

SONG TiS 626 Lord of all creation to you be all praise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OGq5vhSJLM> word and music

Lord of all creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind:
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if ever I leave you I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Words Jack Copley Winslow ©Oxford University Press/Music Irish traditional C.C.L.I. No. 237097

BENEDICTION

May each day be a day when Christ is at the Centre of where
you live, move and have your being.
Go from this place to bless others in the ways that you have
been blessed, and to be witnesses in all you say, think and
do in the name of Christ.

Westmead Uniting

A Congregation of

Parramatta Mission

Pentecost 5A

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WELCOME

In this place and many places, we gather to worship. All are welcome - to be a part of this community- both gathered and scattered.

Acknowledgement of Country

Today we stand in footsteps millennia old.
May we acknowledge the traditional owners whose cultures
and customs have nurtured,
and continue to nurture, this land, since men and women
awoke from the great dream.
We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in
the imagination of this land
and whose irrepressible spirituality flows through all creation.
Source [2]. Jonathan Hill is an Aboriginal poet living in New South Wales.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the Creator of all, who gave us the Dreaming.
God has always spoken to people in this ancient land, and in
all lands.
God's love was made clear to us in the person of Jesus.
So on this day, in the beauty of Creation and the wonder of
God's love,
Let us come and worship God.

SONG **TiS 156 Morning Has Broken**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=we-n-Zmgl0>

words and music

1. Morning has broken
 like the first morning;
 blackbird has spoken
 like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing,
 praise for the morning,
 praise for them, springing
 fresh from the word.

2. Sweet the rain's new fall
 sunlit from heaven,
 like the first dewfall
 on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness
 of the wet garden,
 sprung from completeness
 where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight;
 mine is the morning
 born of the one light
 Eden saw play.
 Praise with elation,
 praise every morning,
 God's recreation
 of the new day.

Words Eleanor Farjeon/ Music Gaelic melody CCLI. No. 237097

healing of our relationships,

Relationships with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and all peoples from across this wonderful world in which we live.

We ask this in the name of Christ, the Healer, and the Spirit, the Reconciler.

...And now, let us join with the Christians of all nations in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples as we say

***Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever, Amen.***

Amen.

OFFERING

Even in the midst of trouble and concern, we know you are with us O God. Your blessings never cease, and your presence is always with us- to comfort, to challenge and to guide. We ask that you take our offerings and bless, them, multiply them and use them to bless others, in and through your name. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of the reconciling God be with you all
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer for Guidance A prayer by Elizabeth Pike, 1998

Creator of all things, both seen and unseen, speak to us in your great wisdom.

Make us strong as we seek your help and guidance.

Teach us to love all people regardless of race or colour or belief.

May we listen with great care to the heartbeat of this land and to its people who cared for it so well and for so long.

May the peace these people and their land have always enjoyed continue to be strengthened and preserved by all who wish to come and be part of this country and its 'Ancient Dreaming'.

Glory to you, God of Life, Creating, nurturing, reconciling. Glory to you forever.

Elizabeth Pike. http://www.natsicc.org.au/resources_liturgy.php. Used with permission.

Spirit, of reconciling love, hear us as we pray for others.

God, you love the poor,
and bring freedom and hope
to the suffering and dispossessed.

We pray for all in this world who are struggling:

For those being challenged by Covid 19,

For the people who work in care of others,

For the people who are seeking a place to call home, and a place free from fear,

For those who do not know of your love, care and compassion,

And for those who offer leadership in its many forms across this country and in this church.

Walk with us as we continue in humility our journey of

PSALM 13

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I wrestle with my thoughts

and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look on me and answer, LORD my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;

my heart rejoices in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing the LORD's praise,

for he has been good to me.

PRAYER

Creator God, Ancient of time and place, we come this day to worship you and bring our prayers of adoration and confession.

We thank you for your care. You own us, you are our hope.

In the beginning of time you created all that is. You flung the stars into place and hung the sun and moon that guide us with their light.

You created us, made in your image, male and female.

And you show us the way of life, a life of love. We hear again Jesus words spoken to us: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Yet God of grace and mercy we do not always do what you have called us to do. We are quick to bring our concerns and burdens to you, but we too easily pick them up again and forget that you have called us to share our burden.

Too often God, either knowingly or unknowingly, we lay burdens on other people and do not share the load.

Forgive us for the burdens we lay on others, and help us to be more aware of how we speak and act towards others.

In this wonderful land Australia, we rejoice in so much that delights us and helps us.

Forgive us God when we fail to see the injustice to all people, especially the first peoples of this land.

Help us O Ancient God, to confess you as Lord in all we say and do,

For it is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We rejoice in the good news that God sent Jesus into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; (*John 3:17,18*) but loved, accepted and forgiven.

Thanks be to God!



SONG TiS 590 What a friend we have in Jesus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SCorW9r_Is words and music

1. What a friend we have in Jesus
 all our sins and griefs to bear,
 what a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer;
 O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
 all because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations,
 is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged:
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness:
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Saviour still our refuge:
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer;
 In his arms he'll take and shield you,
 You will find a solace there.

Words Joseph Medlicott Scriven/ Music William Penfro Rowlands C.C.L.I. No. 237097

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ “We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;

we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

This is God’s word,

Let us give thanks to God

SERMON ***How long O Lord? Who do we turn to first?-
Holding protest, petition and of praise of God.
Keith Hamilton***

STORY

The Four Candles

Four candles slowly burned. The ambience was so soft one could almost hear them talking. The first candle said: “I am peace”. The world is full of anger and fighting. Nobody can keep me lit.” Then the flame of Peace went out completely.

The second candle said: “I am Faith. I am no longer indispensable. It doesn’t make sense that I stay lit another moment.” Just then a breeze softly blew Faith’s flame.

Sadly, the third candle began to speak. “I am Love!” People don’t understand my importance, so they simply put me aside. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them.” And waiting no longer Love’s flame went out.

Suddenly a child entered the room and saw the three unlit candles.

“Why aren’t you burning? You’re supposed to stay lit until the end.”

Then the fourth candle answered:

“Don’t be afraid, I am Hope!” While I am still burning, we can re-light the other candles.”

With shining eyes, the child took the candle of hope and lit the other candles.

The greatest of These is Love. With Hope, each of us can live with Peace, Faith and Love.

...but the flame of Hope should never go out of your life!



SONG

TiS 162 Thank you for giving me the morning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yiu-1YX1WvE> music (NB Words slightly different to printed below so I suggest you use the music to sing these words printed)

Thank you for giving me the morning,
thank you for every day that's new,
thank you for all my hurts and troubles
I can take to you.

Thank you for all my friends and helpers,
thank you for people everywhere,
thank you for showing me, Lord Jesus,
how to help and care.

Thank you for times of working, playing,
thank you for all that I can do,
thank you for all that's bright and cheerful,
and for music too.

Thank you for comfort in my sadness,
thank you for all who understand,
thank you that your hand holds and leads me,
everywhere I am.

Thank you for speaking to me, Jesus,
thank you for meeting with me here,
thank you, because you love all people,
those both far and near.

Thank you that you're so good and loving.
thank you that I am filled with you,
thank you, you make me feel so glad and
thankful as I do.

Words and music Martin Gotthard Schneider (trans. David Arthur Schubert) C.C.L.I. No. 237097

READINGS

Romans 7: 15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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