

Christ Church with St Mary's

Sunday 21st December 2025

Informal Holy Communion

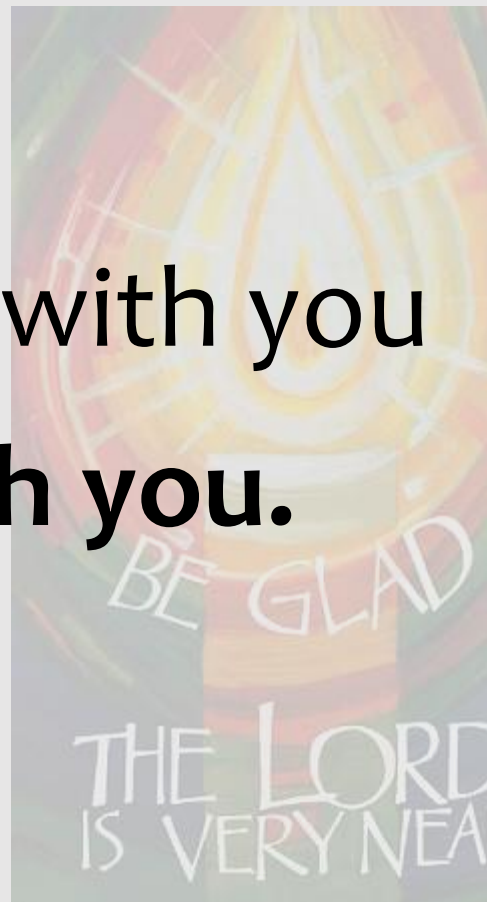
Theme: Immanuel -God is with us
whenever and whatever

We say together the words in **bold**



The Lady Chapel

The Lord be with you
and also with you.





Parish Bible verse
2025 - 2026

**Love never wrongs
anyone- hence love
is the fulfilment
of the law.**

Romans 13:10

A Prayer for Growth

**God of mission
who alone brings growth to your church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning
wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.
Help our Partnership of Churches to grow in numbers
in spiritual commitment to you
and in service to our Swindon community
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Fourth Advent Candle is lit.

Mary



Leader : We light this candle for all God-bearers,
saying 'yes' to God's challenge, accepting
the pain and joy of an unknown future.

**R : God, as we wait for your promise
Give Light, Give Hope**

Opening Sentences

The world belongs to the Lord
the earth and all its people.

How good and how lovely it is
to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together
justice and peace join hands.



**If the Lord's disciples keep silent,
these stones would shout aloud.**

**Lord, open our lips
and our mouths shall
proclaim your praise.**



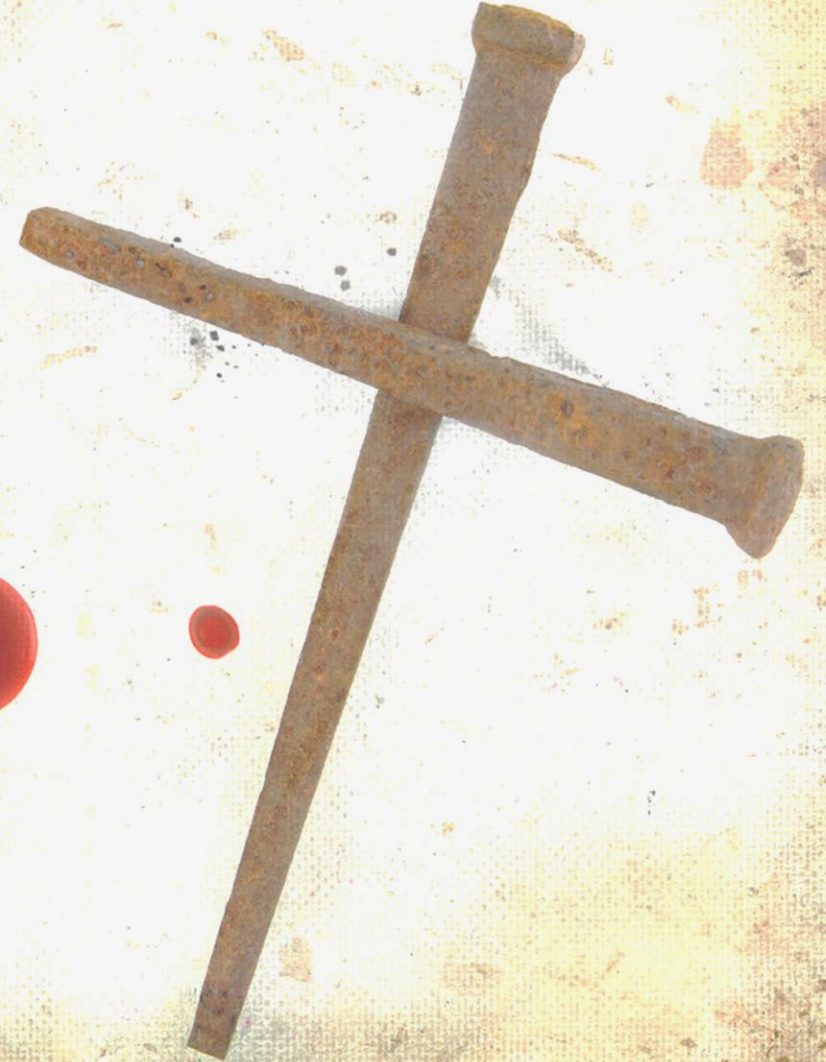
**¹In the darkness we were waiting
without hope without light
till from heaven you came running
there was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets
to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt.**



Chorus

**Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in One
God of glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the Kings of Kings**

**2 To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost
to redeem the whole creation
you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering
you saw to the other side
knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died.**



Chorus

**Praise the Father
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**3 And the morning that you rose
all of heaven held its breath
till that stone was moved for good
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs
and the angels stood in awe
for the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored.**



**4 And the Church of Christ was born
then the Spirit lit the flame
now this gospel truth of old
shall not kneel shall not faint.
By his blood and in his name
in his freedom I am free
for the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me.**



Chorus

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Offertory
and
thankyou
prayer



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A Traditional Christmas Eve Crib Service



Wednesday 24th Dec, 4pm

Prayer with the children



Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us turn to the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God, in the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of God's people, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you, cared for your world or respected your people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for your pardon.

Amen



Words of Forgiveness
May God forgive us,
Christ befriend us
and the Spirit renew
and change our lives.
Amen

Romans 1 : 1 - 7

This is the word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God



**All my days I will sing this song of gladness
give my praise to the Fountain of delights
for in my helplessness you heard my cry
and waves of mercy poured down on my life**





**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails
of sins forgiven of conscience cleansed
of death defeated and life without end**

Chorus

**Beautiful Saviour wonderful Counsellor
clothed in majesty Lord of history
you're the way the truth the life
Star of the morning glorious in holiness
you're the Risen One heaven's champion
and you reign you reign over all**





**3 I long to be where the praise is never-ending
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades
where countless worshippers will share one song
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb.**

Chorus

**Beautiful Saviour wonderful Counsellor
clothed in majesty Lord of history
you're the way the truth the life
Star of the morning glorious in holiness
you're the Risen One heaven's champion
and you reign you reign over all.**



Matthew 1 : 18 - 25

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R: Thanks be to God



Sermon- 'Immanuel- God with us whenever and whatever'

Prayers



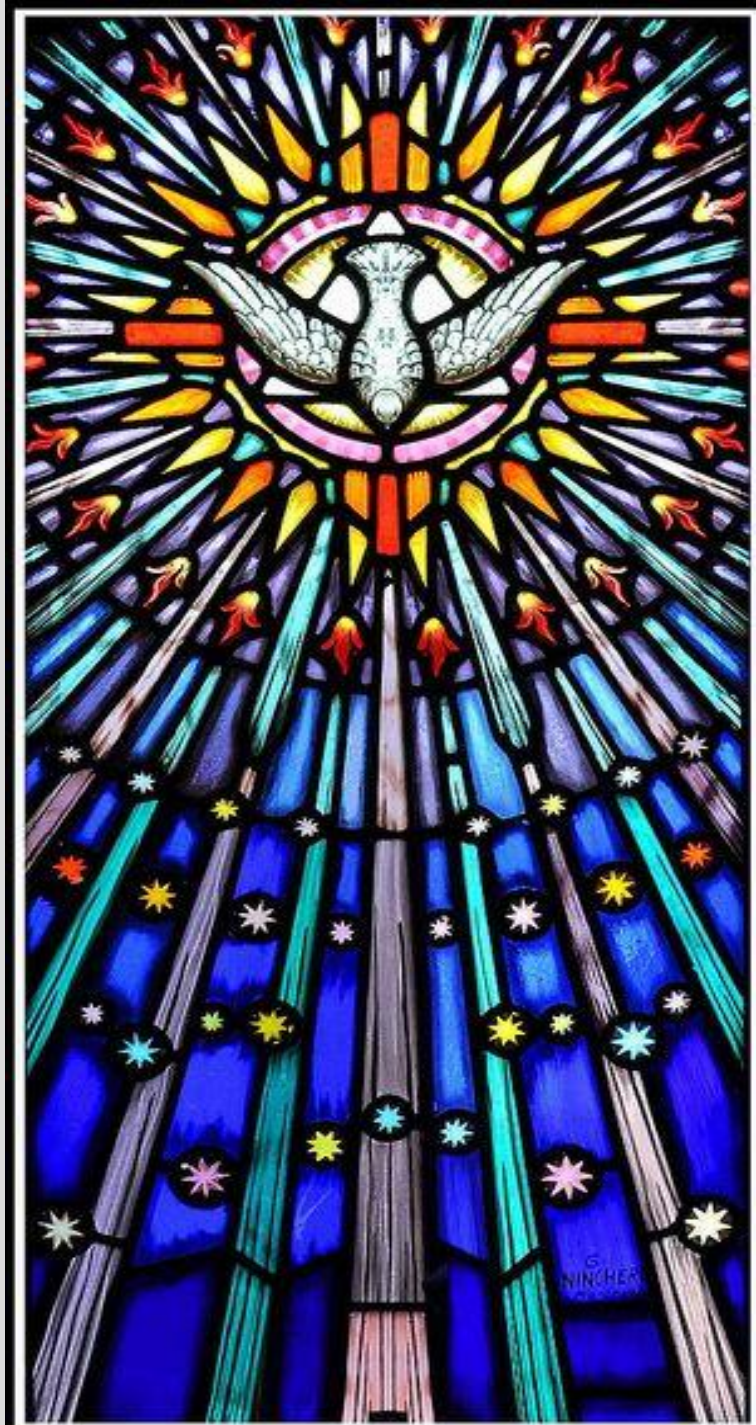
Final Response

**Merciful Father - Accept these prayers
for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord
be always with you

and also with you.



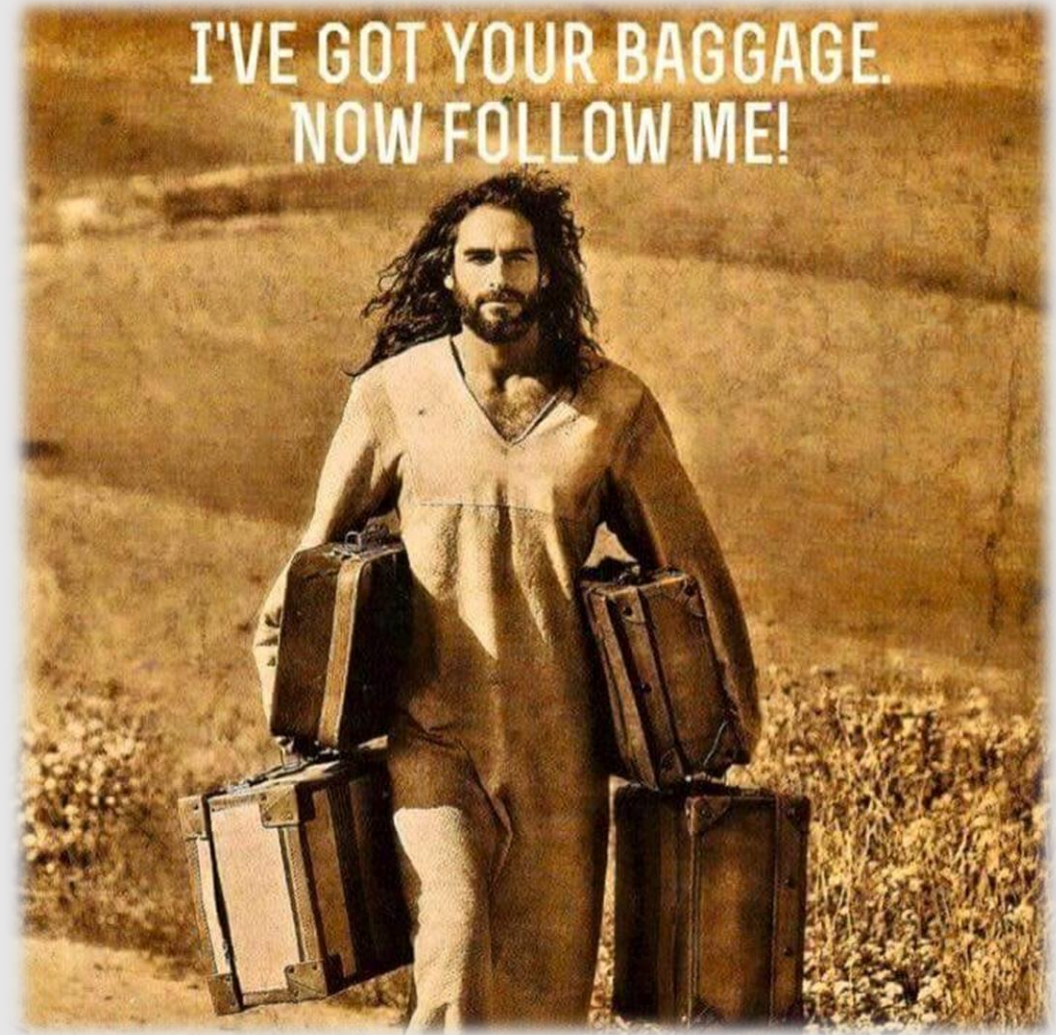
**¹Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
whose love is mighty and so much stronger
the King of Glory the King above all kings**



**²Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
the King of Glory the King above all kings**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
this is unfailing love
that you would take my place
that you would bear my cross
you laid down your life
that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all
that you've done for me**



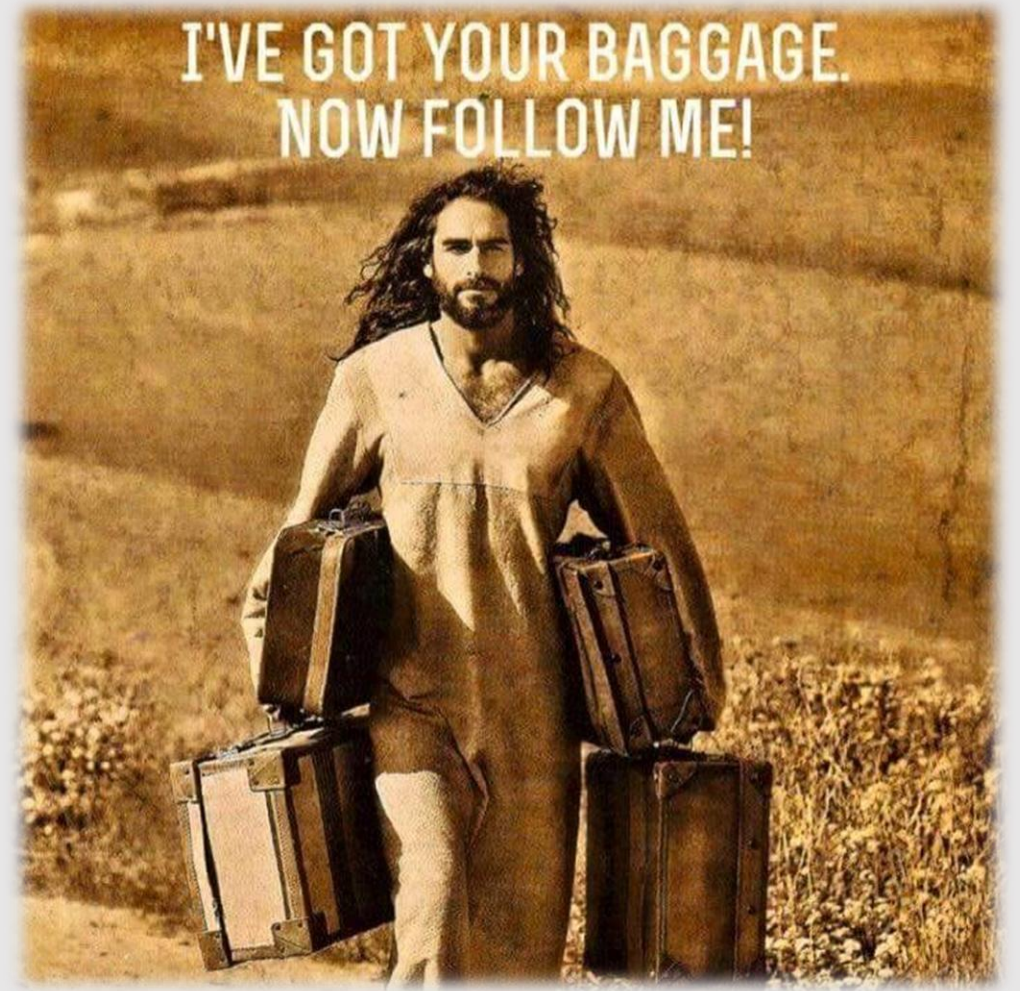
**3 Who brings our chaos back into order
who makes the orphan a son and daughter
the King of Glory the King of Glory**



**4 Who rules the nations with truth and justice
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
the King of Glory the King above all kings**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
this is unfailing love
that you would take my place
that you would bear my cross
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Oh Jesus I sing for all
that you've done for me**



Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
worthy is the King who conquered the grave
worthy is the Lamb who was slain
worthy is the King who conquered the grave
worthy is the Lamb who was slain
worthy is the King who conquered the grave
worthy is the Lamb who was slain
worthy worthy worthy**

Chorus

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The Communion Prayer

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 God
thanks and praise.**



O God of mystery and promise,
you invite us to discover you in the intimate
places of ourselves and our lives.

You invite us to discover you
within the complexities of our humanity.



You call us beyond ourselves
to places of imagination,
in the unending cycles of day and night,
seasons of life and death.



With all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.



Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you that in Jesus you make known
to us the wonder and richness of our humanity.

We give thanks for his life-giving love,
for his healing touch, for his vulnerability
and for his gentleness.

Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity,
his flesh and blood with his friends.

As we do now, what Jesus once did
let your Spirit move among us to settle on this
bread and this wine that they may become for us
the body and blood of Christ.



He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and said:



(together)

This is my body given for you.

Do this to remember me.

So too, after they had eaten, he took wine,
gave thanks for it and said:



(together)

**This is my blood, poured out in love for you.
Do this to remember me.**

So we proclaim the mystery of faith



Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Come now Spirit of God
and as we eat and drink these bodily things,
make us one body, food for the world,
one blood to be poured out for the life of all.
Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us
with longing for the new age of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus
who gave his body that we might be one
and his blood that we might find new life.

Amen



As Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.**

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



Together we say:

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

This is the table, not of the church, but of our Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him and for
those who want to love him more. So come you
who have much faith and you who have little.

With faith the
size of a...

NOTHING IS
IMPOSSIBLE.

Matthew 17:20



Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want to know him
should meet him here.



Receiving
the
bread and wine



¹ Jesus Christ

**I think upon your sacrifice
you became nothing
poured out to death.**

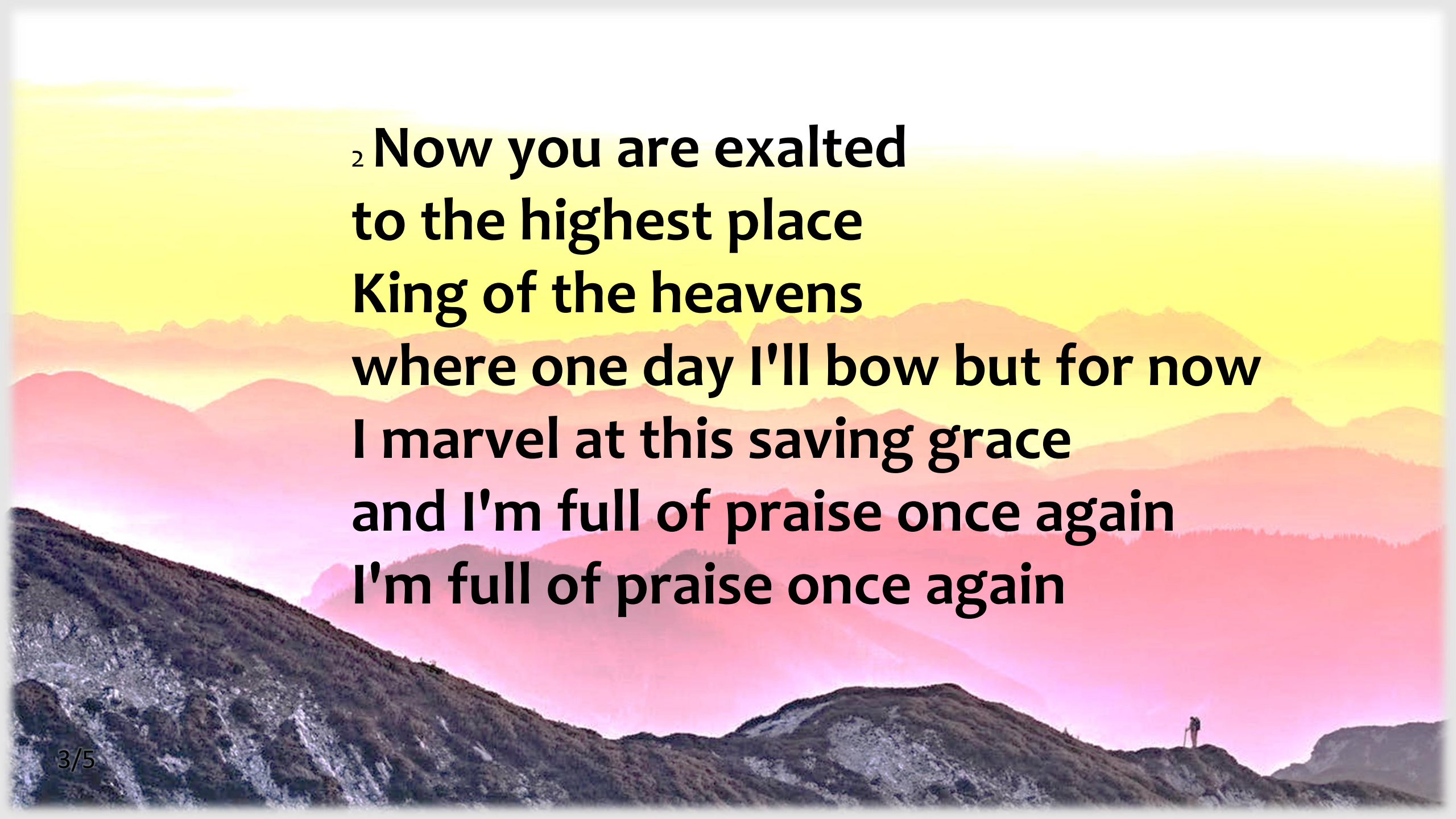
**Many times I've wondered
at your gift of life
and I'm in that place once again
I'm in that place once again.**



Chorus

**Once again
I look upon the cross
where you died.
I'm humbled by your mercy
and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you
once again I pour out my life.**





**² Now you are exalted
to the highest place
King of the heavens
where one day I'll bow but for now
I marvel at this saving grace
and I'm full of praise once again
I'm full of praise once again**

Chorus

**Once again
I look upon the cross
where you died.
I'm humbled by your mercy
and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you
once again I pour out my life.**



Bridge

**Thank you for the cross.
Thank you for the cross.
Thank you for the cross
my friend.**





**I have heard so many songs
listened to a thousand tongues
but there is one that sounds above them all.
The Father's song, the Father's love
you sung it over me and for eternity
it's written on my heart.**

Chorus

**Heaven's perfect melody
the Creator's symphony
you are singing over me
the Father's song.**

**Heaven's perfect mystery
the King of Love has sent for me
and now you're singing over me
the Father's song.**



Receiving
the
bread and wine



After communion:

Let us pray

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have
put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew us and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be through you,
still awaits us.**

Lead us on. Take us with you.



Amen.

Now may the Spirit of God who brooded over the waters and brought order out of chaos



find a home in our hearts and settle our minds
as we continue today and that tomorrow
we may wake and live to God's glory.

Amen.

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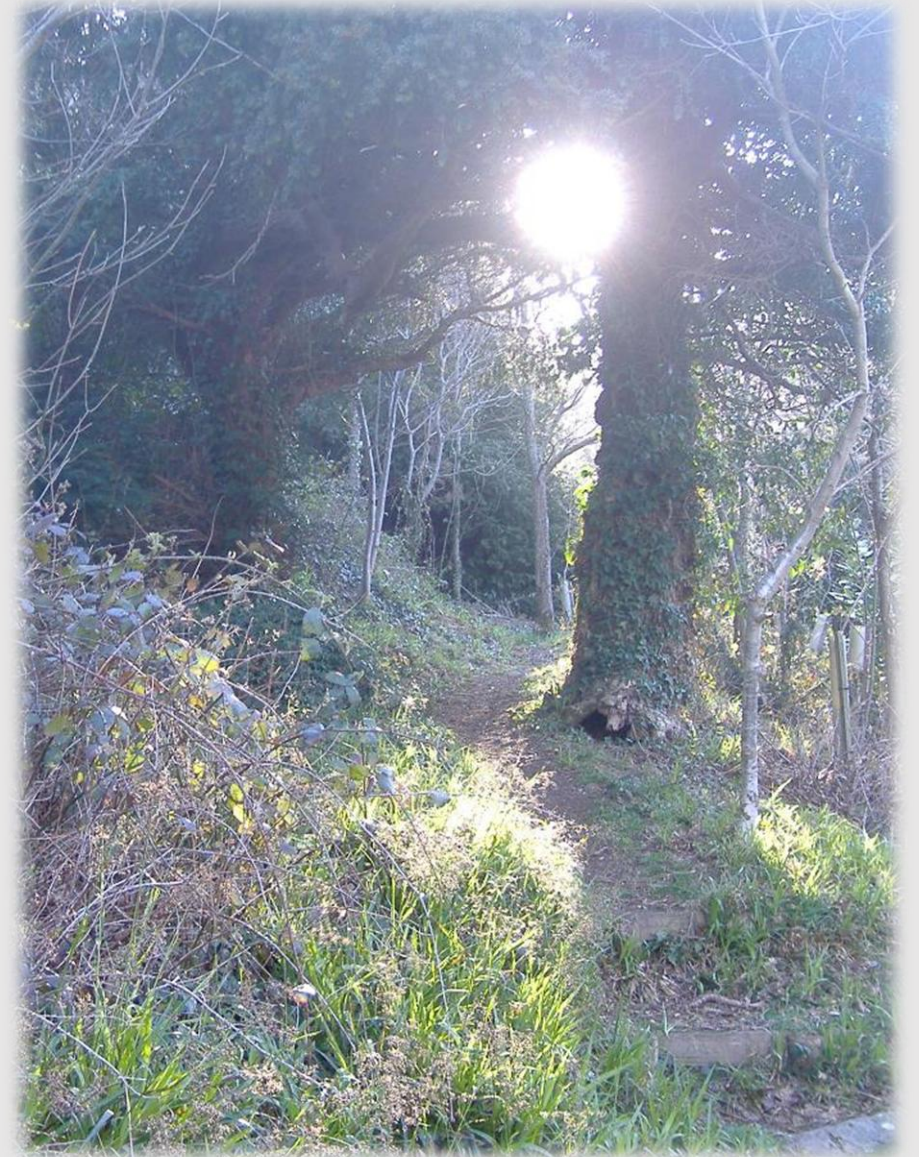
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Chorus

**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**



**1 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
let me be singing
when the evening comes.**



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**



**²You'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.**



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**



**3 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.**



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.....**



**Worship your holy name
Lord I'll worship your holy name.**

Go out into the world in peace,
have courage, hold on to what is good
return no one evil for evil
strengthen the faint hearted
support the weak, help the suffering,
honour everyone, love and serve God
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

The Blessing

