

Welcome and notices

We meet in the name of God:

God the Father,

God the Son,

God the Spirit:

God is one.

Holy God,

holy and strong,

holy and immortal:

have mercy on us.

Holy God,

holy and strong,

holy and immortal:

have mercy on us.

Silence

Eternal God, source of all blessing,

help us to worship you

with all our heart and mind and strength;

for you alone are God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

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MAJESTY, worship His majesty,

Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority,

Flow from His throne unto His own,

His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty,
 Jesus who died, now glorified,
 King of all kings.

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St Paul says

‘Be imitators of God;
 love as Christ loved;
 do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
 put away all anger and bitterness,
 all slander and malice.’

So let us confess our sins to God,
 who forgives us in Christ.

cf Ephesians 4.30 – 5.1

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

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THERE IS A REDEEMER,

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Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit—
Till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

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AS THE DEER pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
 Even though You are a King.
 I love You more than any other,
 So much more than anything.

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Bible readings: Matthew 16:13-20

Talk

Hymn: We Seek Your Kingdom

We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere
 We long for heaven's demonstration here
 Jesus your light shine bright from sea to sea
 Transform revive and heal society

Before all things in him all things were made
 Inspiring culture media and trade
 May all our work serve your economy
 Transform revive and heal society

Peace truth and justice reigning everywhere
 With us be present in our public square
 Fill all who lead with your integrity
 Transform revive and heal society

Forgive us Lord when we have not engaged
 Failing to scribe your heart on history's page
 Make us again what we were made to be
 Transform revive and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be
 Selfless in service loving constantly
 In everything may your authority
 Transform revive and heal society

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Let us declare our faith in God.

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

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

**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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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;

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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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Keep us, Father, in this community of faith,
the Church of your Son Jesus Christ,
and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord
in all we say and do.
We ask this in his name.

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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