



Invocation

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise (2)
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, Forever

Call to worship

P. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100

Opening Hymn

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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P. † Glory be to the Father our Creator, to the Son our Redeemer and to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

C. Blessed is He that has come and is to come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P. Holy art thou, O God.

C. Holy art thou, Almighty Lord.

P. Holy art thou, Immortal Lord.

C. O Lord, the Messiah who was crucified for us † have mercy on us. **(To be repeated thrice)**

P. O Lord have mercy on us.

C. O Lord have mercy on us and bless us.

P. O Lord accept our prayers and worship and have mercy on us.

C. Glory be to you, O God.

P. Glory be to you, O Creator.

C. Glory be to you, O King the Messiah; who has mercy on us sinners. Bless us, O Lord.

(Let us sing together the prayer that Jesus taught us)

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is done in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.

(Cong. to be seated)

Lesson 1 Genesis 39:1-23

Lesson 2 Hebrews 12:1-13

Meditation

L: "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity." - 1Timothy 4:12, NLT
Reality television seems to catch people in the act of everyday life, showing the entire world the truth about those involved in sometimes normal – and not so normal – situations. What if you lived your life similar to a reality show, where the world could look in and see the real you, transparent at all times? Do you ever find yourself pretending to be someone you're not? How many times have you hidden your emotions and told someone you were okay when your feelings were hurt or you were angry? Maybe there were times when you told people what you thought they wanted to hear instead of being truthful with them.

In the book *Unchristian* by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons, a major research project conducted by The Barna Group explains that Christianity has an image problem. The study provides detailed insight into the opinions of sixteen to twenty-nine year olds, demonstrating that Christians have almost completely failed in one of their most important assignments representing Christ to the world. Today Christians are perceived as being no different than those outside the Church. Christians deal with the same problems as unbelievers. The divorce rate; debt and mental emotional; and physical-appearance issues are no different. Looking from the outside in, it doesn't appear that Christians have anything to give the world.

People are looking for answers. They are disappointed to find that even those who believe in a loving God are indifferent towards pointing others to Him with the same mission and vision that Jesus demonstrated. Jesus was unconventional. He opposed the religious, man-made interpretations of the law and looked to the heart of those who were outcasts, sick and hurting. He cared about the ones society ignored.

God wants us to set ourselves apart for His service. We are called to be examples to those who do not know him. We have to get outside the four walls of the church and live in a way that demonstrates

to others what God is like. Like Jesus we must say and do only what the Father tells us to say and do. We must be real – true to the word of God, following Jesus and modelling His example. He demonstrated love for the lost, that society had thrown away. He came to testify to the truth that God loves each one of us.

As we grow up and move on with our lives, ask God to show you the power of living a transparent life. Let Him help you shake off the façade of what you believe others would want you to be and step into the light of God's truth.

- Shanna D. Gregor

Hymn

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength

With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength

L: When I say, "I am a Christian"

I don't speak with human pride
I'm confessing that I stumble –
Needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong
I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting that I've failed
And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't think I know it all
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect
My flaws are all too visible
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain

I have my share of heartache,
Which is why I seek His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority...
I only know I'm loved

-Carol Wimmer

(Cong to stand)

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

P: Let us take a moment to examine our hearts and confess our shortcomings. Dearest Jesus, even though we had realized our call, we failed miserably in living up to it. We live our lives in private spaces of selfishness and our responses often contradict our faith. We have become indifferent to the needs of others. We often ignore the fellowship of light and choose to walk through paths of darkness and our hopes for God's kingdom has lost its luster. Let us remember how we have fallen short of God's glory in this road of life. Let us pray to the Lord for forgiveness for our imperfections in being His witnesses.

(After each prayer, the response shall be "Lord Jesus, we ask for Your mercy and forgiveness")

L: For our shortcomings in the fulfillment of our mission towards worship, study, witness and service.
C: Lord Jesus, we ask for Your mercy and forgiveness.

L: For turning blind eyes and deaf ears to the needs of others and conducting ourselves in a selfish manner and forgetting our call to bring Your love to our fellow human beings.
C: Lord Jesus, we ask for Your mercy and forgiveness.

L: For failing to be Your witnesses and bearers of the Gospel in our schools, colleges and workplaces, for choosing to be quiet instead of correcting a brother in Christ and for compromising on a Christ led life to fit in with the crowd.
C: Lord Jesus, we ask for Your mercy and forgiveness.

L: For our failure in consistently spending personal time in prayer, Bible study and meditation, for not giving priority to Sakhyam activities and fellowship, prioritising trivial activities over opportunities to come together in prayer and for often replacing time and effort for You with indiscriminate use of our cellphones and other gadgets.
C: Lord Jesus, we ask for Your mercy and forgiveness.

L: For the falling short of the perfect and holy life that You have called us to; and for leading people astray.
C: Lord Jesus, we ask for Your mercy and forgiveness.

Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

Prayer of Intercession

L: Let us pray for our nation and all of its diverse communities. For those in positions of power and leadership. Let us pray that they find wisdom to unify and lead our nation and to fulfill their duties with integrity, with the welfare of people as priority. For this, we pray...

C: (To be sung)

*Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, when we call, answer us
Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, come and listen to us*

L: Let us remember the victims of the great flood. For those who lost their houses and their jobs, for those who struggle to meet their daily needs, and for the fishermen, voluntary organizations and government personnel who engaged in the rescue operations. For this we pray...

C: *Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, when we call, answer us
Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, come and listen to us*

L: Let us pray for our church, and all who work towards leading and guiding her. The Metropolitan, Thirumenis, Achens, Evangelists, Volunteers, Lay leaders, and the Faith community. Let us pray for Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa, Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa and Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philexinos Episcopa who are celebrating their silver jubilee year in episcopacy. Let us pray for the Mar Thoma Yuvajanaskhyam and all who hold positions of leadership. Let us pray that our Yuvajanaskhyam continues to bear fruit and be a blessing for the church and society. For this, we pray...

C: *Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, when we call, answer us
Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, come and listen to us*

L: Let us remember all the youth of our parish. Let us pray that we walk with the Lord everyday and lead many to the cross. Let us pray that we continue to be a blessing to the church. Let us uphold all our brothers and sisters who have fallen away from the love of Christ and pray that we are empowered to lead them back to the fellowship with Christ. Let us pray that our youth live lives worthy of their calling and to be able to set examples with their lives in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. For this, we pray...

C: *Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, when we call, answer us
Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, come and listen to us*

L: Let us uphold everyone struggling in their walk of faith. Let us pray that they are guided and strengthened in the Lord's love once again. Let's pray that we are equipped to ask for wisdom to truly lead our lives according to God's will. That we don't live as whitewashed tombs but reflect Christ in every aspect of our lives. For this, we pray...

C: *Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, when we call, answer us
Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
Oh Lord, hear our prayer, come and listen to us*

Gospel Reading

P: † Peace be with you all.

C: May the Lord make us all worthy to listen to His Word.

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by **John 1:43-51**

C: Blessed is He that has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent him for our Salvation. May His blessings be ever upon us.

P: In the days of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Word of life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, it happened in this way.

C: So we believe and affirm.

(After reading the Gospel, the priest says, † 'Peace be with you all')

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have given us your gospel which is indeed the light of the world, that we may be drawn closer to you through the living words from your gospel which we have now heard.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in the one true God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all world; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified also for us in the days of Pontius Pilate; suffered and died and was buried. The third day He rose again, by His Father's holy will, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead and of His kingdom there will be no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and the apostles. We believe in one Holy Catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the new life of the world to come. Amen.

(Cong. to be seated)

Birthday, Wedding Anniversary & Thanksgiving

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Offertory

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

MESSAGE

(Cong to stand)

Call to Mission

L: God whispers to each of us, "You are my beloved, created in love for me."

C: Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.

L: God breathes on us the Holy Spirit, knitting many members into the one body of Christ.

C: Here we are, Lord. Come, Holy Spirit.

L: God has yet more visions for the people. Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom into our hurting world?

C: Here we are, Lord. Empower us for Your work.

L: God calls the small, and helps them do great things. God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts. God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

C: Here we are, Lord, humble and waiting.

L: Let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

C: Here we are, Lord. Shine the light of Your love on us. Kindle Your Spirit within us. Work Your redeeming will in us, that all the world may be one through the power of Your love.

-Elder Pat Barrow

Closing Prayer

P: Our Father,
You are so wonderful and we worship you.
You are the source of a river of love and grace that transforms the world.
We offer you our young hearts, minds and bodies.

C: We thank you God for...
Every prayer we have prayed
Every song we have sung
And for all the things we have learned
Thank you for the joy you bring.
Come use our energy to care the lost.
Come take our creativity to meet with the broken hearted,

Come use our youthfulness to bring joy and peace,
And your hope to bring light to everyone.
May we walk with you as each new day begins
This day and forever. Amen.

P: Benediction

"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace." - Numbers 4: 24-26

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you and guide you always. Amen.

Doxology and Kiss of Peace

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?