



## **Welcome**

**Song:** *Come, now is the time to worship*

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Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God, Come

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One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
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### ***Invocational Prayer***

I am here, God.

I come to you again after another eventful week.

Now I come into your holy presence seeking stillness and peace.

Send your Holy Spirit to show me your ways, O God,

**and teach me your paths.**

We are here, God.

We gather before you as a strong, wonderful, complex community of faith.

God, we don't always agree. We argue and sometimes fight amongst ourselves.

But when we come together in your name, offering all that we are to you in worship, how powerful you make us!

Send your Holy Spirit to show us your ways, O God,

**and teach us your paths.**

You are here, God.

O miracle worker, who has counted so carefully each strand of our hair, shaped our eyes and formed our limbs, pronouncing us beautiful.

In grace you come among us and you touch us with your tenderness, beckoning, "come closer!"

Send your Holy Spirit to show us your ways, O God,

**and teach us your paths. Amen**

### ***Sharing the peace***

#### ***Reading 1: Isaiah 53: 1 – 6 (The Message)***

Who believes what we've heard and seen? Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this? The servant grew up before God – a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field. There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look.

He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain first hand. One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was our pains he carried – our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us.

We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him – our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed.

We all like sheep who wandered off and gotten lost. We have all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him, on him.

This is the word of God

**Thanks be to God**

**Song: Worthy is the Lamb**

Thank you for the cross, Lord  
Thank you for the price You paid  
Bearing all my sin and shame  
In love You came  
And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love, Lord  
Thank you for the nail pierced hands  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow  
Now all I know  
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb, Seated on the throne  
Crown You now with many crowns  
You reign victorious

High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God  
The Darling of Heaven crucified  
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**Reading 2: Colossians 1: 15 – 20 (NIV)**

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers

or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all God's fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to God all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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**Reading 3:** *John 19:30 (NIV)*

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "it is finished."

With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Praise be to Christ**

**Sermon:** 'Standing on the Promise of the Cross' *Rev Shanon Ferguson*

**Song:** *Only by Grace*

Only by grace can we enter

Only by grace can we stand

Not by our human endeavour

But by the blood of the Lamb

Into Your presence You call us

You call us to come

Into Your presence You draw us

And now by Your grace we come

Now by Your grace we come

Lord if You mark our transgressions

Who would stand

Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed

By the blood of the Lamb

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Now by Your grace we come, Now by Your grace we come, Now by Your grace we come

### ***Communion***

God be with you!

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give God thanks and praise!

**It is a good and joyful thing to do!**

This is the moment for giving thanks. This is the moment for remembrance. We are here because we have been drawn together by the Spirit whom Jesus said he would send into the

world to unite us all and to lead us into the way of truth, to be present among us until the consummation of the world. We then are the Church. We are the body of Christ.

Jesus prayed to God for his disciples, saying, 'May they be one, as you and I are one, that the world may know that you sent me.'

Let us remember at this time all those who are united with us, and let us give thanks for that bond of union which we now celebrate. Let us remember our past, and give thanks for what we have become. Let us give thanks for the whole universe and especially for our creation and the life that is in us. Let us give thanks for our future, and all that is to happen which the Spirit is working out in us.

*Let us now share our prayer requests and take some time in silent prayer to bring before God all that is on our hearts.*

### ***Prayer for Wholeness***

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of God you are love;

**fill our hearts so that we may know how to forgive, how to understand, how to cherish and how to let go.**

Holy Spirit, you are truth;

**teach us the way of Christ, expose all falseness in our values and cleanse us from prejudice; give us a hold on reality to know ourselves and to know salvation.**

Holy Spirit, you are power;

**enable us, encourage us, lift us up; make of us more than we have been. Make us free in service, and held in community, love, truth, and power.**

Holy Spirit, come and renew our lives **Amen**

### ***Words of Assurance (based on Romans 6:16-17; 22-23)***

Once we were slaves to sin, living lives that led only to death. But thanks be to God!

In mercy, God has set us free from the power of sin and death, and has offered us eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord! Now we are free to choose life, and to use our lives to bring honour and glory to God! Thanks be to God!

### ***The Prayer that Jesus Taught (please use whatever version or language you prefer)***

**Our Creator who is in heaven, hallowed is Your name**

**Your dominion come,**

**Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Yours is the dominion, the power and the glory forever and ever,  
Amen.**

### ***Consecration***

And now, we thank you for the sacrifice of your Son, for Your grace, and for Your holy presence, here in our midst, and everywhere that people draw near to you and partake of this sacrament of divine love. So, let us invoke the Spirit to bless this bread and wine, so that when we share it among ourselves we are sharing what we ourselves are and shall be, the body of Christ. **Amen**

For, on that night before Jesus died for us, when he was gathered together with his disciples, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said:

**"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me."**

When the supper was over, he took the cup, blessed it, gave it to his disciples and said:

**"Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the New Covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

***(Silence)***

### ***Post-communion Prayer***

Through this coming to us, Lord, and your presence in our bodies, we celebrate your death until you come in glory.

**In the sharing of this meal we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice for worship and for service. May God fill us with the spirit of love, faith and hope, that we may grow in the image of Christ. Amen**

***Song: Draw me close to You***

Draw me close to You

Never let me go

I lay it all down again

To hear You say that I'm Your friend

You are my desire

No one else will do

'Cause nothing else could take Your place

To feel the warmth of Your embrace

Help me find the way

Bring me back to You

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### ***Sending Out***

Go into the world:  
dance, laugh, sing, and create.

**We go with the assurance of God's blessing.**

Go into the world:  
risk, explore, discover, and love.

**We go with the assurance of God's grace.**

Go into the world:  
believe, hope, struggle and remember.

**We go with the assurance of God's love.**

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***Benediction***

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen**

### ***Closing Hymn: And Can It Be***

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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He left His Father's throne above—  
So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me!  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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***Our worship has ended; now our service begins. Go into the world in peace.***