

Behold, I Make All Things New

Bible Verses Mentioned: Acts 11:1–18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1–6, John 13:31–35, 2 Corinthians 5:16–17

My spirit is so weak, So light the fire in my soul, Lord you know light the fire in my heart again.

I feel your arms around me as the power of your healing begins. So light the fire with my soul, Lord you know light the fire in my heart.

I long to love.

So light the fire Hallelujah, Christ has risen. Almighty God, to you, all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ our Lord. Amen. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

The Lord be with you. Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life, grant us so perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth and the life that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the Word of God.

So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step-by-step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lured by its four corners.

And it came close to me. As I looked at it closely, I saw full-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter.

Kill and eat!" But I replied, "By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times. Then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment, three men sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter.

He will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that He gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?

When they heard this, they were silenced, and they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life, the Word of the Lord." Now we will read Psalm 148 responsively by half verse. Hallelujah, praise the Lord from the heavens.

Praise Him, all you angels of His. Praise Him, Sun and Moon. Praise Him, heaven of heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord. He made them stand fast forever and ever.

Let them praise the name of the Lord. He has raised up strength for His people and praised for all His loyal servants.

A reading from the Book of Revelation. I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God. They will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. Mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

For the first things have passed away. And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done. I am the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty, I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." The Word of the Lord. Find us together with cards that cannot be broken.

Find us together, Lord, bind us together in love. There is only one God There is only one body, Lord.

Lord, bind us together. Holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ. At the Last Supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him. If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself and will glorify Him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer.

You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you, Where I'm going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment that you love one another, just as I have loved you. So also, you shall love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love, if you have love for one another. The gospel of the Lord.

Jesus loves me, For the Bible tells me

Sometimes I just wonder like, "Where are they all coming from?" There's a bunch of them. Well, let us pray. Heavenly Father, thank you so much for the gift of new life, the gift of our children, and the promises of new life that You give to us in Your Word, where You are inviting us to have a vision for a new community that is based on Your new commandment of love as You have loved us, a new creation, new heavens, a new earth, new Jerusalem.

You promised that if we will see it, You are making all things new. And so we ask that You would speak to us through the ministry of Your Word and may the preaching of Your Word be Your Word for the glory of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen. I'd like to reflect with you on that sentence from the Book of Revelation, one of the last chapters, Revelation 21.

You'll see it in your bulletin where Jesus, it doesn't say Jesus, but it says the one who is sitting on the throne says, "Behold, I am making all things new," or, "See, I am making all things new." Or another way to put it is, "Look, I am making all things new." And I just want to reflect with you on that phrase and think about what the implications of that is for our lives.

And first of all, that word "behold" or "see" or "look." Edu is the Greek. I can just picture people going, "idoo!" You know, like, "Look, behold, look at that." That's the idea. It's an explanation kind of word that we use to draw attention and say, "Hey, pay attention.

I need you to look at something that's really important that you really need to focus on." And this is a word that you find throughout the pages of the New Testament as people are called to look upon the person of Jesus Christ and see something that they are not attuned to seeing. They need to be paying attention with their eyes. We pray this, it's from the Ephesians, but open the eyes of our heart, Lord, because we want to see what You are doing in this world.

And this is what the Lord is challenging us is to see that He is making all things new. One of the wrong turns that our culture took, and this happened a couple of hundreds of years ago, I guess, during the time of Rene Descartes, he was a philosopher that really kicked off the modern age and ultimately led to our philosophical quagmire that we're in, which is sometimes called the postmodern age.

And he coined a little phrase that you all probably learned in school. And I'm sorry to send you back to philosophy school. But it was the phrase, "I think." You know the rest of it? "Therefore I am." "I think, therefore I am." And that one little phrase, actually, is what has set the trajectory ever since then for the way in which people come to know things and understand being.

I mean, listen to what he did was a thought experiment. He started by doubting his understanding or knowledge of everything. He says, "You know, my very existence could just be a figment of my imagination," or some dream of some evil demon, a Fig Newton, of his imagination.

And so, he says, "I'm just going to doubt the knowledge of everything." And as he was exercising and going through this thought experiment of doubting everything, he just went inside of himself, basically what he did. And he goes, "Well, I'm thinking, so I must exist." And he began to work himself out from what?

Himself. And up to that point in the way that people thought about things is we don't start with ourself as the ground of all understanding and knowledge and trying to figure everything out. We start with what God has shown us and revealed to us. In other words, a better way to put it, I wish Descartes had done this, but if he had just said, "I am, therefore, I think," that'd be better.

Why? Well, who is the "I am"? The Great I Am. Do you remember in the story of Moses where God brought Moses into a cave and there was a burning bush, and Moses comes into contact with the presence of the divine, and he sees the glory of God manifesting in a physical, spiritual, strange presence. And he realizes that he is on holy ground, and the Lord tells him to take off his shoes.

And as he is contemplating and interacting with God, he says, "What is your name?" And the Lord says to Him, "I am that I am." And what the Scriptures have taught, and this is really the foundation of true knowledge and true understanding of self and others, and society, and meaning, and life, is that we don't start with our own thoughts and our own thinking, but the best place to start is with what God is showing us.

It's a totally different way of approaching everything, all of life. And unfortunately, our society, our culture, everything has been taught that everything starts with ourselves. That I'm not going to believe it unless I come up with that idea. I need to invent my own idea of who I am, my own identity, my own sense of worth, my own sense of value, and everything comes from self.

And what the revelation is saying is, "Behold, I am making all things new." I'm the one that's in charge of this creation, another little bit further on in our text. He says, "I am the alpha and the omega. I am the master of the story.

I'm the one that starts the alphabet and ends the alphabet, and I have appointed every letter in between. This is my story that I'm telling and I'm making and I'm creating. Behold, take a look at what I am doing in the world," the Lord says. "I am. Therefore, I think." That's a different way to associate our understanding of things, but I hope that as we contemplate, I mean, everything that God has done is by revelation.

Certainly, there is a revelation of who He is from the created order. And even looking at ourselves, we can see the handiwork of God. What the Scriptures say is, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made, and the heavens declare the glory of God." But there is special revelation where the Lord has told us exactly what His plans are for humanity and for this world and for our lives.

And what he's doing in the book of Revelation is He's saying, "Look at what I am doing, and everything is about seeing. I saw," John says, "I saw a new heavens and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride for husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, look, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God, and He will be their peoples, and God will be with them and wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. Mourning and crying and pain will be no more for the

first things who've passed away." Everything about this is a vision. It's about what the Lord is doing in the future that will impress itself upon us in the present.

I love the writing of a man named He's a Baptist minister named Henry Blackaby. And he wrote this wonderful old book called Experiencing God. And his point was that many of us want to experience the presence of God in our life. We want to have an experience with the divine and to know His presence and His will and be fulfilled and so on, have His Spirit active in our lives.

But the problem that many people take is they approach God from that self-directed, self-centered way, from self-point of view. And if you try to go after God that direction, you will often miss Him. That's not to say that God can't meet you there. We had the story of doubting Thomas, who said, "I'm not going to believe unless I can put my finger in the holes," and so on.

The Lord can deal with your skepticism, but what Henry Blackaby says is it's the wrong approach. What we ought to do is, if we want to experience God, we need to ask, "Well, where is God working? What is He doing in this world?" This is the way he put it. Watch and see where God is working and join Him in His work.

He goes on to write, "You cannot stay where you are and go with God. You cannot continue doing things your way and accomplish God's purpose for His ways. Your thinking cannot come close to God's thoughts. For you to do the will of God, you must adjust your life to Him, His purposes and His ways.

Watch and see where God is working and join Him in His work. Well, what is God doing? He's making all things new. He's bringing about new creation and a new Jerusalem and a new temple where He will be the dwelling place among His people, and He is bringing about an age in which there will be no crying anymore, no death, life, and abundance.

And yet we must see that vision for what the Lord is doing with us, even in the present. We're doing some master planning in the life of the church. And one of the things that we did was we hired this architect. His name is Sam. And Sam has a book.

It's like a little journal that he walks around in. And we've met with him, and he'll say, "Well, what do you see here? What are you envisioning?" And so you can kind of get some ideas. And Sam's just drawing in his book. He's writing, and he's drawing, and he's super fast with his pencil. And I looked over in his book and he holds it up. He says, "Is that what you were thinking?" I'm like, "That's pretty cool." You just drew that out of thin air?

And he's like, "Yeah, I'm an architect. That's what I do." And he has the ability to look at a vacant piece of land and just, in his book with his pencil, draw a beautiful edifice in a building that could be there. He can look in a room and he goes, "You know, we could do some things in here and we just draw this." And he will draw a picture of what he's envisioning in his mind.

Now, the thing about that is that's vision. That is a vision of what could be. That could be a future reality, right? But that vision can impress itself and become a tangible reality in the presence. If we were to, you know, pay the money and all that, you know, and build what He has drawn on the paper. I mean, that's the idea of a building.

But this is what the Lord is doing with us, with giving us a vision for new creation. He's showing us something that isn't right now. New creation, new heavens, new earth, new Jerusalem. He's saying, "Look, this is what I see for you.

This is my picture of what this world will be like and can be like if you will just capture the vision and bring that vision and allow me to make it a tangible and physical reality in your life." Jesus, when He was leaving His disciples, He gave the Last Supper, and He says, "I'm giving you a new commandment that you would love one another as I have loved you." And Jesus is the first fruits of this new creation, this new kingdom, and He is actually demonstrating for us in a visible and tangible way in the past and in our present how it comes about.

The manifestation of love as I have loved you will be the means by which this new creation, this new reality comes into being. Masterful. I love what Paul does in his second letter to the Corinthians. And this is a very practical illustration of this, and I'll end with this.

But Paul is painting a picture for us based on this vision of new creation and resurrection and new reality. And he's saying, "It should revolutionize the way that we think about all the people in our lives." You know, I love our community. Ortiga is just a beautiful place. I drive around here and I think this is paradise.

You know I feel privileged that we get to live in a place as beautiful as this and to look out on the river and see the trees and the houses. Just everything's so beautiful. It's a little piece of paradise on Earth. But you know all of it's going to pass away. You do know that, right? And you can get glimpses of it passing away before our very eyes when you look at the wood rot in some of people's houses. Have you ever seen wood rot? It's an indication that your house is going to pass away.

And then you call Sam, the architect, and he can envision a new house for you to put there in its place, which is maybe a calling forth from the future into the present reality. That's a beautiful thing. But ultimately, even this grand and beautiful structure built in 1941 will ultimately pass away. This building, all of this campus, all of this is going to pass away is what Revelation says, all going to pass away.

And so our focus, our way of looking at things, actually needs to be, well, what isn't going to pass away? And if you really think about that, it's the people. You look around this room and you see all these people that are souls redeemed and called by God, saved by His grace and His love.

And this is a picture, actually, a beginning of the new creation, the new heavens, the new earth. Heaven and earth is going to pass away, but you are not going to pass away. You're going to be with the Lord for all eternity. You're part of that new Jerusalem that is going to come down from heaven as a bride prepared for her husband. "You're the bride of Christ." That's why we say in a wedding, "Beloved, dearly beloved, we've gathered here in the presence of God to witness and bless the adjoining together of this man and this woman.

You are the beloved, the dearly beloved of God. You're not going to pass away.

But you're going to be part of that new Jerusalem one day, that new community." And so what Jesus is saying, "Behold, I make all things new." He's saying, "See the future of yourselves, of what the Lord's vision is for you as a people of God, and begin to live into my vision for you now." So Paul, back to Paul in his letter to 2 Corinthians, he says, "You know, from now on, I am no longer going to consider anyone from a human point of view." Or another way to put it is, "I'm not going to look at people through the eyes of the flesh." I refuse to look at people the way the world looks at people.

How does the world look at people? Well, we do this with ourselves even. We're guilty of all kinds of sins and brokenness. And we define ourselves by our failures and our brokenness and our hurts and our wounds more often than not. And we beat ourselves up with our internal scripts. And part of looking at ourselves through resurrection eyes is to see the person that God is calling into being in our own life.

Child of God, beloved, king, you know all of these things that He speaks into our lives to bring out what His vision is for our lives. But we actually also do this with other people, too. We do this with organizations and groups and people. We say, "Well, they're a lost cause." We label them. They did this, so therefore they're a bad person, or they did this, so they're ex.

And we label them, we blame them, and we say, "Therefore, I can write them off." What Paul says is I no longer look at people that way. I don't look at humanity that way. I have a different view because whoever is in Christ, he says, new creation. The old is gone and the new has come.

And therefore, God has given me what He describes as a ministry of reconciliation, a ministry where Christ is in us, making His appeal to the people of this world, be reconciled to God. Live in to the vision that I have for my new humanity in My Son, Jesus, who shows us the way of love of laying down His life for us, paying the price for our sins, so that we might be raised with Him to new life.

And He says, "I embrace that vision of the new humanity in the way that I look at people." And you know the people of this world, if you do that, they're going to think you're crazy. Because everybody in the world looks at people from a worldly point of view, you know, with the way that we do that. We look at things from a social standpoint, or who's got money, who doesn't have money, who's part of this group, or that group, or this click, or that click, and we just pigeonhole and put people and park them, and then write them off.

And the Lord says, "That's not my plan. Look at people a different way. I've given you a ministry of reconciliation." Why? Because new creation. The old is gone, the new has come.

Jesus from His throne, the risen Lord, Jesus Christ says, "Look, behold, I make all things new." Let us stand together and affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed found on page 358 in your prayer book.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. The prayers of the people follow Form 3. Father, we pray for Your Holy Catholic Church. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake. We pray for healing in the lives of Lanny Dixon, Dr.

William Madison, Ken Ray, Anna Fordham, Annie McAfee, Carol Bowling Merritt, Denise Hudman, Joan Haskell, Sandy Clark, Sarah McCarty, Walden Pope, Jackie Walker, and George Ellis. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Give to the departed eternal rest.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy. O Lord, our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people and the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help.

For you are gracious, oh lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

I'd like to first welcome. If you're new to St. Mark's, we're really blessed to have you here. If you're looking for a new church home, we would love to be that in your life. These people are okay, and they're all hoping to spend all eternity together, so they're trying to get along, and I would love to have you be a part. We have a couple of announcements that I want to share with you.

One is I'm going to invite John Baker up to just give us a little shout out for the foundation and help us to remember what that's all about. Good morning. I'm John Baker, the current chair of the St. Marks Foundation, and I welcome you to Foundation Sunday.

The foundation was established in 1963, and its initial focus was on helping the church build and expand, which soon included the development of the school. In 1984, we launched the General Endowment Fund, our first permanent endowment with gifts totaling \$12,000.

Today, the general endowment is roughly \$5 million, and 19 other single-purpose endowments have been created by donors to fund various outreach missions and to cover the maintenance of our lawns, gardens, and buildings. Each year, the foundation distributes at least 5% of the trailing 12 quarter average of the portfolio of the General Endowment to the church.

And also, it distributes as needed from the other 19 funds. This year, those combined distributions will total nearly \$450,000. Needless to say, this enables us to maintain our campus and attract a first-class clergy and staff.

A few years ago, we established a 1922 society to celebrate everyone who has either given to the foundation or pledged to do so in their will. This year's celebration dinner will be June 5th. And if you're not yet a member but are thinking about making a gift to the Foundation, I encourage you to do it so that you can join with us on the night of June 5th to celebrate this wonderful group.

We all love this church and I can say without any fear of contradiction that it is thriving in every way, please consider making a gift or a pledge to the foundation so that we can perpetuate this wonderful church into the future. Thank you. I want to I have a couple of other people to acknowledge.

We have a Children's Sunday School program that some of our teachers have been doing for a very long time. And I want to ask Sarah Hoyer and Margaret Cavin to just stand up wherever-- Where's Sarah? There she is right over there. These ladies have been-- I don't want to say it's decades or something like that, but yeah.

They started when they were 10, but they have been giving to this children's ministry and they're ready to pass the torch on. I want to just acknowledge what an incredible gift that you all have given to generations of children in the life of our church and appreciate you for your service.

Thank you. We're actually looking for two volunteers for the Children's Sunday School Program. If anybody's interested, you know that's one of the nice things when you step down from something, you actually make room for another person to experience the joy of that service. So talk to these ladies if you're interested in what's involved in it and hear their heart and passion for it.

The other person that we want to acknowledge is Angelina Devonzendo. This is her last Sunday. Is Angelina's in here somewhere? Stand up, Angelina. There she is. Angelina is going to go to the girls' preparatory school. She's been hired as the Dean of Spiritual Life, which is a tremendous loss for us, but a great gain for that school in Chattanooga.

Congratulations, Angelina, and we're going to celebrate Angelina after the service in a reception, and we'll say some prayers for her at that. But I just want to say, while we've got everybody in here, what an incredible privilege it's been for our youth to have her serving. And I said to our staff, she was in a meeting this week and helping us organize something for the fall, which she's not going to be here to be a part of.

And I thought, "Angelina, you're just leaving it all on the field. You know She's going to finish today you know like crawling over the goalpost, the goal line, just giving it her all. And we really appreciate all you've done for our church. So thank you. So please do come after and celebrate with that.

The last thing I want to just say very briefly, I said this to the earlier service, but we actually have a St. Mark's app in the app stores of all the phones and things. Tablets, iPhones, and Google and all that. So look in there and it's called SM Jacks. And what you can do is download that, and there are people watching online even right now, and you can actually see the service live streamed through the app.

You can go back and watch prior services and that sort of thing. When we do special events or things like that, we'll be putting the videos in there. And eventually, it'll become more and more of a tool for our congregation to keep people engaged. There's actually even a button there you can give, so you could

just keep hitting that one, by the way, just the "give" button. But to that end, we'll do the in-person non-virtual giving walk in love as Christ loved us, as He gave Himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Jesus, no more pain.

Honey was waiting my knees.

When this darkness makes too long, And the shadows, Jesus

has overcome, The grave is overwhelmed, He is rising from the dead When he calls my name,

All my knees And I hear the voice of the angels and I hear the crying heart.

And I hear the voices of the angels, When I hear the cry of a very long I will

rise when he comes

We bring sacrifice of the Lord We bring the sacrifice to the house of the Lord The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right in a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. But chiefly, are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. For He is the true Pascal Lamb who has sacrificed for us and has taken away the sin of the world.

By His death, He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life, again, He has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy and gracious Father, in Your infinite love, You made us for Yourself. And when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, You and Your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out His arms upon the cross and offered Himself in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death. Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. And when He had given thanks to you, He broke it, and He gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts. Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the body and blood of Your Son, the holy food, and drink of new and unending life. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy sacrament and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace. And at the last day, bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by Him and with Him and in Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, "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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin out of the world.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

On a hill called Calvary stems an endless mercy tree Every broken weary soul Find your rest
and be made Stripes of blood that stained its frame Shed to wash away our shame from the scars pure
love released salvation by the mercy In the sky

between two feasts on the blameless prince of peace posed in battered gardens It has finished was his
cry the perfect lamb was crucified

and sacrifice our victory Salvation choose the mercy the island's day The whole earthquake that loves
display three days silent in the ground His body

born forever On the bright and glorious day when heaven opened up the grave He's alive and risen in
me praise him for the mercy

Hallelujah Jesus Christ has overcome He has raised One day soon we'll see his face Every tear he'll
wipe away No more pain or suffering Praise him for the mercy tree that has died as well.

Hallelujah Jesus Christ has overcome He has risen from

a hill called Calvary stands an endless mercy tree

and sky I heard my people cry all over

the stars of night I will make the darkness bright Here I am alone

If you need me I will hold your

feelings I will break the walls of stones

I will speak

I will tear the poor and lay I will set a feast for

satisfied Here I am alone

I will hold

my people

the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things

in the name of this congregation I send you forthbearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may
share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body because we all share in one bread one cup. Let us pray. Almighty and
ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood
of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living
members of the body of Your Son and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do to love and serve you as faithful
witnesses of Christ, our Lord, to Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit. Be honor and glory now and forever.
Amen. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the
knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain on you always.

Amen. My Savior, Lord, there is love.

All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. All that I have never ceased to worship.

Lord Jesus, my Savior, Lord is not like you. All of my days, The wonders of your mighty love.

All that I have, I seem to joy it away from your hands, Forever I love you forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have nothing compares to the promise I have Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of God's Holy Spirit. Hallelujah, hallelujah. Thanks be to God. Hallelujah, hallelujah.