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## **GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP**

O God, open our lips;  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

### *Psalm 149*

- 1 Praise the Lord!  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the  
faithful.
- 2 Let Israel be glad in its Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and  
lyre.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his  
people; he adorns the humble with  
victory.
- 5 Let the faithful exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their couches.  
Praise the Lord!  
NRSV

## Hymn: TIS 161 Tell out my soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3E7QWLyDWe8>

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart  
rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has  
done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm in his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for  
evermore!

Tune: Woodlands 10 10.10 10  
Timothy Dudley-Smith

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God;  
you brought life out of death  
and hope from despair  
when you raised our Lord from the grave.  
Your Spirit ignites our hearts  
with baptismal fire;  
you raise us with Christ in newness of life,  
inviting us to reflect his glory for ever.  
**Blessed is God's holy name.**

## **WE CONFESS OUR SINS:**

We place our trust in God:  
We confess our sins.  
We acknowledge we have failed to obey the call of  
Jesus  
to love God and one another with our whole  
being;  
and we remember God reaches out to us  
with healing and reconciliation.

**Silence**



Let us pray:

God of all mercy,  
give us grace today to make a fresh start.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbour as ourselves.  
As we hope to be forgiven,  
teach us how to forgive;  
and lead us forward in a new life  
where neither grudges  
nor resentment have a part;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Those who are in Christ are a new creation;  
everything old has passed away;  
see, the new has come!  
All this is from God,  
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.  
[2 Corinthians 5:17-18](#)

Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:  
'Your sins are forgiven'. [Mark 2:5](#)  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **WE WAIT ON GOD'S WORD**

O God, you speak to us with the mouth of mercy.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
that your Word may take root  
in the secret places of our hearts  
and bear much fruit to your glory. Amen.

## **Romans 13:8-14          Biju**

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

(NRSV)

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

**Cheryl**

<sup>15</sup> “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” NRSV

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Rev Keith**

## Hymn: Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYlQw8w2TEw>

1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his voice is sounding,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me':
2. As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying,  
'Christian, love me more.'
4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
'Christian, love me more than these.'
5. Jesus calls us! By your mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.



## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

May our gifts go forth into our world, so that where people hunger, they may be fed; where there is war, peace might be welcomed; where families are broken, they made be made whole. Then others will be as blessed as we have been by your love, grace, and compassion. In Jesus' name, we offer our gifts and this prayer of gratitude. Amen.

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## **WE RESPOND IN PRAYER FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES**

**Jan**

We believe, O Trinity of Love,  
that you are drawing us into your dance of life.  
You fill us with the Holy Spirit  
and call us to share in Christ's ministry –  
living and praying for the world day and night  
until all people come to believe  
that the grave has lost its sting,  
and that the victory belongs to Jesus Christ.

For your Church in every place:  
that our worship, witness and service  
might faithfully give glory and honour to our God,  
one in holy trinity.

**Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.**

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the care of the earth:  
that the whole creation might through its very  
existence  
shout with delight...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
For reconciliation and justice:  
that those whose bonds have been broken  
might reach out to those yet in darkness...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
For those who lead your people  
and those who are taking new steps in faith:  
that they may grow in grace, hope and love...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
For ourselves:  
that we might reclaim the gift of resurrection life  
and recommit ourselves to you...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us as we gather with your people.  
Help us to use the gifts we have been given  
for the wellbeing of Christ's Body,  
that your life and grace may shine  
through all that we are and do. Amen.

Our Father...

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## **GOD SENDS US OUT**

**Hymn:** Go forth in his name. (Graham Kendrick)

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1. We are his children, the fruit of his suffering,  
saved and redeemed by his blood;  
called to be holy, a light to the nations,  
clothed with his power, filled with his love.

Chorus x2

Go forth in his name,  
proclaiming "Jesus reigns!"  
Now is the time for the church to arise  
and proclaim him,  
"Jesus, Saviour, Redeemer and Lord!"

2. Countless the souls that are stumbling in  
darkness;  
why do we sleep in the light?  
Jesus commands us to go make disciples;  
this is our cause, this is the fight. Chorus
3. Listen, the wind of the Spirit is blowing,  
the end of the age is so near;  
powers in the earth and the heavens are  
shaking,  
Jesus our Lord soon shall appear! Chorus

Jesus is Lord!  
Jesus is Lord!  
Jesus is Lord!

## **BLESSINGS and SENDING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**