



## AT HOME SERVICE

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### **Call to Worship**

We trust in God

We seek the guidance of God

We put our hands into God's hands

We live to serve God

To God be all our praise and worship today

### **HYMN - Singing the Faith 548**

1] Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
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Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2] Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3] Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)*

### **PRAYER**

Glory to the Father, the God of love,  
who created us;  
who continually preserves and sustains us;  
who has loved us with an everlasting love,  
and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Glory to Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who, though he was rich,  
yet for our sake became poor,  
and was tested in every way as we are,  
yet without sin;

who proclaimed the good news of the kingdom,  
and was obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross;  
who was raised from the dead and is alive for ever,  
and has opened the kingdom of heaven  
to all who trust in him;

who is seated at God's right hand in glory,  
and will come to be our judge.

Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
by whom we are born into the family of God,  
and made members of the body of Christ;  
whose witness confirms us;  
whose wisdom teaches us;  
whose power enables us;  
who will do for us more than we can ask or think.

To the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be praise and glory for ever. **Amen.**

LET US JOIN IN THE LORD'S PRAYER TOGETHER

**READING** John 15:1–10

*Jesus the True Vine*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

**Hymn - Singing the Faith 446**

1] I will offer up my life  
In spirit and truth,  
Pouring out the oil of love  
As my worship to You.  
In surrender I must give my every part;  
Lord, receive the sacrifice  
Of a broken heart.

2] You deserve my every breath  
For You've paid the great cost;  
Giving up Your life to death,  
Even death on a cross.  
You took all my shame away,  
There defeated my sin,  
Opened up the gates of heaven,  
And have beckoned me in.

*Matt Redman (b. 1974)*

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?  
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name  
For the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.*

## **Reflection**

Our reflection today is simply to say our Covenant prayer. It is both a challenge and a joy at the beginning of each year to share this together. It recommits ourselves to joyful obedience to God. Much will happen to all of us during 2026, but let us live the year with our hands firmly placed in the hands of God, trusting in God to lead and guide us throughout the joys and challenges of 2026.

Let us pray that prayer together now:

I am no longer my own but yours.

Your will, not mine, be done in all things,

wherever you may place me,

in all that I do

and in all that I may endure;

when there is work for me

and when there is none;

when I am troubled

and when I am at peace.

Your will be done

when I am valued

and when I am disregarded;

when I find fulfilment

and when it is lacking;

when I have all things,

and when I have nothing.

I willingly offer all I have and am

to serve you,

as and where you choose.

Glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours.

May it be so for ever.

Let this covenant now made on earth

be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

## **Prayers**

Unchanging God, as we turn the page from one year to another, we are so grateful for your steadfast faithfulness.

Through this last year, we have seen glimmers of your love and hopefulness in the midst of dark, painful and challenging times: new treasures once hidden, but now wonderfully revealed.

Nevertheless, we are conscious of the times

when we broke our promises to you,

when we relied on our own resources rather than drawing from the deep wells of your grace and strength,

when we expected more of ourselves than you demand of us,

when we missed the signs of your presence or  
when we failed to notice your offers of light and comfort.

We are sorry and ask you to forgive us.

And now, as this new year begins, we welcome the opportunity to renew our covenant relationship with you. May we do so in the confidence that

you will continue to remain faithful to us,  
your love for us will never be exhausted,  
and that our ultimate hope is in Jesus Christ.

May our renewed relationship deepen our awareness both of your presence and activity, enabling us to discover still more of your precious treasure as this year unfolds.

In the name of Christ. Amen

### **HYMN - Singing the Faith 553**

1] I am a new creation,  
No more in condemnation,  
Here in the grace of God I stand.  
My heart is overflowing,  
My love just keeps on growing,  
Here in the grace of God I stand.

*And I will praise You Lord,  
Yes, I will praise You Lord,  
And I will sing of all that You have done.  
A joy that knows no limit,  
A lightness in my spirit,  
Here in the grace of God I stand.*

*Dave Bilborough (b.1965)*

### **Blessing**

God of grace,  
through the mediation of your Son,  
you call us into a new covenant.  
Help us therefore to draw near with faith  
and join ourselves in a perpetual covenant with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen