

Prelude & Quiet Meditation (suggested reading Psalm 22:25-31)

Call to Worship

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another.

“For Beauty of Meadows” #28

For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,
for flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,
for all you created and gave us to share,
we praise you, Creator, extolling your care.

As stewards of beauty received at your hand,
as creatures who hear your most urgent command,
we turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace;
all nature around us is ours but on lease;
your name we would hallow in all that we do,
fulfilling our calling, creating with you.

Prayer of Approach

“Fairest Lord Jesus” #123

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,

thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

1 John 4:7-21

"Think About His Love" #57

Chorus

Think about His love
Think about His goodness
Think about His grace
That's brought us through
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure
Of our Father's love
Great is the measure
Of our Father's love

Verse 1

How could I forget His love
How could I forget His mercy

He satisfies He satisfies
He satisfies my desires

Verse 2

Even when I strayed away
His love has sought me out
And found me
He satisfies He satisfies
He satisfies my desires

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Prayer of Confession

“The Power of Your Love” #467

Verse 1

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the pow'r of Your love

Chorus

Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side

And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the pow'r of Your love

Verse 2

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day
By the pow'r of Your love

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“Cry of My Heart” (844980)

Chorus

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You

It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life

Verse 1

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You
Oh oh whoa

Verse 2

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You
Oh oh whoa

Ending

All of the days of my life (4X)

Terry Butler

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Prayer of Dedication

Acts 8:26-40

Prayer of the People

John 15:1-8

PRUNING SEASON

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” #712

Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The service is ended.
Oh, now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us,
and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With Your grace You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanks giving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

Benediction