

Welcome Prayer

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Opening Prayer Opening Reading

We have come together as the family of God in our Maker's presence to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear the Spirit's holy word, to bring before God the needs of the world, to ask forgiveness for our sins, to receive Holy Communion, and to seek God's grace, that through Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to God's good work in the world. Amen.

Call to Worship

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Scripture Reading/Be Thou My Vision: John 1:14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for my fight,
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r.
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

*This is Gods word for us.
Thanks be to God.*

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns son,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Prayer of Illumination

Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. Holy spirit, shift our gaze to behold your glory. Guide us, by your word and spirit that we may behold your glory, and in your truth find peace. Living god, help us to hear your holy word with open hearts so that we may understand, and believe and believing that we may follow in faith and obedience.

Moment of Reflection

Song in Response

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty
without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7:7-17

In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'" In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

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Homily

Prayer of Reflection

Father, Son and Holy Spirit ... You are a God of both infinite glory and matchless grace. Spirit we feel you moving among us, in that same matchless grace - turn each of us inward to the stirrings in our hearts. Reveal your mighty truths, call us to repentance, unveil our eyes to your beauty and move us to action for the glory of your name. Amen.

Song in Response

Wrench my soul free from thirsts
For lower things, frivolous thrills,
wrench my soul

Flood my soul, 'whelming fount
Abundantly fill with passionate fire,
flood my soul

Keep my days for Your glory
Secure my heart for Your ways

Stir my soul, boundless Light
To humbly display Your radiant love.
Stir my soul

Set my gaze to the Kingdom
Ignite my love for Your Name

I cling to You oh Lord of all,
strong Deliverer
All my life is Yours
Surrender everything I am to You,
my only hope
All my life is Yours

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Confession

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By what we have done, and what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbors as our selves;

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

Because 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.

Time of Reflection

Before the Throne of God

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt with - in
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me

One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my savior and my God.
Hallelujah, praise the One, risen Son of God!

Assurance

*While it is true that we have sinned,
It is a greater truth that we are forgiven
Through God's mighty grace in Christ Jesus*

*To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
In Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven!*

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Communion

Song in Response

Look what God has done	Look what God has done	Look at Jesus Christ
He redeemed us with His blood	Through His sacrifice we're one	He redeems his precious bride
We were lost and dead in sin	Sinners unified by grace	By his costly sacrifice
He came for us	Bound together	We're invited
Look what God has done	Look what God has done	See the wisdom of his ways
He adopted us in love	By His Spirit through His Son	In the mystery of grace
We were orphans without hope	By the power of His hand	Every age and every race
Now His children	He is Sending	We're united

Who are we that He would save us
Who are we that He would send us

To God be glory	Lift your hands and praise Him
Through Christ our Savior's church	See His great compassion
Through all generations	See his mercy for us
To God be glory	Raise your voice, and thank Him
Through Christ our Savior's work	See the church he's building
Forever and ever	See the lost he's saving

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Final Word

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song in Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here be-low;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Sending

Church, go and reflect the kingdom of Glory and grace. Let new creation burst forth and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Amen.

