

FATHER LONG BEFORE CREATION

Father, Long Before Creation; Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,; And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above,; Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,; Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant; Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children; Must forever praise His name.

Chorus:

And the world will sing His love,; Yes, the world will sing His love,
And we'll all join hands; every woman, every man
To sing His love,; To sing His love.

God's compassion is my story,; Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing; Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us; That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee; We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing; 'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory; To our God and to the Lamb

Francis P. Jones|Andrew Osenga

This anonymous Chinese text was sung in the church in Beijing during the Cultural Revolution

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We gather in response to God's gracious invitation, not because worship earns favor with him.

Leader: Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

~ Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name; In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow; Blessed be Your name

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

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

Blessed be Your name; On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering; 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

Beth Redman | Matt Redman

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

The public reading of the Scriptures reminds us of the truth that can only be found in God's Word.

¹² "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. ¹³ "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴ But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. ¹⁵ So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.' ~Revelation 2:12-17

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word. Give us grace not only to hear and understand how you would speak to us today, but also the grace to trust and follow you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON

The sermon is a time to hear God's Word explained and applied. Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-reliance or self-justification.

DEAR CHURCH: PERGAMUM

REV. SCOTT SEATON

WAY MAKER

You are here moving in our midst; I worship You I worship You

Aquí estás; Obrando en mí
Te adoraré, Te adoraré

Chorus:

(You are) Way-Maker, Miracle-Worker, Promise-Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
(Y te llamamos) Milagroso, abres camino, Cumples promesas, Luz en tinieblas
Mi Dios, así eres Tú

You are here touching ev'ry heart; I worship You I worship You

Aquí estás,; Sanando mi corazón
Te adoraré, Te adoraré

You are here turning lives around; I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart; I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag:

That is who You are; That is who You are

Así eres Tú ; Así eres Tú

Bridge:

Even when I don't see it You're working; Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working; You never stop You never stop working

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

CONFESSION OF SIN

Since we are forgiven in Christ, confession is an honest word of grace and not an exercise in shame.

God blesses those who are gentle and lowly, for the whole earth will be their inheritance. But we have valued toughness over gentleness. We have too often chosen to be concerned with ourselves rather than with our brothers and sisters and neighbors. Like the prodigal son, we want to satisfy ourselves rather than our Father. Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are forgiven in Christ! Using the words of Scripture reinforce that our assurance is based on God's declaration and promises.

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." ~Romans 8:1

COMMUNION

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE (NO OTHER PLEA)

My faith has found a resting place
Not in device or creed
I trust the ever-living One
His wounds for me shall plead

Chorus:

I need no other argument
I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me

Enough for me that Jesus saves
This ends my fear and doubt
A sinful soul I come to Him
He'll never cast me out

My heart is leaning on the Word
The living Word of God
Salvation by my Savior's name
Salvation thru His blood

My great Physician heals the sick
The lost He came to save
For me His precious blood He shed
For me His life He gave

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BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ~Numbers 6:24-26

Unless noted, all Scripture is English Standard Version (ESV). ■ CCLI #3184477

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keeping Connected

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch, so please fill out a Keeping Connected card through our church app (instructions on downloading the app can be found below). Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Drop-In Outdoor Communion

For those who are unable to attend in-person worship at GMU, we will be providing opportunities to partake of the Lord's Supper at three outdoor locations. Today, we will be at **Southside Park in Vienna, Drew Elementary School and GMU's courtyard**. Note: Southside park has two park entrances. We will meet at Ross Dr entrance not the Ware St entrance. You can drop-in and partake of communion any time between 1:00pm - 2:00pm. Please be sure to wear a mask and to maintain social distancing.

August Mercy Offering

Throughout the month of July, we will collect a Mercy Offering for the Sarrans, who are church planting in Lyon, France. You can give by selecting "August Mercy Offering - Sarrans" as the category on the Emmanuel App or at www.emmanuelarlington.org/give.

Birth Announcement

Michael and Evelyn Wong welcomed Colette Ming-An on July 23rd. Please check the Facebook group & the Friday email for the link to sign up to provide a meal for the family.

Calls with IJM Field Offices

IJM will be hosting calls with several field offices during the month of August. These calls will give an opportunity to get a more intimate look at the work of the office as well as getting to hear from one of their incredible field staff. If interested, please email Young Lee (ylee@emmanuelarlington.org) with the call(s) you would like to be a part of in order to receive the link. The calls are scheduled for:

- Ghana & Uganda - Aug. 12, 1:00 pm EST
- Guatemala & Dominican Republic - Aug. 19, 3:00 pm EST
- India- Forced Labor Slavery and Sex Trafficking - Aug. 26, 12:00 pm EST

Facebook Devotional

Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays for our Facebook devotions led by staff members. Join us live at www.facebook.com/groups/emmanuelarlington/ or listen to the recording later.

Watch All Services Online

Did you miss last week's service? Don't worry! You can still watch it on our YouTube Channel.

Food Pantry Distribution

ABB is looking for volunteers to help distribute food pantry items and pray for members of the community. If you are interested in helping, you can sign up at [this link](#).

Arlington Bridge Builders Food Pantry

Arlington Bridge Builders (ABB) has created a Pandemic Response Team. Help by dropping off perishable food at Community Church of God (790 S. Carlin Springs, Wed-Fri, 10:00-5:00). Or donate tax-deductible funds which will help supply the pantry, pay rent, utilities, etc to vetted needy families. Visit our website and click "give".

Offering

We highly encourage everyone to give online through our website (click "Give" on the upper right corner) or our app (click "Give" on the bottom of the homepage). If this is not possible, then please mail checks to our office (1408 N Fillmore St. #16, Arlington, VA 22201).

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