

*Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
 silently washes their feet,
 master who acts as a slave to them.
- 2 Neighbours are rich folk and poor,
 neighbours are black folk and white,
 neighbours are nearby and far away.
- 3 These are the ones we should serve,
 these are the ones we should love.
 All these are neighbours to us and you.
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
 silently washing their feet,
 this is the way we should live with you.

North Ghanaian song

adapted by Tom Colvin (1925–2000)

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- 1 **Jesu, the joy of loving hearts,**
the fount of life and light of all;
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to heed your call.
- 2 Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you save all those who on you call;
to those that seek you, you are good,
to those that find you, all in all.
- 3 We taste of you, the living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountain-head,
our thirsty souls from you we fill.
- 4 Our restless spirits long to be
with you, where'er our lot is cast,
glad when your gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold you fast.
- 5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
shed on the world your holy light.

Ray Palmer (1808–1887) (*alt.*)

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- 1 **Jesus — the name high over all,**
 in hell, or earth, or sky!
 Angels revere, and nations fall,
 and devils fear and fly.
- 2 Jesus — the name to sinners dear,
 the name to sinners given!
 It scatters all their guilty fear,
 it turns their hell to heaven.
- 3 Jesus — the prisoner's fetters breaks,
 and bruises Satan's head;
 power into strengthless souls it speaks,
 and life into the dead.
- 4 O that the world might taste and see
 the riches of his grace!
 The arms of love that compass me
 would all the earth embrace.
- 5 His only righteousness I show,
 his saving grace proclaim;
 'tis all my business here below
 to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'
- 6 Happy if with my latest breath
 I might but gasp his name;
 preach him to all, and cry in death:
 'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult**
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying: 'Christian, follow me.'
- 2 As of old apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying: 'Christian, love me more.'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures:
'Christian, love me more than these.'
- 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

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Jesus calls us here to meet him

as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.

Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him

Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.

Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.

Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth

Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the Church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.

Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and **Graham Maule** (b. 1958) Verse 4 may be omitted when Holy Communion

Jesus Christ – Perfect Love,
Holy One that knows no fault,
screen my thoughts, make me clean,
know the motives of my heart.
When I see my selfish choice,
when I glimpse your holiness,
then I realise again
Perfect Love has come to cleanse.

Jesus Christ – Lord for all,
plant in me the kingdom.
Search me, Lord, when I'm found
looking only to my needs.
When I see the way you lived,
how you dignified the poor,
then I realise again
how I need to know you more.

Jesus Christ – Lamb of God,
Love resolved to take our place.
Who can write or describe
all of your self-giving grace?
When I look at the brutal cross,
innocence and beauty slain,
that's when I realise once more
you fully understand our pain.

Jesus Christ – King of heaven,
qualified to wear the crown.
In your face, radiant grace
draws us closer to your throne.
When we see your generous heart,
when we touch the world you love,
that's when we realise again;
Perfect Love is Perfect Hope.

Geraldine Latty (b. 1963) and Busbee

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Jesus Christ is the Lord of all,
Lord of all the earth.
Jesus Christ is the Lord of all,
Lord of all the earth.
Jesus Christ is the Lord of all,
Lord of all the earth.
Jesus Christ is the Lord of all,
Lord of all the earth.

Only one God over the nations,
only one Lord of all.
In no other name is there salvation,
Jesus is Lord of all.

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Only one God over the nations,
only one Lord of all.
In no other name is there salvation,
Jesus is Lord of all.

Gerrit Gustafson and Steve Israel

1 **Jesus Christ is waiting,**
waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too:
make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.

2 Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals
and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too:
in the Kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.

3 Jesus Christ is healing,
healing in the streets,
curing those who suffer,
touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too:
let my care be active,
healing, just like you.

4 Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil
let me dance with you.

5 Jesus Christ is calling,

calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few:
walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

John L. Bell (*b.* 1949) and Graham Maule (*b.* 1958)

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1 **Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice,**
you became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,
and I'm in that place once again.
And I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon
the cross where you died,
I'm humbled by your mercy
and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you,
once again I pour out my life.*

2 Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
and I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.

Refrain

Thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross, my Friend.
Thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross, my Friend.

Refrain

Matt Redman (*b.* 1974)

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- 1 **Jesus comes with all his grace,**
comes to save a fallen race:
object of our glorious hope,
Jesus comes to lift us up.
Alleluia!
- 2 Let the living stones cry out;
let the seed of Abram shout;
praise we all our lowly King,
give him thanks, rejoice, and sing.
Alleluia!
- 3 He has our salvation wrought,
he our captive souls has bought,
he has reconciled to God,
he has washed us in his blood.
Alleluia!
- 4 We are now his lawful right,
walk as children of the light;
we shall soon obtain the grace,
pure in heart, to see his face.
Alleluia!
- 5 We shall gain our calling's prize;
after God we all shall rise,
filled with joy, and love, and peace,
perfected in holiness.
Alleluia!

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Jesus in the olive grove,**
 waiting for a traitor's kiss,
 rises free from bitterness.
- 2 As he wakes his comrades up,
 torches flicker in the glen;
 shadows turn to marching men.
- 3 In that dawn of blows and lies
 Church and State conspire to kill,
 hang three rebels on a hill.
- 4 Innocent and guilty drown
 in a flood of blood and sweat.
 How much darker can it get?
- 5 How much darker must it be
 for a God to see and care
 that we perish in despair?
- 6 It is God himself who dies!
 God in man shall set us free:
 God as Man — and only he.
- 7 Let him claim us as his own;
 we will serve as best we can
 such a God and such a Man!

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

This hymn is particularly suitable for use in “A Service of Light and Darkness” on Maundy Thursday; the music should continue from one verse into the next without a break.

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- 1 **Jesus is King**
and I will extol him,
give him the glory,
and honour his name;
he reigns on high,
enthroned in the heavens —
Word of the Father,
exalted for us.
- 2 We have a hope
that is steadfast and certain,
gone through the curtain
and touching the throne;
we have a priest
who is there interceding,
pouring his grace
on our lives day by day.
- 3 We come to him,
our Priest and Apostle,
clothed in his glory
and bearing his name,
laying our lives
with gladness before him —
filled with his Spirit
we worship the King:
- 4 ‘O Holy One,
our hearts do adore you;
thrilled with your goodness
we give you our praise!’
Angels in light
with worship surround him,
Jesus, our Saviour,
for ever the same.

Wendy Churchill

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- 1 **Jesus is Lord!** Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!
 Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
 Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!
- 2 Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding —
yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free.
- 3 Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

David John Mansell (*b.* 1936)

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- 1 **Jesus is risen, alleluia!**
Worship and praise him, alleluia!
Now our redeemer bursts from the grave;
lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save.
 Come, let us worship him,
 endlessly sing;
 Christ is alive and death loses its sting.
 Sins are forgiven, alleluia!
 Jesus is risen, alleluia!
- 2 Buried for three days, destined for death,
now he returns to breathe with our breath.
Blest are the ears alert to his voice,
blest are the hearts which for him rejoice.
- 3 ‘Don't be afraid!’ the angel had said,
‘Why seek the living here with the dead?’
Look, where he lay, his body is gone,
risen and vibrant, warm with the sun.’
- 4 ‘Go and tell others, Christ is alive.’
Love is eternal, faith and hope thrive.
What God intended, Jesus fulfilled;
what God conceives can never be killed.
- 5 Christ has arisen! Now all can see
how humankind is meant to be free.
Though powers of darkness threaten their worst,
through every barrier Jesus has burst.
- 6 Let heaven echo, let the earth sing:
Jesus is saviour of everything.
All those who trust him, Christ will receive;
therefore rejoice, obey and believe!

Bernard Kyamanywa (*b.* 1938)

English version John L. Bell (*b.* 1949)

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- 1 **Jesus is the heart of Christmas,**
give the Lord his rightful place!
Garlands, gleam with his charisma,
tinsel, glisten with his grace!
Jesus is the heart of Christmas
welcome him with love and praise!

- 2 Jesus is the heart of Christmas,
light your candles from his flame!
Hang your holly in his honour,
trim each fir tree in his name!
Jesus is the heart of Christmas
celebrate the day he came!

- 3 Jesus is the heart of Christmas,
share him in each card you send.
Give each gift in love and friendship,
share his gifts which have no end.
Jesus is the heart of Christmas,
Lord and Saviour, Guide and Friend.

- 4 Jesus is the heart of Christmas,
find his peace on busy days.
May the messages of Advent
guide us through the Christmas maze.
Jesus is the heart of Christmas,
sing each carol in his praise!

Marguerite Kendrick (*b.* 1927)

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1 **Jesus is the name we honour;**
Jesus is the name we praise.
Majestic name above all other names,
the highest heav'n and earth proclaim
that Jesus is our God.

*We will glorify,
we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.
We will glorify,
we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.*

2 Jesus is the name we worship;
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings,
let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.

3 Jesus is the Father's splendour;
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
and every eye at last will see
that Jesus is our God.

Philip Lawson-Johnston

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Jesus lead us to the Father
by your Spirit, help us draw near.
Jesus lead us to the Father
by your Spirit, help us draw near.

As we come with awe and gladness,
help us draw near.
As we come with awe and gladness,
help us draw near.
Alleluia, alleluia, help us draw near.
Alleluia, alleluia, help us draw near.

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- 1 **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who are in want are blest.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring
its grateful honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

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Jesus shall take the highest honour,
Jesus shall take the highest praise;
let all earth join heaven in exalting
the Name which is above all other names.
Let's bow the knee in humble adoration,
for at his name every knee must bow.
Let every tongue confess he is Christ, God's only Son.
Sovereign Lord we give you glory now.

*For all honour and blessing and power
belongs to you, belongs to you.
All honour and blessing and power
belongs to you, belongs to you,
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.*

Christopher Alan Bowater (b. 1947)

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Jesus, stand among us
at the meeting of our lives,
be our sweet agreement
at the meeting of our eyes.
O Jesus, we love you,
so we gather here,
join our hearts in unity
and take away our fear.

So to you we're gathering
out of each and ev'ry land,
Christ the love between us
at the joining of our hands.
O Jesus, we love you,
so we gather here,
join our hearts in unity
and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us at
the breaking of the bread;
join us as one body as we worship you, our Head.
O Jesus, we love you, o we gather here,
join our hearts in unity
and take away our fear.

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*Jesus the carpenter, hanging on Calvary,
nails through your feet and your work-hardened hands —
wood you have worked with and wood is your destiny —
paying the price of our sinful demands.*

- 1 You came to our world as a part of a family,
 living and learning the carpenter's trade.
 You followed your father's instructions so faithfully,
 shaping and crafting the yokes that you made:
- 2 You called other workers to join in your ministry,
 laying rough hands on the sick and the lame.
 You taught of God's love with such power and authority,
 people who knew you believed you insane:
- 3 You faced with great courage the open hostility
 coming from those who believed they were right.
 They stripped you and beat you and laughed at you finally,
 thinking your death was the end of the fight:
- 4 But we, who now know that you ended triumphantly
 working with wood till your task was complete,
 can come to your cross with our hope and humility,
 laying our pride at the carpenter's feet:

Marjorie Dobson (*b.* 1940)

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- 1 **Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Bread,**
the Bread of Life for the world am I.
The Bread of Life for the world am I,
the Bread of Life for the world am I.'
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Bread,
the Bread of Life for the world am I.'
- 2 Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Vine,
the true and fruitful Vine am I.
The true and fruitful Vine am I,
the true and fruitful Vine am I.'
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Vine,
the true and fruitful Vine am I.'
- 3 Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Way,
the true and living Way am I.
The true and living Way am I,
the true and living Way am I.'
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Way,
the true and living Way am I.'
- 4 Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Light,
the one true Light of the world am I.
The one true Light of the world am I,
the one true Light of the world am I.'
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Light,
the one true Light of the world am I.'
- 5 Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Life,
the Resurrection and the Life am I.
The Resurrection and the Life am I,
the Resurrection and the Life am I.'
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Life,
the Resurrection and the Life am I.'

Anonymous, Urdu

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Original Shona:

Jesu, tawa pano;
Jesu, tawa pano;
Jesu, tawa pano;
tawa pano, mu zita renyu.

Jesus, we are here,

Jesus, we are here,
Jesus, we are here,
we are here for you.

Saviour, we are here,

Saviour, we are here,
Saviour, we are here,
we are here for you.

Master, we are here,

Master, we are here,
Master, we are here,
we are here for you.

Spirit, we are here,

Spirit, we are here,
Spirit, we are here,
we are here for you.

Patrick Matsikenyiri (b. 1937) Verses can be created and selected as appropriate.

1 **Jesus, all for Jesus;**
all I am and have and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus;
all I am and have and ever hope to be.

2 All of my ambitions, hopes and plans,
I surrender these into your hands.
All of my ambitions, hopes and plans,
I surrender these into your hands.

For it's only in your will that I am free.

For it's only in your will that I am free.

(repeat verse 1.)

Jennifer Atkinson and Robin Mark

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1 **Jesus, be the centre,**
be my source, be my light,
Jesus.

2 Jesus, be the centre,
be my hope, be my song,
Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails;
be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.*

3 Jesus, be my vision,
be my path, be my guide,

Jesus.

Refrain

(verse 1 is repeated.)

Michael Frye

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- 1 **Jesus, Lord, we look to thee,**
let us in thy name agree;
show thyself the Prince of Peace;
bid our jarring conflicts cease.
- 2 By thy reconciling love,
every stumbling-block remove;
each to each unite, endear;
come, and spread thy banner here.
- 3 Make us of one heart and mind,
courteous, merciful, and kind,
lowly, meek in thought and word,
altogether like our Lord.
- 4 Let us for each other care,
each the other's burden bear,
to thy Church the pattern give,
show how true believers live.
- 5 Free from anger and from pride,
let us thus in God abide;
all the depth of love express,
all the height of holiness.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Jesus, lover of my soul,**
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!
- 2 Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.
- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

- 1 **Jesus, on the mountain peak,**
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 2 Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the Prophets and the Law
shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 3 Swift the cloud of glory came,
God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 4 Jesus is the chosen One,
living hope of every nation,
hear and heed him, everyone;
sing, with earth and all creation:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Brian Wren (*b.* 1936)

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- 1 **Jesus, tempted in the desert,**
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
‘Use your power,’ the tempter tells him;
‘turn these barren rocks to bread!’
‘Not alone by bread,’ he answers,
‘can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!’
- 2 Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
‘Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break your fall!’
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
‘God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test.’
- 3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain:
‘Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!’
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
‘God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!’
- 4 When we face temptation's power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr (1923–2007)

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- 1 **Jesus, the First and Last,**
on you my soul is cast:
you did your work begin
by blotting out my sin;
you will the root remove,
and perfect me in love.
- 2 Yet when the work is done,
the work is but begun:
partaker of your grace,
I long to see your face;
the first I prove below,
the last I die to know.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Jesus, we thus obey**
your last and kindest word;
here, in your own appointed way,
we come to meet you, Lord.
- 2 Our hearts we open wide
to make the Saviour room;
and lo! the Lamb, the Crucified,
the sinners' friend, is come!
- 3 His presence makes the feast;
and now our spirits feel
the glory not to be expressed,
the joy unspeakable.
- 4 With pure celestial bliss
he does our spirits cheer;
his house of banqueting is this,
and he has brought us here.
- 5 Whate'er the Almighty can
to pardoned sinners give,
the fullness of our God made man
we here in Christ receive.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

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- 1 **Just as I am, without one** plea
but that you died to set me free,
and at your bidding, 'Come to me!'
O Lamb of God, I come!
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come!
- 3 Just as I am, you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!
- 4 Just as I am — your love unknown
has broken every barrier down —
now to be yours, yes, yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come!
- 5 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a time and then above,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871)

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- 1 **King of Glory, King of Peace,**
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.
- 2 Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.
- 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593–1633)

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1 **King of kings, majesty,**
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty.*

2 Earth and heaven worship you,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty,
I live to serve your majesty.*

Jarrold Cooper

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Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Liturgical text

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1 **Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know,
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791–1867)

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- 1 **Let all mortal flesh keep silence,**
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture —
in the body and the blood —
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry —
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.

Liturgy of St James

translated by Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885)

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1 **Let all the world in every corner sing:**
my God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!

2 Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!

George Herbert (1593–1633)

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- 1 **Let earth and heaven agree,**
 angels and people sing,
 to celebrate with me
 our Saviour and our King;
 to adore the all-atoning Lamb,
 and bless the sound of Jesu's name.
- 2 Jesus, transporting sound!
 The joy of earth and heaven;
 no other help is found,
 no other name is given,
 by which we can salvation have;
 but Jesus came the world to save.
- 3 Jesus, harmonious name!
 It charms the hosts above;
 they evermore proclaim
 and wonder at his love;
 'tis all their happiness to gaze,
 'tis heaven to see our Jesu's face.
- 4 His name the sinner hears,
 and is from sin set free;
 'tis music in his ears,
 'tis life and victory;
 new songs do now his lips employ,
 and dances his glad heart for joy.
- 5 Stung by the scorpion sin,
 my poor expiring soul
 the healing sound drinks in,
 and is at once made whole:
 see there my Lord upon the tree!
 I hear, I feel, he died for me.

6 O unexampled love,
 O all-redeeming grace!
 How swiftly did you move
 to save a fallen race!
 What shall I do to make it known
 what you for all the world have done?

7 O for a trumpet voice
 on all the world to call,
 to bid their hearts rejoice
 in him who died for all!
 For all my Lord was crucified,
 for all, for all my Saviour died.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Let earth and heaven combine,**
 angels and all agree,
 to praise in songs divine
 the incarnate Deity,
 our God contracted to a span,
 incomprehensibly made man.
- 2 He laid his glory by,
 he wrapped him in our clay;
 unmarked by human eye,
 the latent Godhead lay;
 infant of days he here became,
 and bore the mild Immanuel's name.
- 3 Unsearchable the love
 that has the Saviour brought;
 the grace is far above
 both earth's and angels' thought:
 suffice for us that God, we know,
 our God, is manifest below.
- 4 He deigns in flesh to appear,
 widest extremes to join;
 to bring our vileness near,
 and make us all divine:
 and we the life of God shall know,
 for God is manifest below.
- 5 Made perfect first in love,
 and sanctified by grace,
 we shall from earth remove,
 and see his glorious face:
 his love shall then be fully showed,
 and we shall all be lost in God.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Let every Christian pray,**
this day, and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the Church we love
commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come!
- 2 The Spirit brought to birth
the Church of Christ on earth
to seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn
since that tremendous dawn,
those gifts of Pentecost.
- 3 Always the Spirit strove
to teach her how to love:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Age after age, anew,
she proved the gospel true:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
- 4 Only the Spirit's power
can fit us for this hour:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Instruct, inspire, unite;
and make us see the light:
come, Holy Spirit, come!

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

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- 1 **Let him to whom we now belong**
his sovereign right assert,
and take up every thankful song
and every loving heart.
- 2 He justly claims us for his own,
who bought us with a price;
the Christian lives to Christ alone,
to Christ alone he dies.
- 3 Jesus, thine own at last receive,
fulfil our hearts' desire,
and let us to thy glory live,
and in thy cause expire.
- 4 Our souls and bodies we resign;
with joy we render thee
our all, no longer ours, but thine
to all eternity.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Let love be real, in giving and receiving,**
without the need to manage and to own;
a haven free from posing and pretending,
where every weakness may be safely known.
Give me your hand, along the desert pathway,
give me your love wherever we may go.
*As God loves us, so let us love each other:
with no demands, just open hands and space to grow.*
- 2 Let love be real, not grasping or confining,
that strange embrace that holds yet sets us free;
that helps us face the risk of truly living,
and makes us brave to be what we might be.
Give me your strength when all my words are weakness;
give me your love in spite of all you know.
- 3 Let love be real, with no manipulation,
no secret wish to harness or control;
let us accept each other's incompleteness,
and share the joy of learning to be whole.
Give me your hope through dreams and disappointments;
give me your trust when all my failings show.

Michael Forster (*b.* 1946)

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1 **Let me tell you about a baby**, and his family.
It is written down in the Bible so you might believe.
Many men had told of his coming, down through history.
Now the time had come for fulfilment of their prophecy.
 *And they called his name Jesus,
 Jesus the Saviour
 and they called his name Jesus,
 Son of the most high God.*

(Repeat Refrain)

2 There was once a young girl called Mary, only in her teens.
She was visited by an angel, sent to Galilee.
And he told her she'd have a baby, how, she couldn't see.
Yet it was her will to obey him, so it was agreed.
 Refrain

3 Well, in those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree,
and so Mary went with her husband where they had to be.
There was nowhere else but a stable, where they both could
sleep.
 It was there that she had her baby, born for you and me.
 Refrain

Mark Johnson and Helen Johnson

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1 **Let us break bread together with the Lord;**
let us break bread together with the Lord:

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

2 Let us drink wine together with the Lord;
let us drink wine together with the Lord:

3 Let us praise God together in the Lord;
let us praise God together in the Lord:

African-American traditional song

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- 1 **Let us build a house where love can dwell**
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
 All are welcome,
 all are welcome,
 all are welcome in this place.
- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

5 Let us a build a house where all are named,
 their songs and visions heard
 and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
 as words within the Word.
 Built of tears and cries and laughter,
 prayers of faith and songs of grace,
 let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Marty Haugen (*b.* 1950)

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- 1 **Let's praise the Creator** who gave us each other
in friendship and kinship to celebrate life;
let's sing our delight in this man and this woman,
the promise of joy as a husband and wife.
- 2 The love that we wish you, the love that we pray for
is stronger than storms and more gentle than breath,
endures every trouble, is selfless and faithful,
more precious than life and more lasting than death.
- 3 In vows that are honoured, in kissing and blessing
may happiness shine like the gold of a ring;
in passionate joy and compassionate caring
may yours be the gifts that true loving can bring.

Shirley Erena Murray (*b.* 1931)

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*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

- 1 Follow the path on which our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:
- 2 Each new-born soldier of the Crucified
bears on their brow the seal of him who died:
- 3 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine:
- 4 From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:
- 5 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee:
- 6 Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

Michael Robert Newbolt (1874–1956) and George William Kitchin (1827–1912)

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- 1 **Light a candle in a darkened place,**
in its flame see hope on every face,
Christ our Saviour will be born,
heralding a brand new dawn,
so let it burn.
- 2 In the darkness, see the coming light,
Word of God speaks through the darkest night,
keep a watch, the time is near,
time for hope and not for fear,
so let it burn.
- 3 Stepping through each page of history,
prophets contemplate this mystery,
celebrate the coming King,
words of joy and hope they bring,
so let it burn.
- 4 In the desert now the waiting's done,
make things ready for your King, says John,
see, his glory is revealed,
and the hope for all is sealed,
so let it burn.
- 5 Mary found true favour with the Lord,
yet she trembled at his strange reward,
knew this was the special One,
hope for many through God's Son,
so let it burn.
- 6 Do not fear, today I bring good cheer,
Jesus Christ, the Saviour now is here,
God has lit his flame of love,
through his Son from Heaven above.
So let it burn.

Clare Stainsby (b. 1959)

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1 **Light of the world,**
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God,
and you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

2 King of all days
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came
to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

*So here I am to worship ...
And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
So here I am to worship ...*

Tim Hughes

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1 **Like a candle flame,**
flickering small in our darkness.
Uncreated light
shines through infant eyes.

God is with us, alleluia.
God is with us, alleluia.
Come to save us, alleluia.
Come to save us.
Alleluia!

2 Stars and angels sing,
yet the earth sleeps in shadows;
can this tiny spark
set a world on fire?

3 Yet his light shall shine
from our lives, Spirit blazing,
as we touch the flame
of his holy fire.

Graham Kendrick (*b.* 1950)

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- 1 **Like the murmur of the dove's song,**
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigour of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Carl P. Daw, Jr (*b.* 1944)

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- 1 **Listening God, you hear us when we cannot speak,**
when despair and turmoil leave us faint and weak.
In love you call us back to you again
and your grace reminds us how you feel our pain.
- 2 Searching God, you find us when we go astray,
as self-centred living takes us from your way.
In love you seek us, show us what we've lost,
and your tears remind us what forgiveness cost.
- 3 Suffering God, you lift us from our deepest grief,
when emotion blinds us to our own belief.
In love you touch us with your nail-torn hand
and your wounds remind us why you understand.
- 4 Risen God, you show us love too strong for death,
evil deeds defeated by your living breath.
In love you teach us never to despair,
your new life reminds us, hope is always there.

Marjorie Dobson (*b.* 1940)

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- 1 **Lo, he comes with clouds descending,**
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
we who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears;
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars.
- 4 Sing, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
come, Lord Jesus!
Everlasting God, come down!

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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1 **Long ago, prophets knew**
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

2 God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human:

3 Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid;
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected:

4 Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

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- 1 **Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
 Christ, be our light!
 Shine in our hearts.
 Shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light!
 Shine in your Church gathered today.
- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell (*b.* 1957)

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- 1 **'Look around you, can you see?**
Times are troubled, people grieve.
See the violence, feel the hardness;
all my people, weep with me.'
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.
- 2 **'Walk among them, I'll go with you.**
Reach out to them with my hands.
Suffer with me, and together
we will serve them, help them stand.'
- 3 Forgive us, Father; hear our prayer.
We would walk with you anywhere,
through your suffering, with forgiveness,
take your life into the world.

Jodi Page Clark (*b.* 1941)

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- 1 **Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice,**
your life in love so freely given.
For those who took your life away
you prayed: that they might be forgiven;
and there, in helplessness arrayed,
God's power was perfectly displayed.
- 2 Once helpless in your mother's arms,
dependent on her mercy then;
at last, by choice, in other hands,
you were as helpless once again;
and, at their mercy, crucified,
you claimed your victory and died.
- 3 Though helpless and rejected then,
you're now as risen Lord acclaimed;
for ever by your sacrifice
is God's eternal love proclaimed:
the love which, dying, brings to birth
new life and hope for all on earth.
- 4 So, living Lord, prepare us now
your willing helplessness to share;
to give ourselves in sacrifice
to overcome the world's despair;
in love to give ourselves away
and claim your victory today.

Alan Gaunt (*b.* 1935)

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Lord Jesus Christ,
your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ,
your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.

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- 1 **Lord Jesus Christ,**
 you have come to us,
 you are one with us,
 Mary's Son;
 cleansing our souls from all their sin,
 pouring your love and goodness in;
 Jesus, our love for you we sing,
 living Lord.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ,
 now and every day,
 teach us how to pray,
 Son of God.
 You have commanded us to do
 this, in remembrance, Lord, of you;
 into our lives your power breaks through,
 living Lord.
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have come to us,
 born as one of us,
 Mary's Son;
 led out to die on Calvary,
 risen from death to set us free;
 living Lord Jesus, help us see
 you are Lord.
- 4 Lord Jesus Christ,
 we would come to you,
 live our lives for you,
 Son of God.
 All your commands we know are true;
 your many gifts will make us new;
 into our lives your power breaks through,
 living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (*b.* 1925)

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- 1 **Lord Jesus, once a child,**
Saviour of young and old,
receive *this little child* of ours (*these little ones*)
into your flock and fold.
- 2 You drank the cup of life,
its bitterness and bliss,
and loved us to the uttermost
for *such a child as this*. (*children such as these.*)
- 3 So help us, Lord, to trust,
through this baptismal rite,
not in our own imperfect love,
but in your saving might.
- 4 Lord Jesus, for *his* sake, (*her, their*)
lend us your constant aid,
that *he*, when older, may rejoice (*she, they*)
we kept the vows we made.

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

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- 1 **Lord of all hopefulness**, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (Joyce Placzek) (1901–1953)

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- 1 **Lord of creation, to you be all praise!**
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
- 2 Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
- 3 Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses my knowledge to find;
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.
- 4 Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart,
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.
- 5 Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if I should disown you, I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack Copley Winslow (1882–1974)

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Lord of life, we come to you.
Lord of all, our Saviour be.
Come to bless and to heal
with the light of your love.

Catherine Walker (*b.* 1958)

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- 1 **Lord of the boundless curves of space**
and time's deep mystery,
to your creative might we trace
all nature's energy.
- 2 Your mind conceived the galaxy,
each atom's secret planned,
and every age of history
your purpose, Lord, has spanned.
- 3 Your Spirit gave the living cell
its hidden, vital force:
the instincts which all life impel
derive from you, their source.
- 4 You gave a growing consciousness,
first sown when time began,
with all our longing to progress,
discover, shape and plan.
- 5 In Christ the living power of grace
to liberate and lead
lights up the future of our race
with mercy's crowning deed.
- 6 Lead us, whom love has made and sought,
to find, when planets fall,
that Omega of life and thought
where Christ is all in all.

Albert Frederick Bayly (1901–1984) and Brian Wren (*b.* 1936)

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- 1 **Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,**
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus, true and living Bread.
- 2 Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.
- 3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We in worship join with them.
- 4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.
- 5 Life-imparting, heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified.

George Hugh Bourne (1840–1925)

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- 1 **Lord, for the years your love** has kept and guided,
 urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
 sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
 teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
 Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
 spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
 for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
 loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
 hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
 self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
 past put behind us, for the future take us,
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (*b.* 1926)

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Liturgical text

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1 **Lord, I come before your throne of grace;**
I find rest in your presence
and fullness of joy.
In worship and wonder
I behold your face,
singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I,
what a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
faithful in every way.

2 Lord of mercy, you have heard my cry;
through the storm you're the beacon,
my song in the night.
In the shelter of your wings,
hear my heart's reply,
singing what a faithful God have I.

3 Lord all sovereign, granting peace from heaven,
let me comfort those who suffer
with the comfort you have given.
I will tell of your great love for as long as I live,
singing what a faithful God have I.

Robert Critchley (b. 1959) and Dawn Critchley (b. 1965)

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1 **Lord, I come to you,**
let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace
that I found in you.
And Lord, I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away
by the power of your love.
*Hold me close,
let your love surround me;
bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait,
I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with you,
your Spirit leads me on
in the power of your love.*

2 Lord, unveil my eyes,
let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love
as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind,
as your will unfolds in my life
in living every day
by the power of your love.

Geoff Bullock (*b.* 1956)

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Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises;
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
from the earth to the cross
my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky:
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Rick Founds

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- 1 **Lord, in our lonely hours,**
and when our spirit faints,
we are encouraged by your life,
and by your saints.
- 2 If we've no breath for praise,
no thoughts to frame a prayer,
we know you need no words of ours
to prompt your care.
- 3 If in excess of pain,
or grief, we stammer *why?*
It comforts us that on your cross
this was your cry.
- 4 Yet, in serenest faith,
transforming Calvary,
you trusted in the Father's love —
and so must we.

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

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- 1 **Lord, in the strength of grace,**
with a glad heart and true,
myself, my residue of days,
I consecrate to you.
- 2 Your ransomed servant, I
restore to you your own;
and, from this moment, live or die
to serve my God alone.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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1 **Lord, the light of your love is shining,**
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us —
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness —
shine on me, shine on me.

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story —
shine on me, shine on me.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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- 1 **Lord, we come to ask your healing,**
teach us of love;
all unspoken shame revealing,
teach us of love.
Take our selfish thoughts and actions,
petty feuds, divisive factions,
hear us now to you appealing,
teach us of love.
- 2 Soothe away our pain and sorrow,
hold us in love;
grace we cannot buy or borrow,
hold us in love.
Though we see but dark and danger,
though we spurn both friend and stranger,
though we often dread tomorrow,
hold us in love.
- 3 When the bread is raised and broken,
fill us with love;
words of consecration spoken,
fill us with love.
As our grateful prayers continue,
make the faith that we have in you
more than just an empty token,
fill us with love.
- 4 Help us live for one another,
bind us in love;
stranger, neighbour, father, mother —
bind us in love.
All are equal at your table,
through your Spirit make us able
to embrace as sister, brother,
bind us in love.

Jean Holloway (*b.* 1939)

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- 1 **Lord, we have come at your own invitation,**
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication,
ours a commitment we know never ends.
- 2 Here, at your table, confirm our intention,
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve, without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your Kingdom, whatever our place.
- 3 When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.
- 4 So, in the world, where each duty assigned us
gives us the chance to create or destroy,
help us to make those decisions that bind us,
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

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- 1 **Lord, we turn to you for mercy:**
 may our prayerful words express
 something of our heartfelt sorrow
 for the sins we now confess.
- 2 We have trusted far too often
 in our human strength and skill;
 we have proudly disregarded
 what we knew to be your will.
- 3 Yet by your immense compassion
 you invite, accept, restore,
 leading us to greater wholeness
 than we ever knew before.
- 4 Your forgiveness lifts our burdens,
 setting heart and spirit free
 to fulfil our true potential,
 all that we were meant to be.
- 5 For you teach a way of wisdom
 we may clearly understand:
 walking with the God of mercy
 step by step, and hand in hand.

Martin Leckebusch (*b.* 1962)

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Lord, you call us to your service,
each in our own way.
Some to caring, loving, healing;
some to preach, or pray;
some to work with quiet learning,
truth discerning,
day by day.

Life for us is always changing
in the work we share.
Christian love adds new dimensions
to the way we care.
For we know that you could lead us,
as you need us,
anywhere.

Seeing life from your perspective
makes your challenge plain,
as your heart is grieving over
those who live in pain.
Teach us how, by our compassion,
you may fashion
hope again.

Lord, we set our human limits
on the work we do.
Send us your directing Spirit,
pour your power through,
that we may be free in living
and in giving
all for you.

Marjorie Dobson (b. 1940)

Music StF 39 Angel Voices – Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)

- 1 **Lord, you have come to the seashore,**
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.
 O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
 gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
 All I longed for I have found by the water,
 at your side I will seek other shores.
- 2 Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?
- 3 Lord, take my hands, and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.
- 4 Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting-place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.

Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936–1991)

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Lord, you have my heart,
and I will search for yours;
Jesus, take my life and lead me on.

Lord, you have my heart,
and I will search for yours;
let me be to you a sacrifice.

And I will praise you, Lord.

(I will praise you, Lord.)

And I will sing of love come down.

(I will sing of love come down.)

And as you show your face,

(show your face,)

all: we'll see your glory here.

Martin J. Smith

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- 1 **Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders,**
unmistakable and clear,
mighty signs that show your presence,
overcoming doubt and fear.
O Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders.
- 2 Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers,
still and small and scarcely heard;
only those who want to listen
catch the all-important word.
O Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers.
- 3 Lord, you sometimes speak in silence,
through our loud and noisy day;
we can know and trust you better
when we quietly wait and pray.
O Lord, you sometimes speak in silence.
- 4 Lord, you often speak in Scripture,
words that summon from the page,
shown and taught us by your Spirit
with fresh light for every age.
O Lord, you often speak in Scripture.
- 5 Lord, you always speak in Jesus,
always new yet still the same:
teach us now more of our Saviour,
make our lives display his Name.
O Lord, you always speak in Jesus.

Christopher Idle (*b.* 1938)

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- 1 **Lord, your Church on earth is seeking**
your renewal from above;
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accent of your love.
We would heed your great commission:
sending us to every place —
preach, baptise, fulfil my mission,
serve with love and share my grace.
- 2 Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within:
light for darkness; joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife.
These and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.
- 3 In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of his mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races
let us serve, and seek to bring
all the world to render praises,
Christ, to you, Redeemer, King.

Hugh Sherlock (1905–1998)

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- 1 **Love came down at Christmas,**
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.
- 2 Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?
- 3 Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and all the world,
love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830–1894)

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- 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling,**
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Love inspired the anger**
that cleared a temple court,
overturned the wisdom
which their greed had wrought.
- 2 Love inspired the anger
that set the leper free
from the legal strictures
that brought misery.
- 3 Love inspired the anger
that cursed a viper's brood:
set on domination,
self with God confused.
- 4 Love inspires the anger
that curses poverty,
preaches life's enrichment,
seeks equality.
- 5 Love inspires the anger
that still can set us free
from the world's conventions
bringing liberty.

Andrew Pratt (*b.* 1948)

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- 1 **Low in the grave he lay,**
Jesus, my Saviour,
waiting the coming day,
Jesus, my Lord:
 Up from the grave he arose,
 with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
 he arose a victor from the dark domain,
 and he lives for ever with his saints to reign:
 He arose! He arose!
 Alleluia! Christ arose!
- 2 Vainly they watch his bed,
Jesus, my Saviour;
vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus, my Lord:
- 3 Death cannot keep his prey,
Jesus, my Saviour;
he tore the bars away,
Jesus, my Lord:

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

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