

### Call to Worship

#### **We come to worship Christ**

Who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted, frees the prisoner and comforts those who mourn.

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Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

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Who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places

### Opening Prayer

**We gather to praise you O God, for all the things we can see, and sometimes understand: the sun, moon and stars; the clouds and changing weather: we join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.**

**We gather to praise you, O God, for all the things that we cannot see or understand: all heaven's angels, outer space; and the skies above us; we join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.**

**We gather to praise you O God, for all the things in life that we experience: the created world, people of all ages and circumstances, all God's creations.**

**We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God: whose name is glorious, and whose ways are holy. Amen.**

### Closing Prayer

Depart now in peace, for your eyes have seen the salvation which God has prepared for all people. Grow in strength and wisdom and bring forth a harvest of righteousness and praise.

And may God smile upon you and make you strong and wise; may Christ Jesus share his inheritance with you freely; and may the Holy Spirit open your eyes to the presence of God's Messiah.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

#### Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

### Open Our Eyes

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
2. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

### Sing We Now of Christmas

1. Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Refrain:

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2. Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest, journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest." [Refrain]
3. In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild, seated by the manger, watching the holy child. [Refrain]
4. From the eastern country came the kings afar, bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star. [Refrain]
5. Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price; there was never a stable so like paradise. [Refrain]

### There's a Song in the Air

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!
2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth, for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!
3. In the light of that star lie the ages impearled; and that song from afar has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!
4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.  
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring, and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

### Spirit Song

Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

[Chorus]

Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing the song of gladness as your hearts are filled with joy lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.

Oh give Him all your tears and sadness.  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

