



Greeting & Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...(Isaiah 66:13).

Praise God who loves us
Praise God who cares.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.
**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song

We receive the standards

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You.
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day.
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away (washed away)

*Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us,
we welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
we turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new.
'Cause when we see You
we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away (washed away).

Paul Beloeche | Benton Brown

Birthdays

We celebrate birthdays in March

**Happy Birthday to you,
to Jesus be true;
may God's richest blessings
be showered on you.**

Act of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we light this candle
in recognition of the great care and love
you have for each one of us.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Loving God, we light this candle
in thanksgiving for all mothers,
for all they do, or once did,
for all they give, or once gave
and for all they mean and will always mean.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Loving God, we light this candle
for mothers throughout the world.
Especially those who are struggling to
feed and care for their children.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Loving God, we light this candle
for mothers fleeing the violence of war,
and for all who seek to protect their children from harm.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Loving God, we light this candle
for all who nurture
and encourage others.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Confession & Absolution

St Paul says 'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'
So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love
bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

God of love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations.

*Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

The Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Address

Hugh Gear

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Blessing & Distribution of Posies

Posies are distributed to the ladies in the congregation.

Song

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb.

Oh, Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I Am!

Buddy Greene|Mark Lowry

Prayers

The Beavers lead us in our intercessions, concluding with 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Song

The standards are returned

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Most High.
(Repeat)

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower,
The righteous run into it and they are saved.
(Repeat)*

Glory to the name of the Lord,
Glory to the name of the Lord,
Glory to the name of the Lord Most High.

Holy is the name of the Lord,
Holy is the name of the Lord,
Holy is the name of the Lord, Most High.

Clinton Utterbach

The Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,
strengthen us for daily life.
May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.
May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all,
send us out to live and work for others.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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