

In our closing song we choose to bless the Lord for his goodness to us, regardless of our current circumstances.

SONG

Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul,
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

CLOSING PRAYER

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Amen.

That concludes our service. We'll be meeting up as a church on Zoom from 12.00-12.30pm – do come along! It'll be open from 11.50am.

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The password is: 393256



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Welcome to today's virtual service!

For each person in your home, you'll need a copy of this service sheet, a bible, print outs of the children's sheets (if needed) and your computer or tablet connected to Emmanuel's website.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Watch the video of Ed's welcome and intro.

Let's begin our service by reminding ourselves of how amazing and worthy of praise our God is.

SONG

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
creation's revealing Your majesty.

From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring,
every creature unique in the song that it sings.

All exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
you placed the stars in the sky
and you know them by name: you are amazing, God.*

*All powerful, untameable;
awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim: you are amazing, God.*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom:

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
you placed the stars in the sky
and you know them by name: you are amazing, God.*

*Incomparable, unchangeable,
you see the depths of my heart
and you love me the same. You are amazing, God.*

BITESIZE

We hear from one of our Church Connect Groups about how their weeks have been.

Our next song speaks to our anxious and weary hearts of the goodness of Jesus.

SONG

Come, you weary hearts, now to Jesus.
Come, you anxious soul, now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears.
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come, find what this world cannot offer.
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again.
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus:
Satisfied he is all that I need.
May it be, come what may,
That I rest all my days in the goodness of Jesus.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus;
He is all He said He would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

BITESIZE 2

We hear an update from our Mission Partner, Rachel Chard, working with Friends International in Oxford to reach international students with the good news of Jesus. (And from her husband, Andrew who works with Wycliffe Bible Translators!)

PRAYERS

Ed & Anna Bowerman will lead us in prayer. At the end of the video, let's say aloud the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen**

Psalm 103 speaks of the goodness of God to us in saving us, forgiving our sin and treating us with mercy and grace. Why not read the Psalm out loud together?

PSALM 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who
fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from
us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear
him.
For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Our next song is based on Psalm 103, praising God for what it tells us about him.

SONG

The Lord is gracious and compassionate
slow to anger and rich in love. (repeat)

The Lord is good to all,
he has compassion on all that he has made.

As far as the east is from the west,
that's how far he has removed
our transgressions from us. (repeat)

Praise the Lord, O my soul,
Praise the Lord. (repeat)

[Turn on the bible talk video for the reading and bible talk]

BIBLE READING

Exodus 33:12-34:7

BIBLE TALK God is good

from Richard Hopkins

*The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and
faithfulness.*