

As they offered gifts most rare
at your cradle plain and bare,
so may we with holy joy
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last:
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds your glory hide.

In the heavenly city bright
none shall need created light
you, its light, its joy, its crown,
you its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

Blessing

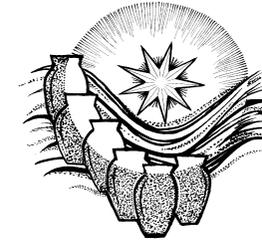
May God who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be upon you this day and always. Amen.

Let us continue in Christ's hope and peace.
Thanks be to God.

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Welcome

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us.

We keep silence

As God's people we have gathered:
Let us worship God together.

We sing or say

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way that is true.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would count as your own;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.



These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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We say Sorry to God and we Receive God's Forgiveness

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love call you back, forgive you your sins,
and assure you of eternal love in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The Prayer for Today

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to
your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Bible reading: John 2:1-11

Reflection (attached)

We pray together

Take from us Lord,
any sense that we haven't much to offer you.
Even when we feel that our gifts are meagre and ordinary,
help us to offer them joyfully to you,
that you may transform what we think is just water,
into the rich wine of your kingdom, full of blessing. Amen.

We Declare our Faith

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; he was buried; he was
raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards
he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15:3-7

Intercessions ending with The Lord's Prayer

The Peace

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

2 Corinthians 5: 17

We sing or say

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore your splendour see.

As with joyful steps they sped
Saviour, to your lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
you, whom heaven and earth adore:
so with ever-quickening pace
may we seek your throne of grace.