

Preparation Song

Hide me now under Your wings.

Cover me within Your mighty hand.

When the oceans rise and thunders roar,

I will soar with You above the storm.

Father, You are King over the flood;

I will be still and know You are God.

Find rest, my soul, in Christ alone.

Know His power in quietness and trust.

Call to worship

'And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.'

(Isaiah 56:6-7)

Opening prayer

Gracious God, we come rejoicing in your presence, for your love is stronger than death, your mercy reaches from the heavens to the very depths, and your kindness is seen in your grace in Jesus our Lord. We praise your holy name! Amen.

Confession

We come with humble hearts before you, Lord, and confess our sins.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may

do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May God our Father forgive us our sins, and bring us to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever.

Amen.

Opening Song

Here I am and I have come

To thank You, Lord, for all You've done;

Thank You, Lord.

You paid the price at Calvary,

You shed Your blood, You set me free;

Thank You, Lord.

No greater love was ever shown,

No better life ever was laid down.

And I will always love Your name;

And I will always sing Your praise.

(Repeat)

You took my sin, You took my shame,

You drank my cup, You bore my pain;

Thank You, Lord.

You broke the curse, You broke the chains,

In victory from death You rose again;

Thank You, Lord.

And not by works, but by Your grace

You clothe me now in Your

righteousness.

And I will always love Your name;

And I will always sing Your praise.

(Repeat)

You bid me come, You make me whole,

You give me peace, You restore my soul;

Thank You, Lord.

You fill me up, and when I'm full,

You give me more till I overflow; Thank

You, Lord.

You're making me to be like You,

To do the works of the Father, too.

Book Review: I dared to call him Father
By Bilquis Sheikh

Reading: John 2:13-16 (NIV)

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!'

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Christ, the Original Disrupter

Mike Acaster

What has challenged or encouraged you in the teaching from God's Word today? What will you take away from this and into the coming week?

Prayers of intercession

Loving God, we pray for your church at this time. We pray for wisdom and courage for our church leaders; wisdom to know the direction you are leading us by your Spirit, and the courage to follow you in that way. Forgive us for desiring the form of worship more than we desire you. Free us to worship you and focus on your ways of love and mercy.

Loving God, we continue to pray for this nation during the pandemic. We pray for those who are unwell and are still self-isolating. May the rate of infection stay low

so that people can start to see the way ahead and not live in fear. We pray also for other nations where the virus is spreading. May those in authority, who are tasked with making life-changing decisions, have godly wisdom and compassion. May they not be driven by self-interest or greed.

Loving God, thank you that in a world in despair, you are our hope. Help us to remain true to you with all our hearts. In this season, where some are reaching out for you, draw us to those people and give to each one of us the ability and desire to speak your word.

Loving God, we pray for all those who have lost loved ones. We pray for Christine McGrath and her sister-in-law Anna following the death of her brother Tony. Be with the family and all who have lost loved ones at this time. Comfort them with the closeness of your presence. All these things we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Communion Song

**Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us – He is with us;
Break the bread, drink the wine –
Christ is with us here.**

**Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us – He is with us;
Know His grace, find His peace –
Feast on Jesus here.**

***In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life forever;
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.***

**Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us – He is with us;
We'll proclaim, till He comes –
Jesus crucified.**



Holy Communion

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.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give You thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ the King of glory.

Born of a woman, He came to the rescue of our human race. Dying for us, He trampled death and conquered sin.

By the glory of His resurrection He opened the way to life eternal and by His ascension, gave us the sure hope that where He is we may also be. Therefore the universe resounds with joy and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, and after he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me'

After supper he took the cup and gave it to them saying, 'This is the cup of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Lord, send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break may be for us the Body of

Christ, and the cup we share may be for us the Blood of Christ. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you, and be welcomed at your eternal feast where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Giving of Communion

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life
The Blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.



Closing song

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

Let me be singing

When the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul...

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul...

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul...

Closing prayer and blessing

Now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and all whom you love, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.