

TEAM WORSHIP AT TEN

Words of Introduction

Opening Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The son, and him who reigns,
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

By Martin Rinkart 1586-1649

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Confession

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins

For turning away from you,
And ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
Without thinking of you;
Father forgive us:
Save us and help us

For failing you by what we do,
And think and say;
Father forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
By temptations in the world around us;
Father forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
To belong to your Son;
Father forgive us:
Save us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love
Bring you back to himself,
Forgive you your sins,
And assure you of his eternal love
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

An Acclamation

How awesome is this place.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground
with its top reaching to heaven,
and the angels of God were going up and down it.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this.

You will see heaven wide open,
and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.

The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

This is none other than the house of God.

Genesis 28:10-22

The poem 'Good Ground' © Malcolm Guite

I love your simple story of the sower,
With all its close attention to the soil,
Its movement from the knowledge to the knower,
Its take on the tenacity of toil.

I feel the fall of seed a sower scatters,
So equally available to all,
Your story takes me straight to all that matters,
Yet understands the reasons why I fall.

Oh deepen me where I am thin and shallow,
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,
Keep far from me that swiftly snatching shadow,
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.

O break me open, Jesus, set me free,
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.

Gospel Reading

A sower went out to sow Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon

Prayers

Affirmation of the Christian Way

As we follow the Way of Christ,
we affirm the presence of God among us,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*God calls us to share in worship.
Jesus said, where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there
among them.*

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

*God calls us to share in prayer.
Jesus said, remain in me, and I will remain in you.*

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

*God calls us to share the Scriptures.
Jesus met his disciples on the road
and opened the Scriptures to them.*

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

*God calls us to share in communion.
Jesus said, do this in remembrance of me.*

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

*God calls us to share in service.
Jesus said, as you do it for the least of these, you do it for me.*
Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

*God calls us to share the good news.
Jesus said, go and make disciples of all nations.*
Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

The Collect for today

Almighty God,
Send down upon your church,
The riches of your Spirit,
And kindle in all who minister the gospel,
Your countless gifts of grace,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you...

Hymn

To God be the glory
Great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
Give Him the glory
Great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory
Great things He has done*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see.

Chorus

Blessing

Go now in peace,
Knowing that you have been born again,
Not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,
Through the living and enduring word of God;
And the blessing...

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen