

Call to Worship

Let us worship the One who calls us.

Here we are, ready or not, called by the One who lived and died and rose to live again among us.

Here we are, ready or not, bringing our everyday selves to praise and to pray, to know the Holy One in the midst of our lives.

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Opening Prayer

You speak in unexpected places, and with unexpected voices, God. And we aren't always sure how to listen. We aren't always sure who to listen to. We aren't always sure if we're really hearing you. Be blunt with us, please. Be clear. Give us the challenge of loving you, of loving the other, of loving ourselves. And help us to live it out! Because you are God who loves us all, even when we don't know where to turn. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen!

Offering Prayer:

Most generous God: with thankful hearts we rejoice in your goodness towards us and in the many blessings that we receive each day.

In love you provide for your people's needs and you accompany us along the way.

We give you our thanks for the physical gifts that sustain us and for the added blessings which make life more joyful and full.

We rejoice that you freely pour out the perfume of your love, even though we are not worthy to receive it.

We are thankful for those who have been bountiful towards us, giving of their time, their skills and their love.

As a token of our gladness, may we also bless others, being generous with all that you have bestowed. Amen!



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Closing Prayer

Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord and follow wherever it leads. Do not be dominated by anything. Allow no room within yourselves for deceit, but offer yourselves as a temple for the Holy Spirit.

And may God be with you and speak through you; May Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life; And may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy.

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

Gather Us In

- 1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.**

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.

Scriptures

1 Samuel 3:1-20
John 1:43-51

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have decided to follow Jesus;
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No turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

Be Thou My Vision

1. 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.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Great God of heaven my victory won, may I
reach heaven's joy, O bright heavens Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still
be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.
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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.
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For I know
the plans I have
for you,
declares the LORD,
plans for welfare
and not for evil,
to give you a future
and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11