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Welcome

**Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the earth and the world,  
From everlasting to everlasting  
you are God.**

(Psalm 90:2)

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Praise Him, praise Him  
Praise Him, praise Him  
Praise the everlasting King.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him, praise Him  
Praise Him, praise Him  
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him,  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;  
Dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise Him, praise Him  
Praise Him, praise Him  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Confession:

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; That we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Promise of Forgiveness

**We believe in God the Father,  
who reveals his love to us in Christ.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who pours out his Holy Spirit on us.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who teaches us God's truth.  
We believe in one God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Reading:

After King David was settled in his palace, he said to Nathan the prophet, 'Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under a tent.'

Nathan replied to David, 'Whatever you have in mind, do it, for God is with you.'

But that night the word of God came to Nathan, saying:

'Go and tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD says: you are not the one to build me a house to dwell in. I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought Israel up out of Egypt to this day. I have moved from one tent site to another, from one dwelling-place to another. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their leaders whom I commanded to shepherd my people, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"

'Now then, tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also subdue all your enemies.

"I declare to you that the LORD will build a house for you: when your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will never take my love away from him, as I took it away from your predecessor. I will set him over my house and my kingdom for ever; his throne will be established for ever."

Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.  
(1 Chronicles 17:1-15)

Pause for thought

Song:

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me into love to those around me*

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

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Prayer for the Day:

**Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayers

Lord's Prayer:

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Song:

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Nought be all else to me, save thou art  
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
I ever with Thee, and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true heir;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

High King of Heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun;  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Notices

Blessing