

# Evening Worship & Prayer

In Evening Prayer, we seek to give God our worship and praise. We enter into His presence humbly with receptive hearts, bringing ourselves and our needs before our Heavenly Father.

## Songs of Worship

### **Blessed be Your Name**

Writer: Beth Redman and Matt Redman CCLI# 3798438

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
Still my heart will chose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise

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### **Your Name**

Writer: Paul Baloche and Glenn Packiam CCLI#4611679

As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart  
And glorify Your name

Your name  
Is a strong and mighty tower  
Your name  
Is a shelter like no other  
Your name  
Let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your name

Jesus in Your name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your name

## Here I am to Worship

Writer: Tim Hughes CCLI#4042279

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

So, here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

So, here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

We will  
Call upon the name of the Lord and be saved  
We will  
Call upon the name of the Lord and be saved  
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## All Who Are Thirsty

Writer: Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson CCLI# 1596342

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep

We sing  
Come, Lord Jesus come  
Come, Lord Jesus come  
Dip your heart in the stream of life

## Amazed

Writer: Jared Anderson  
CCLI#4221021

You dance over me  
While I am unaware  
You sing all around  
But I never hear the sound

Lord I'm amazed by You  
Lord I'm amazed by You  
Lord I'm amazed by You  
How You love me

You paint the morning sky  
With miracles in mind  
My hope will always stand  
For You hold me in Your hand

Lord I'm amazed by You  
Lord I'm amazed by You  
Lord I'm amazed by You  
How You love me

How wide  
How deep  
How great  
Is Your love for me  
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## Grace Like Rain

Writer: John Newton, Chris Collins, Edwin O. Excell, and  
Todd Agnew CCLI# 3689877

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see so clearly

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing Your praise  
Than when we first begun

# Evening Prayer

## Welcome

*The Celebrant says*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*(Philippians 1:2)*

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned  
against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole  
heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly  
repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Comfortable Words (assurances of God's forgiveness)*

*The Celebrant says*

Hear the words of comfort our Savior Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

*(Matthew 11:28)*

“God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” *(John 3:16)*

Hear what Saint Paul says:

“This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

*(1 Timothy 1:15)*

Hear what Saint John says:

“If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One; and he is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins.”

*(1 John 2:1,2)*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.  
*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be for ever. Amen.**

**O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving  
Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the  
sun, and our eyes behold the vesper  
light, we sing your praises, O God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be  
praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the  
world.**

*The Reader says :*

A reading from Psalm 72:11-18

**Psalm 72:11-18**

11 May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

12 For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

14 From oppression and violence he  
redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

15 Long may he live!

May gold of Sheba be given to him.  
May prayer be made for him continually,  
and blessings invoked for him all day  
long.

16 May there be abundance of grain in the  
land;

may it wave on the tops of the  
mountains;  
may its fruit be like Lebanon;  
and may people blossom in the cities  
like the grass of the field.

17 May his name endure for ever,  
his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him;  
may they pronounce him happy.

18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

*At the end of the Psalms the people say:*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.**

*The Reader says :*

A Reading from Jeremiah 23:5-8

**Jeremiah 23:5-8**

5 The days are surely coming, says the  
LORD, when I will raise up for David a  
righteous Branch, and he shall reign as  
king and deal wisely, and shall execute  
justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In  
his days Judah will be saved and Israel will  
live in safety. And this is the name by  
which he will be called: 'The LORD is our  
righteousness.'

7 Therefore, the days are surely coming,  
says the LORD, when it shall no longer be  
said, 'As the LORD lives who brought the  
people of Israel up out of the land of  
Egypt', 8 but 'As the LORD lives who  
brought out and led the offspring of the  
house of Israel out of the land of the  
north and out of all the lands where he  
had driven them.' Then they shall live in  
their own land.

## The Canticles:

### The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, you now have set your servant  
free to go in peace as you have  
promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the  
Savior, whom you have prepared for  
all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

“Glory be to God”

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## The Lesson

*The Celebrant says:* The Holy Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Celebrant says:*

*A Reading (Lesson) from Matthew 1:18-25*

### Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah  
took place in this way. When his mother  
Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but  
before they lived together, she was found  
to be with child from the Holy Spirit.  
19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous  
man and unwilling to expose her to public  
disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.  
20 But just when he had resolved to do  
this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him  
in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of  
David, do not be afraid to take Mary as  
your wife, for the child conceived in her is  
from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a  
son, and you are to name him Jesus, for  
he will save his people from their sins.’  
22 All this took place to fulfill what had  
been spoken by the Lord through the  
prophet:

23 ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear  
a son, and they shall name him  
Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with  
us.’ 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he  
did as the angel of the Lord commanded

him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of  
the Holy Spirit and born of the  
Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was  
buried.**

**He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Suffrages*

**Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
And grant us your salvation.**

**Clothe your ministers with  
righteousness;  
Let your people sing with joy.**

**Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
For only in you can we live in safety.**

**Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
And guide us in the way of justice and  
truth.**

**Let your way be known upon earth;  
Your saving health among all nations.**

**Let not the needy, O Lord, be  
forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken  
away.**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of Intercession*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

*Prayers and petitions for specific individuals*

*The General Thanksgiving*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you  
humble thanks for all your goodness  
and loving-kindness to us and to all  
whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation,  
preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable  
love in the redemption of the world by  
our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the  
hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an  
awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may  
show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,**

**and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our  
days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all  
ages. *Amen.***

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

**Almighty God, you have given us  
grace at this time with one accord to  
make our common supplication to  
you; and you have promised through  
your well-beloved Son that when two  
or three are gathered together in his  
Name you will be in the midst of  
them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires  
and petitions as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of  
your truth, and in the age to come life  
everlasting. *Amen.***

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*Celebrant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

***Amen.***