



May 24, 2026 / Pentecost Sunday
At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

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Shine, Jesus, Shine

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.

Chorus

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

Lord I come to Your awesome presence from the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.

(chorus)

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. *(chorus)*

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Psalm 130:1-12, 20-22 (Tune: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship)

Bless the LORD, my soul, let all that is within me bless His name.
Bless the LORD, my soul, forget not all His mercies to proclaim.
He forgives all your transgressions; He heals all disease you face.
He redeems your life forever from the pit with love and grace.

He with good does satisfy you; renews youth like eagle's flight
He works righteousness and justice for those in oppression's plight.
He made known His ways to Moses, deeds to Isr'el from above.
The LORD's gracious with compassion, slow to anger, rich in love.

He will not accuse forever, nor keep anger in reserve;
He does not repay us as our sins and wickedness deserve.
High as heav'ns above the earth, so great His love for all who fear;
Far as east is from the west, He's cast our sin and drawn us near.

Bless the LORD, all heav'n-ly hosts who dwell with Him in glory still
You, His servants, who obey His ev'ry word and do His will.
Bless the LORD, all of His works, from everywhere in His domain.
Bless the LORD, my soul—let nothing but His praise in you remain.

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with
the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always
and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. *Ephesians. 5:18-21*

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness

**Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule
the nations and our small lives.**

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts.

We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

How did God create man?

God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness with dominion over the creatures.

Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect, is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be God and man in two distinct natures, and one person forever.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #1, 10, 13, 20, 21

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors. and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: for yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PREPARATION

Before the Throne of God Above

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed you suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace.

Chorus: Hallelujah all I have is Christ. Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 4:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Before the Throne of Heaven”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain
from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant
to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.*

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Before the Throne of Heaven