

Welcome and notices.

God is love
And those who live in love live in God
And God lives in them.

We come in worship to God.

We come in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God who comes to us in Christ
and who shares our lives.

We come with our faith and our doubts,
we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are **because it is God who invites us and we are welcome as his people.**

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THE KING IS AMONG US,

His Spirit is here,
Let's draw near and worship,
Let songs fill the air.

He looks down upon us,
Delight in His face,
Enjoying His children's love,
Enthralled by our praise.

For each child is special,
Accepted and loved,
A love gift from Jesus
To His Father above.

And now He is giving
His gifts to us all,

For no one is worthless
And each one is called.

The Spirit's anointing
On all flesh comes down,
And we shall be channels
For works like His own.

We come now believing
Your promise of power,
For we are Your people
And this is Your hour.

The King is among us,
His Spirit is here,
Let's draw near and worship,
Let songs fill the air.

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Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and
done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of
Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen**

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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.

God of all time and eternity in whose Christ our desires are known
and our longing shared, give us grace to learn your ways and to do
your will, that we may know your love for us and for your world.

Amen.

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DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND,

Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee,
Rise up and follow Thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love,
Interpreted by love.

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With that deep hush subduing all
 Our words and works that drown
 The tender whisper of Thy call,
 As noiseless let Thy blessing fall
 As fell Thy manna down,
 As fell Thy manna down.
 Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of Thy peace,
 The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and Thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
 O still small voice of calm,
 O still small voice of calm!

John G. Whittier.

Bible Reading: Judges 6:1-24

Talk

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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

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FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME,

Helpless babe,

Entered our world,

Your glory veiled;

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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
Surrendered.

So let us learn
How to serve,
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And in our lives
 Enthroned Him;
 Each other's needs
 To prefer,
 For it is Christ
 We're serving.

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God's spirit is leading us,
healing us, helping us.
 God's spirit brings us peace
for the past, for the present and for the future.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
 Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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.
 Father, you made the world and love your creation.
 You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
 His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
 And so we gladly thank you,
 with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
 made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life:
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
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gather us in your loving arms
 and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
 to feast at your table in heaven.
 Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
 for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's prayer

We break this bread remembering the brokenness of our lives and
 declaring our hope of wholeness, healing and peace in Christ.

By eating this bread we become one in this hope.

Through this wine we remember the pain and bloodshed of our
 world and declare our hope in the overflowing love of Christ.

By drinking this wine we become one in this hope.

We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light
 and life.**

Come to this table to meet the living God, love indestructible and
 beyond our imagining yet closer than our own breathing.

Come to this table to meet the risen Christ flesh of our flesh,
 bone of our bone, God with us and embodied in our living.

Come to this table and meet the life giving spirit, interrupting our
 search for truth and justice, breathing into us renewing power.

Come to find, to meet, to hold, the living God made real for us in
 bread and wine.

Thanks be to God.

Distribution

**Faithful God,
 in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
 made us members of the body of Christ
 and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
 we thank you that in this Eucharist
 you renew your promises within us,
 empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
 and send us out as disciples of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,

I have heard My people cry;
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 My hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 I will speak My word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,

If You lead me;

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain;
 I have wept for love of them –
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Give them hearts for love alone;
 I will speak My word to them.

Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them –
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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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