need
He like a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord, who when tempests their warfare are waging,
 Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
 Biddeth them cease,
 Turneth their fury to peace,
 Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
 Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
 Sheddeth His light,
 Chaseth the horrors of night,
 Saints with His mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again:
 Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Joachim Neander.Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1863, and P. Dearmer 1906.

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account.

We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again.

Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit all *our* days.

Amen.

Hymn Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory
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Bible reading Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Sermon

Hymn 386

MASTER, SPEAK! THY SERVANT HEARETH,
Longing for Thy gracious word,
Longing for Thy voice that cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee;
What hast Thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name, O Master,
Let me know it is to me;
Speak, that I may follow faster,
With a step more firm and free,
Where the Shepherd leads the flock
In the shadow of the rock.

Master, speak! though least and lowest,
Let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! for O Thou knowest
All the yearning of my heart,
Knowest all its truest need;
Speak and make me blessed indeed.

Master, speak! and make me ready,
When Thy voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady
Still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee;
Master, speak! O speak to me!
Frances Ridley Havergal.

Let us declare our faith in God.
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

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**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayer, (to include prayer for 5)

**We pray with expectation:
Gracious God thank you for welcoming us into your kingdom.
Your heart's desire is to draw everyone to yourself. May all
those who enter this church sense your presence and find
your peace. Make us ready to welcome all those who come
seeking you, build your kingdom here to the praise and glory of
your name.
Amen.**

**High King of heaven
Have mercy on our Land
Revive your church
Restore the honour of your name
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**

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.

Hymn 64

COLOURS OF DAY dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.

Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,

But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

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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;
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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