

## WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

### Holy is the Lord

1. We stand and lift up our hands.  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now.  
How great how awesome is He.

*Pre-chorus*

And together we sing.  
Everyone sing.

*Chorus*

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord god Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.

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Everyone sing.

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The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.

*Bridge*

It's rising up all around.  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
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*Chorus*

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*Stand*

### Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;  
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
 C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**  
 L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
 C **Teach me Your paths.**  
 L Sanctify us in Your truth.  
 C **Your Word is truth.**  
 L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**  
 C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Blessed Be Your Name**

**1) Blessed be Your name**  
**In the land that is plentiful**  
**Where Your streams of abundance flow**  
**Blessed be Your name**  
  
**2) Blessed be Your name**  
**When I'm found in the desert place**  
**Though I walk through the wilderness**  
**Blessed be Your name**  
*Pre-chorus*  
**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise**  
**When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say**

*Chorus*

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your glorious name**

**3) Blessed be Your name**  
**When the sun's shining down on me**  
**When the world's all as it should be**  
**Blessed be Your name**

**4) Blessed be Your name**  
**On the road marked with suffering**  
**Though there's pain in the offering**  
**Blessed be Your name**  
*Pre-chorus*  
**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise**  
**When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say**

*Chorus*

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your glorious name**

*Chorus*

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your glorious name**

*BRIDGE*

**You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name**

*BRIDGE*

**You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name**

*Chorus*

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name**

*Chorus*

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Blessed be Your name  
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## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Acts 9:1-22*

L A reading from Acts, chapter 9.

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” <sup>5</sup>And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*Galatians 1:11-24*

L A reading from Galatians, chapter 1.

<sup>11</sup>For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. <sup>12</sup>For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup>For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup>But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, <sup>16</sup>was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; <sup>17</sup>nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

<sup>18</sup>Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup>But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup>(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) <sup>21</sup>Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup>And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup>They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." <sup>24</sup>And they glorified God because of me.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Matthew 19:27–30*

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 19.

<sup>27</sup>Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" <sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life T everlasting. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

C 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  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

*Sit*

### Offering (During Song)

#### How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no power no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

## Sermon

### *Stand* **Prayer**

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### Collect of the Day

L Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and, following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

### Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

### Morning Prayer

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**  
**Amen.**

### Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.  
C **Amen.**

## You Never Let Go

1) Even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle  
Of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back I know You are near

*(Pre-Chorus)*

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear

*Chorus*

Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me

2) And I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth

*Pre-Chorus*

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear

*Chorus 2x*

Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me

*Bridge*

Yes I can see a light  
That is coming for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You  
Still I will praise You  
*(REPEAT)*

*Chorus*

**Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me**

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