

### Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you and praise your name.

**In perfect faithfulness you have done  
marvelous things, things planned long ago.**

You have been a refuge for the poor,  
a refuge for the needy in their distress.

You are a shelter from the storm and a shade  
from the heat.

**O Lord, you are my God.**

**I will exalt you and praise your name  
forever.**

### Opening Prayer

Loving Shepherd,  
you know our names;  
you care for us.

**When we face darkness and death,  
walk beside us.**

**When we hunger for your love,  
fill us with your presence.**

**When we are fearful,  
feed us at your table.**

**May we dwell in the house of goodness and  
mercy**

**all the days of our lives. Amen.**

### Offering

God of love,  
you abide with us;

you provide for all our needs  
and guide us in your ways.

Out of gratitude for your care,  
we bring our gifts before you.

Use them for your work of caring,  
that all may feast at the table of abundance,

walk without fear,

and drink deeply

from the cup of compassion. Amen

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### Closing Prayer

Go forth, strengthened to do the work of Christ,  
standing in the gap,  
extending the invitation to the eternal banquet,  
rejoicing in God.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone  
and don't worry about anything.

The God who created you,  
the Christ who redeems you  
and the Spirit who empowers you  
is with you today and ever more.

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

### Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart  
and soul and voice; give ye heed to what  
we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born  
today!**

**Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the  
manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is  
born today!**

**2 Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart  
and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless  
bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born  
for this!**

**He hath opened the heaven's door, and ye  
are blest forevermore. Christ was born for  
this, Christ was born for this!**

**3 Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart  
and soul and voice; now ye need not fear  
the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was  
born to save!**

**Calls you one and calls you all to gain his  
everlasting hall. Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save!**

### Open Our Eyes

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

**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.**

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus**

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

## Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of  
prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of  
prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of  
prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

## Spirit Song

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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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

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