

## Hymns, Readings, and Collect

### Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
    all ye who hear,  
    now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
    hast thou not seen  
    how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
    ponder anew  
    what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
    let the Amen  
    sound from his people again;  
gladly for ay we adore him.

*Lobe den Herren 440 NEH*

### The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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.

**Amen.**

### The New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Romans 11: 1–2a, 29–32*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*Taize Community*

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*St Matthew 15: 21–28*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Creed:**

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**The Prayers of Intercession & The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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**The Eucharistic Prayer**

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**Anthem: Love divine - Goodall**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
 fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
 all thy faithful mercies crown.  
 Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
 pure unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation,  
 enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
 into every troubled breast,  
 let us all in thee inherit,  
 let us find that second rest.  
 Take away our power of sinning,  
 Alpha and Omega be;  
 End of faith, as its beginning,  
 set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
 let us all thy life receive;  
 suddenly return, and never,  
 never more thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing,  
 serve thee as thy hosts above,  
 pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
 glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
 pure and spotless let us be;  
 let us see thy great salvation,  
 perfectly restored in thee,  
 changed from glory into glory  
 till in heaven we take our place,  
 till we cast our crowns before thee,  
 lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Howard Goodall (b. 1958)*

**Communion Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
 forgive our foolish ways;  
 re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
 in purer lives thy service find,  
 in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
 beside the Syrian sea,  
 the gracious calling of the Lord,  
 let us, like them, without a word  
 rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
 O calm of hills above,  
 where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
 the silence of eternity,  
 interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
 till all our strivings cease;  
 take from our souls the strain and stress,  
 and let our ordered lives confess  
 the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
 thy coolness and thy balm;  
 let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
 speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
 O still small voice of calm.

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**Dismissal: Tell out, my soul**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
 unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
 tender to me the promise of his word;  
 in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
 make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
 his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
 powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
 proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
 the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
 firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
 to children's children and for evermore.

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