

**Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens**

*Morning Prayer Service*

**A MORE  
EXCELLENT  
WAY**

Matthew 5:21-26

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Draw The Circle Wide*



*Book of Common Praise*

*418*

Chorus

**Draw the circle wide.**

**Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song,**

**No one stands alone,**

**Standing side by side**

**Draw the circle wide.**

Verse 1

**God the still point of the circle,  
Round whom all creation turns;  
Nothing lost, but held forever,  
In God's gracious arms**

Chorus

**Draw the circle wide.**

**Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song,**

**No one stands alone,**

**Standing side by side**

**Draw the circle wide.**

Verse 2

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
So encompass great and small;  
Let our loving know no borders,  
Faithful to God's call.**

Chorus

**Draw the circle wide.**

**Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song,**

**No one stands alone,**

**Standing side by side**

**Draw the circle wide.**

Verse 3

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
Than we've ever dreamed before;  
Let the dream of Christ be in us,  
Open every door.**



Chorus

**Draw the circle wide.**

**Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song,**

**No one stands alone,**

**Standing side by side**

**Draw the circle wide.**

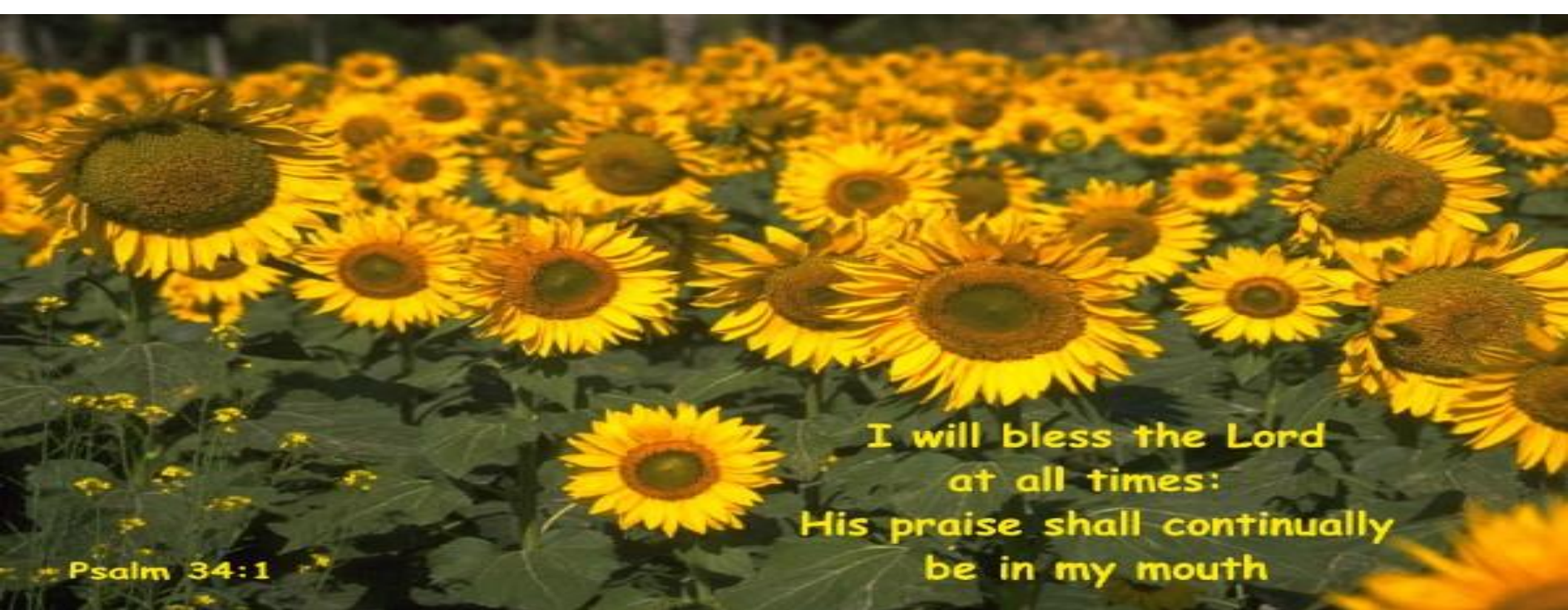




WELCOME  
to Our Worship Service

*Parish Announcements*





Psalm 34:1

I will bless the Lord  
at all times:  
His praise shall continually  
be in my mouth

*Praise To The Holiest In The Height  
Book of Common Praise*

Verse 1

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise:  
In all His words most wonderful;  
Most sure in all His ways.**

Verse 5

**Who in the garden secretly,  
And on the Cross on high,  
Should teach His followers,  
and inspire  
To suffer and to die.**

Verse 6

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise:  
In all His words most wonderful;  
Most sure in all His ways.**

## *The Invitatory*

*Officiant:* **God rules over all the earth.  
O come, let us worship.**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## *The Penitential Rite*

*Officiant:* **The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

*People:* **Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**



*Officiant:* **If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves, and the  
truth is not in us. But if we  
confess our sins, God is  
faithful and just, and will  
forgive our sins and cleanse  
us from all unrighteousness.**

*Officiant:* **Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare to worship  
almighty God,  
let us with penitent and  
obedient hearts confess our  
sins, that we may obtain  
forgiveness by his infinite  
goodness and mercy.**

*Silence is kept. Everyone say together:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and**

**forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Officiant:* **Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*People:* **Amen**

*Officiant:* **Lord, open our lips,**

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim  
your praise.**

*Officiant:* **O God, make speed to save us.**

*People:* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be for ever. Amen.**

## *Venite*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In God's hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and  
to the Holy Spirit:**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and  
will be for ever. Amen.**



*My Peace  
I Leave You*



Verse 1

**My peace I leave you,  
My peace I give you,  
Trouble not your heart.  
My peace I leave you,  
My peace I give you,  
Be not afraid.**

Verse 2

**My love is for you,  
My love I give you,  
Keep love in your hearts.  
My love is for you,  
My love I give you,  
Never be afraid.**

Verse 3

**My peace I leave you,**

**My heart I give you,**

**Be not afraid.**

**My peace is for you,**

**My peace be with you,**

**Peace unto you.**



# *The Proclamation of the Word*







— THE BOOK OF —  
**DEUTERONOMY**



**A Reading from the  
Book of Deuteronomy (26:1-11)**

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

**See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances,**

**then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish;**

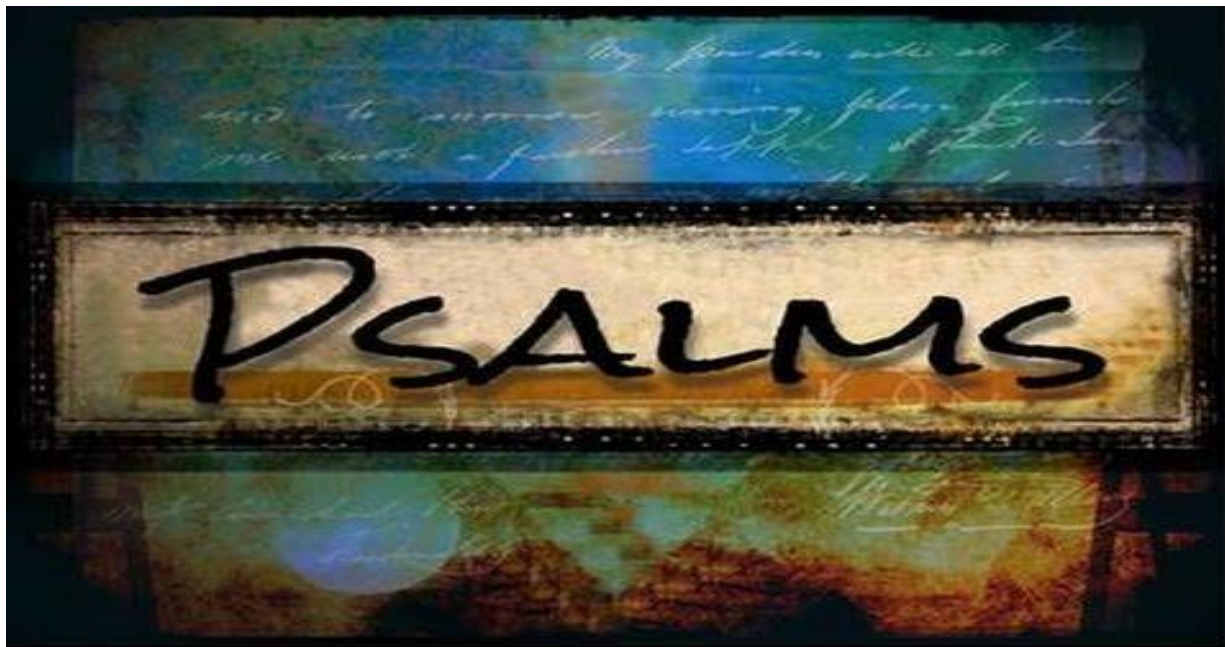


**you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God,**

**obeying him, and holding fast to him;  
for that means life to you and length  
of days, so that you may live in the  
land that the LORD swore to give to  
your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac,  
and to Jacob.**

*Reader:* **The word of the Lord.**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 119 v:1-8

**Refrain:**

***“Happy are they who walk  
in the law of the Lord”***

Psalm 119

**Happy are they whose way is  
blameless,**

**who walk in your law, O God.**

**Happy are they who observe your  
decrees and seek you with all their  
hearts!**

***Happy are they who walk  
in the law of the Lord***

Psalm 119

**Who never do any wrong.**

**But always walk in your ways.**

**You laid down your commandments  
that we should fully keep them.**

*Happy are they who walk  
in the law of the Lord*

Psalm 119

**Oh, that my ways were made so  
direct  
that I might keep your statutes!  
Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your  
commandments.**

***Happy are they who walk  
in the law of the Lord***

Psalm 119

**I will thank you with an unfeigned heart.**

**When I have learned your righteous judgements.**

**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

***Happy are they who walk  
in the law of the Lord***



**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

the  
Gospel According to  
*Matthew*

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**



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Chorus

**Alleluia,**

**Alleluia,**

**Alleluia,**

**Alleluia.**

*All stand for the Gospel*

*Reader:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* **The Holy Gospel  
of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Matthew**

*People:* **Glory to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**



*Matthew 5:21-26*

**Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council;**

**and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.**

**Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.**

*Reader:* **The Gospel of Christ.**

*People:* **Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**



*Chorus*

**Alleluia,**

**Alleluia,**

**Alleluia,**

**Alleluia.**



*Homily by John Bairo*

*We Say Together:*

**Hear O Israel,**

**The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God**

**with all your heart, with all you soul,**

**with all your mind and with all your**

**strength.**

**This is the first and great**

**commandment.**

**The second is like it;  
you shall love your neighbor as  
yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater  
than these.**

**Amen.**



## *Prayers of the People*

*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year A*

**To God who welcomes all in love, let us pray for the good of the church and the concerns of those in need saying:**

***Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer.***

**We pray for the church and for Todd  
our Bishop. That there may be a  
revival of longing for your Kingdom  
to come and a renewed commitment  
to working for it.  
Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our Prayer.**

**We pray for all who hold authority and power in the nations of the world. That they may use it for good, upholding and instigating what is right and fair and listening to the needs of those they represent. Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our Prayer.**



**We pray for the leaders of the nations especially for our leaders in Canada. That they may act deliberately and with compassion for the good of all.  
Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our Prayer.**

**We pray for those suffering from tragedy and sin. Especially today we pray for the healing of those in Turkey and Syria after this week's earthquake; and equally for the healing of the families and community who mourn in Laval Quebec. Lord in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.**

**We pray that within our homes and communities there may be a new awareness of one another's gifts and needs; more sensitivity, and respect in our relationships. May we reference one another as beloved children of God.**

**Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our Prayer.**

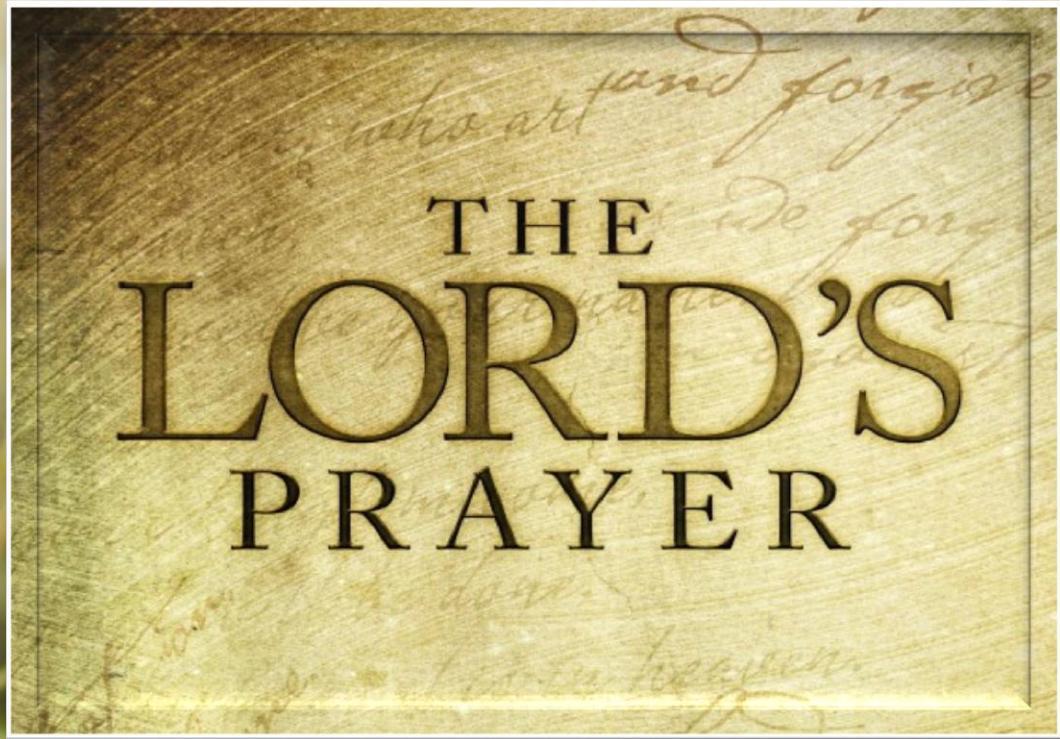
**We pray for those who are oppressed or despised; we pray for those who did not eat today and all who are unhoused. We pray for a heart to put injustice right, and strive for the dignity of all human beings. Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our Prayer.**

**We pray for those who have asked  
this community to pray for them.  
We pray for those on our parish  
prayer list, especially today we hold  
up: *Nancy, Marilyn A., Molly Rose,  
Al & Yvonne, and Sandy M.*  
Lord in your mercy.**

**Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

**God of every land and nation, you have created all people and you dwell among us in Jesus Christ. Listen to the cries of those who pray to you, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of your name, all people will know the power of love at work in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



*Lord's Prayer (said together)*

**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 sins,**



**As we forgive those  
Who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen**



# *The Offertory Hymn*





*Peace Like A River*

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Verse 1

**I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.**

Other Verses

**I've got love like an ocean...  
I've got joy like a fountain...  
I will sing Alleluia...**





**Receiving the  
gifts of money  
and other gifts  
for the needs  
and  
responsibilities  
of the Church.**



# Tithes & Offerings

**LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD  
THROUGH GIVING!**

*Prayer Over The Gifts*

**Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**Amen.**

## *Closing Prayer*

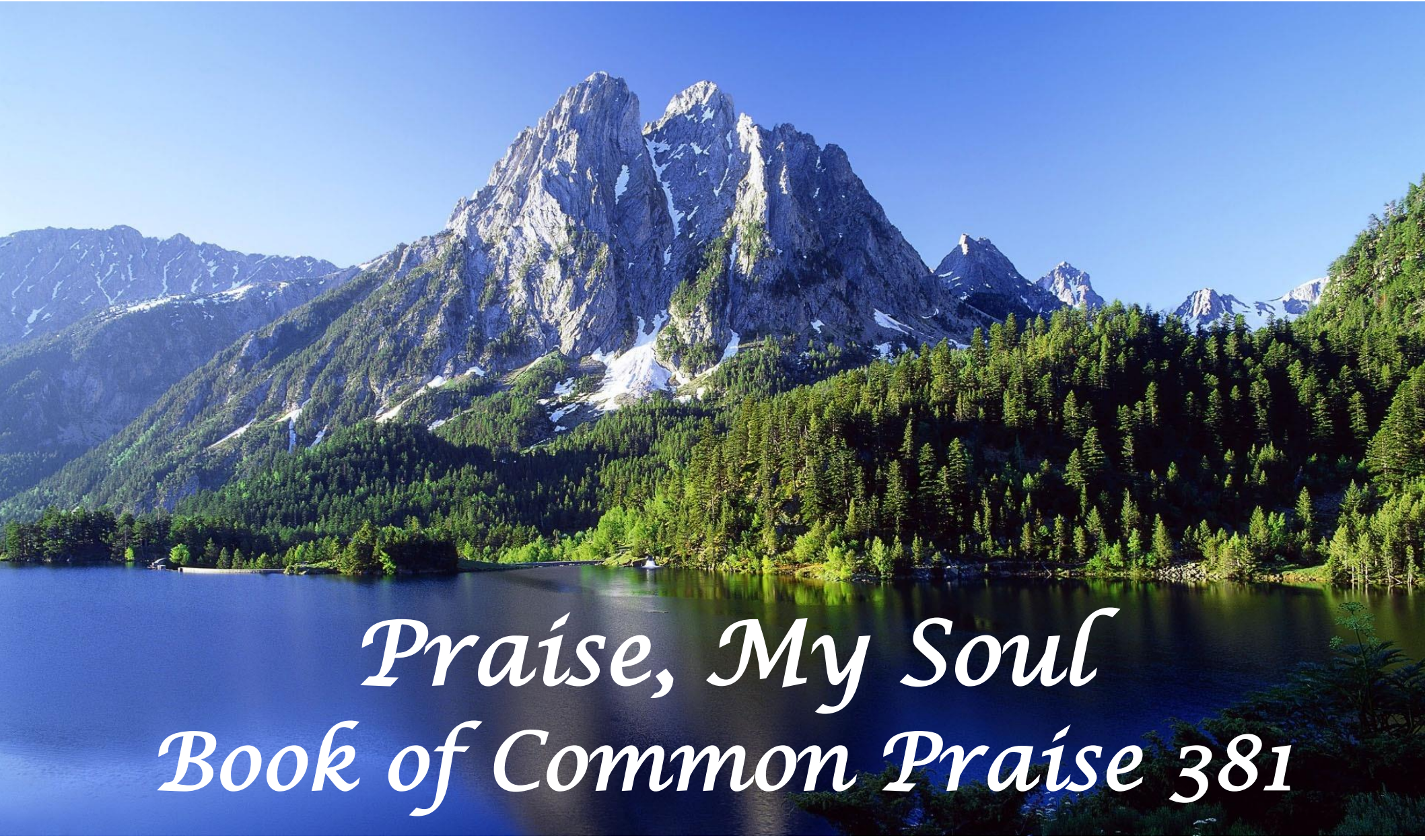
**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**



**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;**

**for his dying, through which he  
overcame death; for his rising to life  
again, in which we are raised to the  
life of your kingdom. Grant us the  
gift of your Spirit, that we may know  
Christ and make him known; and  
through him, at all times and in all  
places, may give thanks to you in all  
things.**



*Praise, My Soul*  
*Book of Common Praise 381*

Verse 1

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven:  
To his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored,  
forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise the everlasting King.**

Verse 2

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our forebears in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**



Verse 3

**Father-like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

Verse 4

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise the high eternal one.**

Verse 5

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
You behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise with us the God of grace.**







GOD BLESS

*See You Next Week!*

**Thank you for Worshipping with us!**

# *Send Us Out*

**F A I T H**

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*Chorus*

**Send us out**

**To proclaim the reign of your Kingdom**

**Send us out**

**To proclaim and to heal**

**Send us out**

**With Your power and Your authority**

**To overcome and to heal the world.**

*Verse 1*

**Take nothing for your journey  
For God will give you His bread  
And for every house that you enter  
Pray the peace of God descend.**

Chorus

**Send us out**

**To proclaim the reign of your Kingdom**

**Send us out**

**To proclaim and to heal**

**Send us out**

**With Your power and Your authority**

**To overcome and to heal the world.**



*Verse 2*

**I send you out before me  
Into every town I intend  
The harvest rich, the workers few  
To the harvest fields you I send**

Chorus

**Send us out**

**To proclaim the reign of your Kingdom**

**Send us out**

**To proclaim and to heal**

**Send us out**

**With Your power and Your authority**

**To overcome and to heal the world.**

Verse 3

**Baptize in the name of the Father  
Of the Spirit and of the Son  
Go make disciples of many  
I'll be at your side till you're done**



Chorus

**Send us out**

**To proclaim the reign of your Kingdom**

**Send us out**

**To proclaim and to heal**

**Send us out**

**With Your power and Your authority**

**To overcome and to heal the world.**

Verse 4 – by Kelvin Francois !

**Be guided by the Gospel,  
of Jesus, God's only Son.  
We'll go out in a blaze of glory,  
We'll rejoice when we are done!**

Chorus

**Send us out**

**To proclaim the reign of your Kingdom**

**Send us out**

**To proclaim and to heal**

**Send us out**

**With Your power and Your authority**

**To overcome and to heal the world.**

**To overcome and to heal the world.**

