

Call to Worship

Come, sing and dance before the Lord.
Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

Let every soul sing God's praises!
Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!
Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.
Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us.
Amen.

Opening Prayer

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today.

You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it.

You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving.

Let our spirits soar!
Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love.

We celebrate your love and presence with us and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. Amen.

Offering

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future.

Sometimes we find your call challenging.
We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present.

May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Children of God, go forth dancing, singing, and praising.

Dance joy into sorrowful places!
Sing hope into places of despair!
Praise God this day and always!

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

**3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.**

**5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.**

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.



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:)

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

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, And they left me there on a Cross to die. [Refrain]

4. I danced on a Friday when 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]

Refrain:

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

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord

1. Gentile or Jew, Servant or free,
Woman or man, No more

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord

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

Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for all those who having served you well, now rest from their labors.

We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us. Today we give thanks for those who have moved on and entered into glory. We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice for them "all is well, and all manner of things will be well."

God of Jesus and our God, mindful of all those choice souls who have gone on ahead of us, teach us, every disciple of every race and place, to follow their example to the best of our ability: to feed the poor in body or spirit, to support and comfort the mourners and the repentant, to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises, to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, to cherish and learn from the merciful, to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.

Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, and to know we are to be your saints neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength but simply by the call and the healing holiness of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen!