



MORNING WORSHIP

Gathering Worship

God speaks to us
in the riches of creation

God speaks to us
in the stories of Jesus

God speaks to us
in the lives of other people

God speaks to us
in words and ways that we can understand

God of fire and beauty **warm us**

God of peace and justice **disturb us**

God of wind and wonder **amaze us**

God of the past, present and future
kindle your love in our lives

Hymn - All my hope on God is founded

- 1 All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

- 2 God's great goodness ay endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore,
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

- 3 Daily doth the almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

- 4 Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) & Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Confession and Absolution

We have not always worshipped God, our Creator
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days.
Amen

Collect for the Sunday after Trinity

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in the ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son
Amen

Genesis 18:1-15



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Is anything too
wonderful for God?

“Is anything too wonderful for God?”

In the beginning, before anything was,
God created.

Stars and planets, earth and sky,
Creatures that crawl and swim and walk and fly,
Plants that grow and spread and flower.
Variety beyond imagining, diversity and difference.

Is anything too wonderful for God?

In the fulness of time, God called a people to him.
To follow and learn, to live and to love.
To be blessed and to be a blessing

Is anything too wonderful for God?

Through slavery and exile, to rescue and freedom,
With Abraham and Sarah, with Moses and Miriam,
With David and Esther, with Ruth and Naomi,
With the prophets and the priests

Is anything too wonderful for God?

When the time was right, God sent the Son,
Born of Mary, heralded by John,
Living and loving,
Suffering and dying

Is anything too wonderful for God?

Death could not defeat him,
The tomb could not contain him,
On the third day he rose again
And ascended to the heights of heaven

Is anything too wonderful for God?

God, Creator God in whose image we are made
God, Saviour God but whose love we are redeemed
God, Spirit God who calls us and leads us and challenges us
Is anything too wonderful for God?

Reading - Genesis 21:1-7

Why are you laughing?



Hymn - Will you come and follow me?

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown,
in you and you in me?

- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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Prayers

ending with

**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**

Hymn - Go forth and tell

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for humankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore.
Amen.

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Services this Week

Monday evening
7.30 for 7.45 Compline

Wednesday morning
10am Eucharist

Thursday evening
7.30 for 7.45 Compline

The Blessing

May the outrageous welcome of the Father
accept us for who we are;
may the incarnation of the Word
touch and hold us close;
may the wandering of the Spirit
help us risk ourselves for love
and the blessing and joy of God be with each one of us
scattered yet together
this day and always

Amen