

Call To Worship

God touches the world, and the world changes.

God touches us,
and we are transformed.

In the brightest of day,
in the deepest of night,
on mountain,
in valley, everywhere.

In this time, together, we invite God
to open our eyes to the transformation
of our lives.

And through the change –
we worship God. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Awe-inspiring God, we gather together to
praise you for your tender compassion and
care of needy people. Come, all who seek the
Lord God, offer your prayers. Listening God,
we gather to revere and honor our your
supportive concern for people who cry to you
for help. People of every nation are called to
gather together to worship God, in
thankfulness for God's loving mercies.
Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your
worship. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Benevolent God, you see those who are
hungry, poor and marginalized,
who too often we overlook.
You recognize their humanity and their
suffering, and promise to overthrow the
rejection they encounter in our world.
Help us be part of that transformation.
Take our gifts to feed the hungry and sustain
the poor. Multiply our gifts to erase the
margins of our society, embracing us all in
Your inclusive love. Amen

Closing Prayer

Go now, and live before God in openness and
integrity. Set your minds on the ways of God,
not clinging to your own life, but taking up your
cross and following Jesus.
And may God give you a share in the eternal
covenant; May Christ Jesus be proud of you when
he comes in glory;
And may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in
faith and lead you in the ways of righteousness.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Summons

1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your
name?

Will you go where you don't know and never
be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
name be known, will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call
your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be
the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life
attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you
in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your
name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be
the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as
this unseen,

And admit to what I mean in you and you in
me?

4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the
same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape
the world around, through my sight and touch
and sound in you and you in me?

5 Lord your summons echoes true when you
but call my name!

Let me turn and follow you and never be the
same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and
footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and
you in me.

Open Our Eyes

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see
Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say
that we love him.

2. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to
listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see
Jesus.

Scripture

Genesis 17:1-16

Mark 8:31-38

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
[Refrain]

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
[Refrain]

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

Spirit Song

1. Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His
Spirit and His love let Him fill your heart and
satisfy your soul.

Oh let Him have those things that hold you
and His Spirit like a dove will descend upon
your life and make you whole.

Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs.

2. Oh come and sing the song of gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy lift your
hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness give
Him all your years of pain and you'll enter into
life in Jesus' name.

Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs.

Lord of the Dance

1. I danced in the morning when the world
was begun, and I danced in the moon and the
stars and the sun, and I came down from
heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

[Refrain:]

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not
follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for
James and John; they came to me and the
dance went on. [Refrain]

3 I danced on the sabbath when I cured the
lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung
me high; and they left me there on a cross to
die. [Refrain]

4 I danced on a Friday and the sky turned
black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your
back; they buried my body and they thought
I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.
[Refrain]

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD