

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God!

Come on, come in, everybody
There is a God who is worthy
Of all our praise – he alone is Lord
Come on and join with creation
Let everything shout to praise him
Glory to Christ – he's the one who made us

*Lift up your voices to heaven's king
Bow down before his throne
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin
Hallelujah!
Praise to Jesus Christ the king*

Come on, come in, all you weary
Come on and find rest with Jesus
He is the one who can heal your soul
Come on and join with the angels
Praising the Lamb who was faithful
Giving his life – he's the one who saved us

Come on, you saints, keep believing
Gather to hear the Lord speaking
Humble your hearts, tremble at his voice
Come in with joy for the future
He will renew heaven and earth
Jesus is Lord – he's the one who'll raise us.



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WELCOME

SONG

Come and stand before your maker
Full of wonder, full of fear;
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near,
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love.

Rejoice!

*Come and lift your hands and raise your voice;
He is worthy of all praise, Rejoice!
Sing the mercies of your King
And with trembling, rejoice.*

We are children of the promise,
The beloved of the Lord.
Won with everlasting kindness,
Bought with sacrificial blood.
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go.

Rejoice...

All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill.
He has walked this path before us,
He is walking with us still;
Turning tragedy to triumph,
Turning agony to praise,
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed.

Rejoice!

When you cry to Him, He hears your voice;
He will wipe away your tears, Rejoice!
In the midst of suffering, He will help you sing

Rejoice...

THANKSGIVING

for Xander Reger.

To the parents

Do you acknowledge that Xander is a gift of God's love and grace to you, and do you wish to give thanks to God and ask for his blessing?

*Luke & Holly: **We do.***

*All: **God our creator, we thank you for the precious gift of family life, and for giving to Luke and Holly the gift of Xander.***

As we pray for them, we thank you that we're known to you by name and loved by you from all eternity. We thank you for Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to bring us eternal life. Amen.

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so we now ask God's blessing on Xander.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gift of this child; surround him with your blessing, that he may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all of his days. May he learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength, and above all, in due time, come to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

It says in Deuteronomy: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

To the parents

Do you trust in God's promises in his Word, made to you and all who believe?

*Luke & Holly: **We do.***

Will you live out the gospel in your home by bringing up Xander in the training and instruction of the Lord, disciplining him and showing him grace, praying for him and teaching him to pray, and modeling for him a life lived for others in service of God and the gospel?

*Luke & Holly: **With the help of God, we will.***

To the godparents

Will you partner with Luke and Holly in their role as parents, encouraging them, holding them accountable, confronting their sin and praying for them? And will you commit to pray for Xander, that he will grow to love Jesus and trust in him?

*Godparents: **With the help of God, we will.***

To the supporting friends, family and congregation.

Will you do all that you can to help and support this family?

*All: **With the help of God, we will.***

BLESSING

May God the Father give to Luke and Holly the grace to love and care for Xander. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for his needs and, by their example, reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look kindly on you and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

SONG

The One who made the heavens
made my heart and soul.

Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.

I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece;

And all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the Living God.

I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.

As I bear His image, oh may I not profane

the holiness I hold in this earthly frame

I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.

I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.

I will honour Him for this I know:

I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own.

The measure of my worth is His love alone.

He declares my standing, and He declares my state;

so I will know myself by the name He gave.

I am not my own and now my heart is free.

O Maker come and make what You will of me.

There is nothing broken that You cannot repair;

so Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care.

I will honour Him for this I know:

I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.

Our children and young people leave us to go to their groups

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PRAYERS

BIBLE READING

Exodus 19

SONG

Who can know the mind of our Creator?

Who can speak of wonders yet unseen?

Who can reach the height of understanding,
to play the notes of wisdom's melody?

Who has weighed the dust of ev'ry mountain?

Who has walked the mysteries of the deep?

Who has laid the earth on its foundation,

and who conducts the waves upon the sea?

I stand in awe of you, I stand in awe of you.

So glorious and true: I stand in awe, I stand in awe.

You have seen the end from the beginning.

You have been before the world began.

You have reached to me within my darkness,

And in the light of mercy now I see.

BIBLE TALK

SONGS

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?

Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?

What other splendour outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice?

Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy forever a Holy God,

Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?

What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated?

Only a Holy God.

Come and behold...