

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

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

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 forevermore

### The Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace."  
And the blessing...

**Amen.**



## **Ascension Sunday Morning Worship**

### The Greeting

God has gone up with a shout,  
**the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**  
(Psalm 47:5)

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help  
**and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

*The service leader introduces the theme of the service.*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us  
pray with one heart and mind:

*Silence is kept.*

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Hymn:* CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem,  
the Root, whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends their burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

**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.**

**Praise and Thanksgiving**

As we wait in silence,  
**make us ready for Your coming Spirit.**

As we listen to Your word,  
**make us ready for Your coming Spirit.**

As we worship You in majesty,  
**make us ready for Your coming Spirit.**

As we long for Your refreshing,  
**make us ready for Your coming Spirit.**

As we long for Your renewing,  
**make us ready for Your coming Spirit.**  
As we long for Your equipping,  
**make us ready for Your coming Spirit.**

As we long for Your empowering,  
**make us ready for Your coming Spirit.**

Hymn: 10000 reasons

*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*

**On the third day  
he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*The Intercessions*

*Ending with*  
**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer (London Institute for Contemporary  
Christianity)*

**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.**

Confession and Absolution

*We keep silence to recall our need for God's forgiveness.*

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**Father,  
we have sinned against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us,  
bring us back to yourself  
as those who once  
were dead  
but now have life through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

May the God of love  
and power  
forgive us and free us  
from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us  
by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life  
in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place  
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Readings

*After the reading we use these words:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Sermon**

## **HYMN Your Kingdom Come**

Made in perfect love  
Innocent we walked as friends of God  
Still we turned away  
Traded freedom for a life enslaved

Helpless we were lost  
Heaven sent the rescue plan of God  
Through the love of Christ  
We are found and born into new life

We are watching, we are waiting  
We are hoping, we are praying  
We're believing, let your kingdom come

*Father in heaven, your name is holy  
Yours is the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory  
God of salvation, unfold your story  
Yours is the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory  
Amen*

King of endless love  
Here on earth just as in heaven above  
Let your will be done  
Wake our hearts and let your kingdom come

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 to the dead.**