

Peace UCC
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The Lord's Prayer
Your Kingdom come: *Throne with No Body*

Prelude "Open My Eyes That I May See" Robert J. Powell
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Welcome

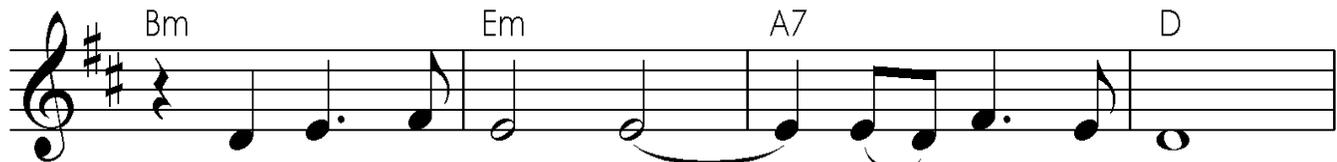
Opening Words M. Enid Watson

O great God, who are you?
O great God, where are you?
O great God, show yourself to us, in this place, at this time.
We are listening for you.
We are here because we want to know you more fully.
Let us listen and sing and pray together.

Opening Response "In All Our Living"



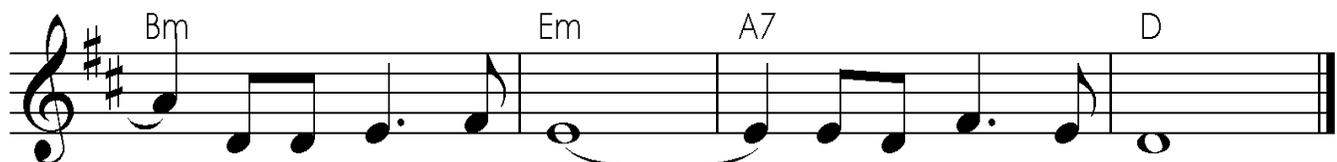
In all our liv - ing, _____ we be long to God;
God sent Christ Je - sus _____ to be our sha-lom,



and in our dy - ing, _____ we are still with God;
to show us mer - cy _____ and heal - ing love;



So, wheth er liv - ing, _____ or wheth - er dy - ing, _____
So in our liv - ing, _____ and in our dy - ing, _____



_____ we be-long to God; _____ we be-long to God.
_____ Christ is our sha- lom; _____ Christ is our sha- lom.

Prayer of Invocation Ruth C. Duck

Gracious God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Free us to receive with humility and to give with joy. Open our hands to share what we have without fear of tomorrow. Anoint your people as peacemakers and justice makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed. Amen

The Witness of Music Frankie Johnson, Gloria Dean, and Stella Dean
"Jesus Teach Us How to Pray" John D. Horman and Mary Keithahn
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Readings:

1 Samuel 8:1, 3-22

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to God, and God said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

So Samuel reported all the words of God to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female servants, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.'

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.' When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of God. God said to Samuel, 'Listen to their voice and set a king over them.' Samuel then said to the people of Israel, 'Each of you return home.'

Where Will I Find You
By Yehudah HaLevi (translated by Peter Cole)

Yehudah HaLevi is perhaps the best-known literary figure in Jewish history. Hardly a Kabbalist, he is nonetheless looked to by later mystical practitioners as a distinguished and discerning precursor because of his Sufi-like surrender to trust in God and His presence.

Where, Lord, will I find you:
your place is high and obscured.
And where

won't I find you:
your glory fills the world.

You dwell deep within—
you've fixed the ends of creation.
You stand, a tower for the near,
refuge to those far off.
You've lain above the Ark, here,
yet live in the highest heavens.
Exalted among your hosts,
although beyond their hymns—
no heavenly sphere
could ever contain you,
let alone a chamber within.

In being borne above them
on an exalted throne,
you are closer to them
than their breath and skin.
Their mouths bear witness for them,
that you alone gave them form.
Your kingdom's burden is theirs;
who wouldn't fear you?
And who could fail
to search for you—
who sends down food when it is due?

I sought your nearness.
With all my heart I called you.
And in my going out to meet you,
I found you coming toward me,
as in the wonders of your might
and holy works I saw you.
Who would say he hasn't seen
your glory as the heavens'
hordes declare
their awe of you
without a sound being heard?

But could the Lord, in truth,
dwell in men on earth?
How would men you made
from the dust and clay
fathom your presence there,
enthroned upon their praise?
The creatures hovering over
the world praise your wonders—
your throne borne high
above their heads,
as you bear all forever.

Didache 8:2

"Our Abba, in Heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
Your Kingdom come,

**your will be done,
as in Heaven
so on earth;**

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

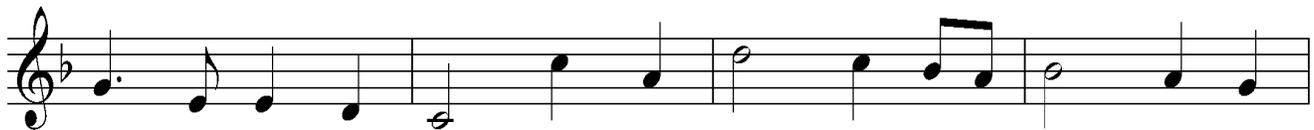
Hymn "All My Hope on God Is Founded"



All my hope on God_ is__ found - ed: who else can my
Well does the al - might - y___ Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
In glad hymns to God_ e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



hope_ re - new? Still through change and chance God guides me, on - ly
us__ be - stow! With de - light our souls are nour ished; plea - sure
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the



good and on - ly true. God un - known, grace a - lone, calls my
leads us where we go. At God's hand does love_ stand; joy a -
love in Christ made known. Hear Christ's call, one and_ all; those who



heart__ to be_____ God's own.
waits__ each new_____ com - mand.
fol - low shall_____ not fall.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Benediction

Postlude "Glory to God" Gerald Peterson
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