

OFFERTORY

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that
You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor
(Bridge)
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you,
O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you
here the memory of your passion
is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory
is given ,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness, O God
my Father,
There is no shadow of turning
with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy
compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been thou for ever
wilt be.
*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is
thy faithfulness!*
*Morning by morning new mercies
I see;*
*All I have needed thy hand hath
provided -*
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me.

Summer and winter, and spring
time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their
courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold
witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy
and love.
Great is thy faithfulness....

Pardon for sin and a peace that
endureth,
Thine own dear presence to
cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright
hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness.

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INTROIT

He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a
pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound -
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out
to that which is before, we may run
the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20
(Not read at 10.30)

*Then God spoke all these words:I
am the LORD your God, who
brought you out of the land of
Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before
me.*

*You shall not make for yourself an
idol, whether in the form of anything
that is in heaven above, or that is on
the earth beneath, or that is in the
water under the earth.*

*You shall not make wrongful use of
the name of the LORD your God for
the LORD will not acquit anyone
who misuses his name.*

*Remember the sabbath day, and
keep it holy. Six days you shall
labour and do all your work.*

*Honour your father and your
mother, so that your days may be
long in the land that the LORD your
God is giving you.*

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

*You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbour.*

*You shall not covet your
neighbour's house; you shall not
covet your neighbour's wife, or male
or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or
anything that belongs to your
neighbour.*

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When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.'

Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Philippians 3.4b–14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GRADUAL

**Longing for light;
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth,
we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
Light for the world to see.**

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the
darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.***

**Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.
Your word alone has
power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

**Longing for food,
many are hungry.
Longing for water,
many still thirst.
Make us your bread,
broken for others,
Shared until others are fed.**

**Longing for shelter,
many are homeless,
Longing for warmth,
many are cold.
Make us your building,
sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.**

**Many the gifts,
many the people,
Many the hearts that
yearn to belong.
Let us be servants
to one another,
Making your kingdom come.**

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GOSPEL Matthew 21.33–46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son."

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance."

So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.