

Assurance of Pardon: *Receive these words of comfort from God For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

Song – My God is all I need

Dark, dark is the valley
Faint, the light at my feet
But whatever may face me
My God is all I need

Bright, bright are the treasures
Life may offer to me
But whatever the pleasure
My God is all I need

*He is my strength when I cannot go on
Peace when all my power is gone
Hope, although the night
is long and deep*

*He is my song for He has rescued me
Joy, now He has set me free
Praise, praise to my Father be
My God is all I need*

Brief, brief are my days here
Soon my journey complete
But I look to my Saviour
Where God has met my need
Yes, He has met my need

Children leave

Passing of the Peace

As a long-standing tradition of the church, this is a time when we have the opportunity to greet one another, regardless of our relationship, as individuals made in God's image. It is also a call to be united despite our differences.

Prayer for others

Psalm 2

Why do the heathen nations rage?
Why do the peoples plot in vain?
Earth's kings combine in enmity;
Her rulers join against God's reign.

They take their stand against the LORD
And challenge his anointed one:
"Let us break off their chains from us;
With their restraints let us be done."

He is my strength ...

My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so big so strong and so mighty

There's nothing my God cannot do
The mountains are His,
the valleys are His

The stars are His handiwork too

My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
(There's nothing my God cannot do)

He is my strength ...

*Praise, praise to my Father be
My God is all I need*

Prayer for others

We pray because we know we can bring our concerns for ourselves, for others, for the world and for the church to God. God cares about the world and all people.

Psalms

The Psalms are a collection of songs from the Bible. They can be sung, spoken or prayed. They contain the experience of every human emotion.

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
The Lord on high derides them all.
Then he rebukes them in his wrath;
His rage and terror on them fall.

The LORD has made it known to them:
"My chosen king I have installed
On Zion, my own holy hill.
He is the one whom I have called."

Bible reading

The Bible is the Word of God.

When we read it we are listening to God speaking to us.

Bible reading - Acts 4:23-31

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. 'Sovereign Lord,' they said, 'you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up

and the rulers band together

against the Lord

and against his anointed one.”

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.’

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Talk

ACTS: TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - Mission Fuelled Prayer

Song – Your will be done

Your will be done my God and Father

As in heaven so on earth

My heart is drawn to self-exalting

Help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked so shall I walk

Held by Your same unchanging love

Be still my soul

O lift your voice and pray

Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted

I may never fully know

The fearful weight of true obedience

It was held by him alone

What wondrous faith to bear that cross

To bear my sin what wondrous love

My hope was sure

when there my Saviour prayed

Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost when I am broken

In the night of fear and doubt

Still I will trust in my good Father

Yes to the one great King I bow

As Jesus rose so I shall rise

In ransomed glory at the throne

My heart restored

with all Your saints I sing

Father not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth our God and Father

Lead us daily in the fight

That all the world might see Your glory

And Your Name be lifted high

And in this Name we overcome

For You shall see us safely home

Now as Your church

we lift our voice and pray

Father not my will but Yours be done

Talk

The talk is a time of teaching from the Bible reading.

The aim is not just

for head information,

but heart transformation,

as the good news

of Jesus Christ is explained and

applied to our

lives.

Song – From the squalor of a borrowed stable

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish
and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race
But the skies were filled
with the praise of heaven
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel.
King of heaven
now the Friend of sinners
Humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes, He walked my road
and He felt my pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet His righteous steps
give me hope again –
I will follow my Immanuel

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished
for a world's transgressions
He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath, He fights for me
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell
And with a shout our souls are free
Death defeated by Immanuel
Now He's standing
in the place of honour
Crowned with glory
on the highest throne
Interceding for His own beloved
Till His Father calls to bring them home
Then the skies will part
as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell
But the Bride will run
to her Lover's arms
Giving glory to Immanuel!

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