

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.  
Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.  
Forever and evermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

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## --WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### --SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION *“Glorious Day”*

Verse 1... One day when Heaven was filled with His praises;  
one day when sin was as black as could be; Jesus came forth to  
be born of a virgin; dwelt among men, my example is He.  
One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain; one day they nailed  
Him to die on a tree; suffering anguish, despised and rejected;  
bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He. Hands that healed nations,  
stretched out on a tree, and took the nails for me.

Chorus 1... Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me.  
Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely  
forever. One day He's coming, Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.

Verse 2... One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.  
One day the stone rolled away from the door. Then He arose,  
over death He had conquered. Now He's ascended,  
my Lord evermore. Death could not hold Him; the grave  
could not keep Him from rising again.

Chorus 2... Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me.  
Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely  
forever. One day He's coming, Oh glorious day, oh glorious day,  
glorious day.

Bridge... One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.  
One day the skies with His glories will shine. Wonderful day,  
my Beloved One bringing, my Savior, Jesus, is mine.

Chorus 2, then... Oh glorious day.

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### *“Medley--Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/I Love You, Lord/ Amazing Grace”*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in His wonderful face.  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of  
His glory and grace.

Turn your thoughts upon Jesus; think deep of His comforting love.  
And the thoughts of sin, and of self, and strife, will be lost in that  
heaven above.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, oh my soul,  
rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet,  
sweet sound in Your ear.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

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## --COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and  
preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart in peace.

## --BENEDICTION

### --CLOSING SONG *“Sing to the King”* (1 Thessalonians 4:16-5:2)

Verse 1...Sing to the King Who is coming to reign. Glory to Jesus,  
the Lamb that was slain. Life and salvation His empire shall bring,  
and joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

Chorus...Come, let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong  
to Jesus; He is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with  
voices raised to Jesus; Sing to the King.

Verse 2...For His returning we watch and we pray; We will be ready  
the dawn of that day. We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,  
'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

Sing Chorus twice, then...Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;  
Sing to the King.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

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## THE CONNECTION

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--PRESERVICE SONG *“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”*

## --ANNOUNCEMENTS

### --WORSHIP SONG *“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”*

Chorus...Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship His holy name. Sing like never before,  
O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1...The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to  
sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies  
before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus...

Verse 2...You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name  
is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep  
on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus...

### (Instrumental Interlude)

Verse 3...And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end  
draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing Your  
praise unending ten thousand years, and then evermore!

Sing Chorus twice, then...worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship  
Your holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship  
Your holy name, worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

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### (Please stand)

## INVOCATION

## --CONFESSION OF SINS

P. Let us confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.  
**C. Almighty God, we live in the light of our Savior, but we are  
tempted by the darkness of sin. We follow our selfish de-  
sires. We turn from Your Word to listen to the temptations  
of the world. We fail to love others as we should because  
we do not let Jesus' light shine through our lives. Have  
mercy on us. Forgive our sins and turn our hearts and  
minds to the light of Jesus.**

## --FORGIVENESS OF SINS

**--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed***  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***(Please sit)***

**--FIRST LESSON *Zephaniah 1:7-16***

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.  
<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.  
<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.  
<sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.  
<sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.  
<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.'  
<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."  
<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.  
<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L. Here ends the first reading.

**--SECOND LESSON *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11***

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.  
<sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.  
<sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.  
<sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

<sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.  
<sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.  
<sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.  
<sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.  
<sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.  
<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L. Here ends the second reading.

***(Please stand)***

**--GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 25:14-30***

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.  
<sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.  
<sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.  
<sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.  
<sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.  
<sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.  
<sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'  
<sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'  
<sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'  
<sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'  
<sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,  
<sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'  
<sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed?  
<sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.  
<sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.  
<sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.  
<sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

***(Please sit)***

**--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG**

*(Please bring your Offerings forward during the song.)*

**"Offering"** *(Romans 12:1)*

*Verse...* The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love. There is no shadow in Your presence. No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the Holy One of heaven. It's only by Your blood and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, we come.

*Chorus...* We bring an offering of worship to our King. No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing. Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due. O Lord, we bring an offering to You.

*Repeat Chorus, then...* O Lord, we bring an offering to You.

O Lord, we bring an offering to You. We bring an offering to You.

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**--MESSAGE OF THE DAY *The Rev. Bruce Stam***

***(Please stand)***

**--PRAYERS**

***(Sung at beginning of prayers)***

**"The Spirit Intercedes For Us"** *(Romans 8:26)*

The Spirit intercedes for us,  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

*The pastor will conclude the prayers with:*

*"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."*

***(Sung at end of the prayers)***

**"The Spirit Intercedes For Us"** *(Romans 8:26)*

The Spirit intercedes for us,  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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**--THE LORD'S PRAYER---*Caribbean* *(Matthew 6: 9-13)***

*Verse 1...* Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

*Verse 2...* As in heaven, so on the earth.

Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

*Verse 3...* And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.

Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.