



### King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

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Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.  
Revelation 15.3–4

*Prayer of praise and thanks*

*Welcome*

### Confession and forgiveness

*Because God is so good, we can confess our sins with confidence and praise Him for his grace in forgiveness:*

**Gracious God, thank you for the glorious, liberating news of the forgiveness of sins.**

**We repent this morning of the failures and rebellion of this week. We praise you that through Jesus, we are forgiven and have eternal life! To you Lord, be all glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2.4–5

### Show us Christ

Prepare our hearts O God  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
'Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Lead us in Your truth

Show us Christ  
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O God reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations  
Makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

Where else can we go Lord  
Where else can we go  
You have the words of eternal life  
(Repeat x4)

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**The Bible reading:**

Matthew 16:21-28

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

**8 surprises: Matthew's Gospel**  
**Living for Jesus = dying to self**

*We are led in prayer and conclude*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Closing remarks***When I survey**

**When I survey** the wondrous cross  
 On which the Prince of glory died,  
 My richest gain I count but loss,  
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
 That were an offering far too small;  
 Love so amazing, so divine,  
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!

O praise the name of the Lord our God  
 O praise his name forever more  
 For endless days we will sing your praise  
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**Closing prayer**

..... and may the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**