

BE STILL AND KNOW GOD

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently
for Him to act.

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Welcome & call to worship

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,



so my ways are higher than
your ways and my thoughts
higher than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 55:8-10



Opening songs

- Strength Will Rise
- Standing In Your Presence
- To Be In Your Presence



Strength will rise

**Strength will rise as we wait
upon the Lord**

We will wait upon the Lord,

We will wait upon you Lord

(repeat)



**Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong
deliverer**



**You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You will not faint,
You won't grow weary**



**You're the defender of the
weak**

You comfort those in need

**You lift us up on wings
like eagles**

Standing in your presence



**Standing in Your presence,
Lord, my heart and life
are changed;
Just to love You and to live to
See Your beauty and Your
grace.**



**Heaven and earth cry out
Your name,
Nations rise up and see
Your face;
And Your kingdom is
established
As I live to know You more.**



**Now I will never be the same;
Spirit of God, my life You've
changed,
And I'll forever sing Your
praise.**

**I live to know You Lord,
I live to know You Lord.**



**You've called me, I will
follow;
Your will for me I'm sure.
Let Your heartbeat be my
heart's cry,
Let me live to serve Your call.**



**Heaven and earth cry out
Your name,
Nations rise up and see
Your face;
And Your kingdom is
established
As I live to know You more.**



**Now I will never be the same;
Spirit of God, my life You've
changed,
And I'll forever sing Your
praise.
I live to know You, Lord.
I live to know You, Lord.**



To be in Your presence



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**To be in Your presence,
To sit at Your feet,
Where Your love surrounds
me
And makes me complete.**



**This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.**



**To rest in Your presence,
Not rushing away,
To cherish each moment,
Here I would stay.**



**This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.**

Opening prayer

God of Peace, who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in



the midst of the storm. O still,
small voice, speak to us this
hour that we might become
makers of Your peace in our
homes, in our communities, and
in our world.



We pray all this in the name of
the One who calmed the
raging sea: Jesus, our Lord,
our Saviour and our Friend, .
Amen.



Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole



**heart; we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves. We
are truly sorry and we humbly
repent.**

**For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ, have mercy on**



**us and forgive us; that we
may delight in your will, and
walk in your ways, to the
glory of your name. Amen.**



Assurance of pardon

God is merciful and kind; slow to anger and abounding in love. Hear now His gracious words of pardon. 'Your sins are forgiven.' Receive His gift of forgiveness and be at peace. **Amen.**



Notices & sharing time



Offertory hymn

Be Still For The Presence Of The
Lord



**Be still for the presence of
the Lord**



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**Be still for the presence of
the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear**



**In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence
of the Lord
The Holy One is here**



**Be still for the glory of
the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is
crowned:**



**How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light!
Be still for the glory
of the Lord
Is shining all around.**



**Be still for the power of
the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and
heal,
To minister His grace**



**No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power
of the Lord
Is moving in this place.**

Offertory prayer

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this community. We ask this through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ who gave all that He was that we might know life in all its fullness. **Amen.**



Prayer for Sunday Club

Lord Jesus, you grew up and know what it is to belong to a family and a community. We pray that our children here may know your love and the love of their church family, that they may grow in faith and love in Sunday Club today.



Bless them and all those you
have raised up to guide them
on their journeys of faith.

Amen.



Reading

Luke 10: 38 – 42

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Reflection

Don't do something – just sit there!



Prayers of intercession



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.**



Song before communion

Dear Lord And Father



**Dear Lord and Father
of mankind**



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**Dear Lord and Father of
mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways
Re-clothe us in our
rightful mind;**



**In purer lives Thy service
find,
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.**



**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to
share with Thee**



**The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**



**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.**



**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!**

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in His name and share in His peace. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us share with one another a sign of peace.



Holy Communion

When we share the cup of the Lord and break bread together, we express our common participation in the benefits of Jesus' death for us. Thus, we should examine ourselves before we eat the bread and drink the cup,



confessing our sins to God,
acknowledging the need to
care for one another, and
renewing our trust in the
sacrifice of the Lord Jesus.



As we prepare to gather around the Lord 's Table let us take a few moments of silence to clear our hearts and our minds and remember why we do this.

We come to this table not because we must, but because



we may. We come not because we are strong, but because we are weak. We come not because we have perfect faith, but because we have questions and even doubts. But we come



nonetheless because Jesus invites us to come and we will never be turned away.

We read in Scripture that on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke



it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the



new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.'



Prayer before communion

Lord, as we take this bread, we remember that you are the bread of life. You feed and nourish us, mind, body and soul. As we break bread may we feel your love enfold



May the rising of the bread recall to mind your resurrection and the grace you brought us from the Father.

As we pour out the cup may we remember you are the giver of life. We give thanks that you



came and poured out your life
on the cross that we might be
saved. **Amen**



Distribution of bread & wine

Please retain the bread and the cup so that we may all eat together.

The body of Christ given for you keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



Prayer after communion

Gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.



You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and



**that our love may be your
love reaching out into the
life of the world, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



Closing song

O Jesus, I have promised



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**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be Thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend.**



**I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the
pathway if Thou wilt be
my guide.**



**O let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;**



**My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.**



**O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of
passion,
The murmurs of self-will;**



**O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**



**O Jesus, Thou hast promised,
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;**



**And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my friend.**



**O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone;**



**O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive
me,
My Saviour and my friend!**

Closing prayer & blessing

Great God and Lord of all, we give ourselves to you, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your eternal kingdom. May we walk in humility before you;



listen to the tender whisper of
your word; and know the truth of
your sovereignty over all our
lives; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.



And the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit be among
you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve
and share the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen.

