

Sunday Morning Service



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Welcome

Prayer

Lord God,
Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name.
We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and
thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers.
Come among us, living Lord.
Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and
minds so that we may recognize Your presence,
hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

Song: Lord I lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high
Lord, I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us
You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on High

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Song: The Power of your Love

Lord I come to you,
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in you
And, Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of your love

**Hold me close, let your love surround me,
Bring me near, draw me to your side
And as I wait, I'll rise up like an eagle
And I will soar with you
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of your love**

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see you face to face
The knowledge of your love, as you live in me
Lord renew my mind
As your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
In the power of your love

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Bible Reading: Ruth 1:6-22

⁶ Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had had consideration for his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' ¹¹ But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you,

because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.’ ¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ So she said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’ ¹⁶ But Ruth said, ‘Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well if even death parts me from you’

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, ‘Is this Naomi?’ ²⁰ She said to them,

‘Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara,
for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.

²¹ I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the LORD has dealt harshly with me, and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?’

²² So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

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Message

Song: Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save

**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, who made the stars or night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light 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

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Thanks for the Offering

In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days,
may we not grow weary of doing what is right,
but commit to speaking up for the voiceless,
healing the broken, feeding the hungry,
and all those mercies which are such a part of your heart
and hopes for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

In penitence and faith let us confess our sins to Almighty God
Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness
of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of forgiveness

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him
in faith, pardon us and set us free from all our sins, strengthen us to
do his will, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers for the Church and our World

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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
Are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God,

We thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for, so that all your creatures may
enjoy its bounty. Lord our God

We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that when we turned away from you, You sent Jesus to
live and work as one of us and bring us back to you. He showed us
how to love you and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away all our sin,

All that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,

We give you thanks and praise

And so with everyone who believes in you,
With all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise you, saying:
Holy holy holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine;
May we who receive them, as Jesus said,
share the body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take and
eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup
with them and said, "This is my blood poured out so that sins may be
forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:
Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you
have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and
ever. Amen.**

Prayers

Living God, In this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
Which we have known in word and sacrament,
Continue your saving work among us,
Give us courage for our pilgrimage,
And bring us to the joys you promise.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

Notices

Song: You're the Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain
You ascended to heaven, and ever more will reign
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You, and the eyes of all men
Will be fixed on the Lamb who was crucified
With wisdom and mercy and justice, You'll reign at Your Father's side

**And the angels will cry hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world rule in pow'r
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign
As the King of all kings, and the Lord of all Lords."**

There's a shield in our hand, and a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits, that cannot be denied
'Cause the Father has told us for these You have died
For the nations who gather before You
And the ears of all men, need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified, who descended to hell,
Yet was raised up to reign, at His Father's side.

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The Blessing