

Prelude & Quiet Meditation (suggested reading Psalm 124)

Call to Worship

Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

We struggle and worry.

God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

Listen for God's call to you.

Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN.

“The Name of the Lord” #18

Chorus 1

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord most high

(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

Holy is the name of the Lord

Holy is the name of the Lord

Holy is the name of the Lord most high

(REPEAT)

Verse

The name of the Lord is a strong tower

The righteous run into it and they are safe

The name of the Lord is a strong tower

The righteous run into it and they are safe

Chorus 3

Glory to the name of the Lord

Glory to the name of the Lord

Glory to the name of the Lord most high

(REPEAT)

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Prayer of Invocation

“Lord, Let Your Glory Fall” (2526728)

Verse 1

Lord let Your glory fall
As on that ancient day
Songs of enduring love
And then Your glory came
And as a sign to You
That we would love the same
Our hearts will sing that song
God let Your glory come

Chorus

You are good You are good
And Your love endures
You are good You are good
And Your love endures
You are good You are good
And Your love endures today

Verse 2

Voices in unison
Giving You thanks and praise
Joined by the instruments
And then Your glory came
Your presence like a cloud
Upon that ancient day
The priests were overwhelmed

Because Your glory came

Verse 3

A sacrifice was made
And then Your fire came
They knelt upon the ground
And with one voice they praised
A sacrifice was made
And then Your fire came
They knelt upon the ground
And with one voice they praised

Bridge

Your anger lasts a moment
But Your favor lasts a lifetime

Matt Redman

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James 5:13-20

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #358

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Passing the Peace

Ministry Opportunities, Celebrations & Concerns

“Jesus, Lead On” (2035848)

Verse 1

This is my cry

This is my song
You are my guiding light
When the way is unknown
And when these sunny skies
Turn shades of gray
I'll stay close by Your side
As You lead the way

Chorus

Jesus lead on I will follow
Jesus lead on
Let Your love light the way
Jesus lead on I will follow
Jesus lead on

Verse 2

Hear now this cry
Hear now this song
You are the guiding light
For this journey I'm on
And when my vision is clouded
By the wind and the rain
I'll stay close by Your side
As You lead the way

Bridge

Lead me on
Lead me on
Lead me on
I will follow

Brent Helming

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Prayer of Dedication

Reading

Voice: How shall we live in God's love? What should we do? How should we serve God by working with others? All these questions arise when we are called. What gifts can we bring, what peace, what hope?

Reader 1: There are those who are ill - they are suffering and hurting

Reader 2: Bring to them the healing love of Jesus, praying for them and asking for God's loving mercy.

Reader 1: There are those who have strayed from faith and feel lost and alone.

Reader 2: Bring to them your loving, guiding presence - praying with them and listening to their hearts.

Reader 1: There are those who are cheerful and joyful in all that they do.

Reader 2: Bring to them a spirit of celebration and joy that they may continue in their happiness and peace.

Reader 1: There are those who are quiet and withdrawn.

Reader 2: Bring to them a presence of peace and pray with them.

Voice: In all your ways, bring God's abiding and transforming love to God's people, offering compassion, hope, peace and joy.

Prayer of the People

"They'll Know We Are Christians" #595

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love

Verse 2

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Verse 3

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Verse 4

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

Peter Scholtes

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Mark 9:38-50

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“God of Grace and God of Glory” #569

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Heal your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Benediction

