



AT HOME SERVICE

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Worship God with gladness. Come into his presence and sing his praises.

Loving Lord, your grace draws us to your presence.

Your peace unites us in your love; your hope inspires us to praise your glory.

May our worship be worthy of you.

Hymn 857 in Mission Praise

1] I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin

My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

will go, Lord,

If you need me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

2] I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them.

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.....

3] I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

Till their hearts are satisfied.

I will give My life to them.

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.....

Daniel Schutte (b. 1947)

Let us pray

We come before you, gracious God, just as we are.

We come with our weaknesses and our vulnerabilities.

We come with our fears and apprehensions.

We come with faith and doubt.

We come to offer and receive.

We come to you, the king of love –

In the name of your Son,

And in the power of your Spirit.

Sometimes Lord, we do not do what we are supposed to do in your name.

We ignore those in need; we forget to help others.

We sometimes just think what is best for us.

Forgive us and show us the path of Jesus, who helped those who needed the love and support he gave so freely.

We come before you with gladness and thanksgiving.

We praise your goodness;

We praise your faithfulness;

We praise your tenderness.

We are yours and we worship you.

We bless your name forever. Amen

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples

Our Father

Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

The power and the glory

For ever and ever. Amen

The reading is from Exodus 19: 2-8a

They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.' So, Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do'.

Second reading is Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news. "The kingdom of heaven has come near". Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for labourers deserve their food.

Reflection

In this reading from Exodus, the Israelites have reached Mount Sinai. God has rescued them from Egyptian oppression in the dramatic fashion beautifully expressed: 'I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.' God and the people are linked by the covenant, a promise founded on mutual love. The people of Israel are God's treasured possession.

That love is experienced as growing and developing down the centuries and we see it most clearly in Jesus Christ, God for us – prepared to die for all. The power of that love breaks down every barrier – even death. In the Gospel, Jesus looks at the people and is filled with compassion. They are like lost sheep, going round in circles, lacking guidance and direction. He remarks that the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. There are far more people needing rescue than rescuers. Jesus appoints 12 apostles to help him in leadership. He appoints them by name. They are individuals, unique, from different places and trades. Their task is to bring to God those who are harassed and helpless. Their first task is to go to the Israelites who've got lost along the way. They are to proclaim the good news – to tell the story of God's love. The kingdom is near. The apostles demonstrate that by curing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing lepers and casting out demons – all biblical signs that God is at work.

We too are God's treasured possession. But not just us – all people everywhere are loved and treasured by God. Sadly, many in our communities are going round in circles and need to be rescued – to hear God's love for them. Jesus calls and appoints each of us – just as he called the first disciples. We are called to tell people the good news of God. God still shows himself in startling ways – in acts of grace, generosity of giving, unexpected forgiveness, fresh starts, acceptance, welcome and hospitality.

You may think there's little you can do to make a difference, but you'd be wrong. Helping people see that they are loved and treasured makes a whole world of difference. We are agents of hope, disciples of good news, we can bring the kingdom of God by an ordinary, thoughtful act, which can make a real difference to someone.

It is our calling and joy to work with Jesus to gather in God's harvest of souls. We each carry the message of hope – that all are God's treasured possessions, loved beyond measure.

Who will you tell today?

Let us join in praying together with all God's people to the Lord of the harvest

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life, and above all for your love in dying for us who so often act as your enemies.

Break down any barriers which prevent us from being at peace with you and fill your church with love for all who do not yet know your peace.

Father, we thank you for the joy of our families and friendships, and the opportunities proved in our homes for learning what real loving is all about.

We pray for those we love and worry about and those who love and worry about us, commending one another to your keeping.

Father, we thank you for all the medical research that has brought healing and quality of life to so many. We pray for all who work in hospitals, hospices and clinics, and for all the patients in their care.

We pray for all who are harassed and worried, and long for the peace of mind that eludes them.
Father.

We thank you for all who have lived your praise and worked for the coming of your kingdom. Receive into the joy of heaven all who have died in faith, whose strong hope in the eternal God is not disappointed, but fulfilled.

Father, we thank you for all who sense your calling and respond to it with joy.

We pray for still more workers in your harvest, to gather in many to share the joy of your peace.

You, O Lord:

You are our hope and joy. Amen

Hymn 796 in Mission Praise

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
Shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944) & Steffi Rubin (b. 1975)

Blessing

Go to serve; go to love;
Go to bring healing; go to bring peace;
Go in the strength of the Father;
Go in the power of Jesus;
Go united by the Spirit.
Go - and know his grace. Amen