

18th July, 2021 9:00am Traditional Worship

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Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Responsive Call to Worship

Come all people! We gather to worship together.

Here? Are you sure?

God calls to us. The Lord is with us, here, in this space.

God greets us where we are, in a covenant of love.

God travels with us because God loves us.

God loves us because we are God's children.

God is with us wherever we are.

Let us greet each other in the Name of the Lord.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

We sing: Praise with joy the world's creator

1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

2. Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence -
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
foolishness none dare deride

4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we are sorry that we do not focus on what is important in your sight

In our busyness, we worry over such small details

that take us away from the beauty of the life you offer us in following Jesus your Son.

We are sorry that we miss your signs of love.

We are sorry that we often do not hear your calling voice or feel your healing touch.

Hold us now in this moment of silence.

Silent prayer

Enable us, by your grace to have repentant hearts,

to seek your ways and, in all things to follow the ways of Jesus

in whose name we pray.

Amen

Declaration of God's grace

Bible reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1 – 14a;

Psalm 89: 20 – 37

²⁰I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

²¹**my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.**

²²The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

²³**I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.**

²⁴My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

²⁵**I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.**

²⁶He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

²⁷**I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.**

²⁸Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

²⁹**I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.**

³⁰If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

³¹**if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,**

³²then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

³³**but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.**

³⁴I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

³⁵**Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.**

³⁶His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

³⁷**It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies."**

We sing: God is our strength and refuge (to the tune of the Dam Busters March)

1. God is our strength and refuge,
Our present help in trouble,
And therefore we will not fear,
Though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
Though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts
Is with us evermore!!

2. There is a flowing river
Within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her:
She shall not be moved!

God's help is swiftly given,
Thrones vanish at his presence:
God the Lord of hosts
Is with us evermore!

3. Come see the works of our maker,
Learn of his deeds all-powerful:
Wars will cease across the world
When he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
Uplift him in the nations:
God the Lord of hosts
Is with us evermore!

Bible readings: Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon:

We sing: Brother, sister, let me serve you (TiS 650)

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Offering Prayer

Notices and sharing;

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your
name, your kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us
today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and
forever. Amen.

Prayer

We sing: I want to walk as a child of the light (TiS 643)

1. I want to walk as a child of the light,
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give
light to the world:
the star of my life is Jesus.

2. I want to see the bright-ness of God,
I want to look at Jesus;
clear sun of righteousness,
shine on my path and show me
the way to the Father.

Chorus

In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Blessing

We sing: Shalom to you now (TiS 778)

1. Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom,
Christ be your shalom.