

Welcome & Call to Worship

Psalm 80: 7-15 - ⁷Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. ⁸You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. ⁹You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. ¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. ¹¹Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. ¹²Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? ¹³Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it. ¹⁴Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine, ¹⁵the root your right hand has planted the son you have raised up for yourself.

Hymn – Spirit of God

Spirit of God unseen as the wind
Gentle as is the dove
Teach us the truth and help us believe
Show us the Saviour's love

You spoke to us long, long ago
Gave us the written word
We read it still, needing its truth
Through it God's voice is heard

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Without your help, we fail our lord
We cannot live His way
We need Your power, we need Your strength
Following Christ each day

**Prayer – Adoration & Confession, with
Father/Jesus/Spirit,**

Hymn – Father We Love You

Father we love You, we worship and adore You
Glorify Your name in all the earth
Glorify Your Name, glorify Your name
Glorify Your name in all the earth

Jesus we love You, we worship and adore You
Glorify Your name in all the earth
Glorify Your Name, glorify Your name
Glorify Your name in all the earth

Spirit we love You, we worship and adore You
Glorify Your name in all the earth
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Lord's Prayer

Setting the Theme

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Isaiah 5: 1-7 - ¹I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." ⁷The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Philippians 3 vs 4b – 14 - ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

Hymn - All to Jesus I Surrender

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust him,
In His presence daily live
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Jesus I surrender
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me saviour wholly Thine
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me
I surrender all

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Matthew 21:33–46 - ³³"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some

farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵ "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. ³⁸ "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Sermon

Hymn - What a Friend

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!

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!

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 thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn - Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my saviour lives
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

How sweet to hold a new born baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
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Benediction & Amen

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's Blessing surround you

May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.