

We end our intercessions with the Lord's Prayer.

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notices

'Moses I know you're the man,' the Lord said. 'You're going to work out My plan,' the Lord said. 'Lead all the Israelites out of slavery.

And I shall make them a travelling wandering race called the people of God.'

So ev'ry day we're on our way, for we're a travelling, wandering race called the people of God.

'Don't get too set in your ways,' the Lord said. 'Each step is only a phase,' the Lord said. 'I'll go before you and I shall be a sign to guide My travelling, wandering race. You're the people of God.'

'No matter what you may do,' the Lord said, 'I shall be faithful and true,' the Lord said. 'My love will strengthen you as you go along, for you're My travelling, wandering race. You're the people of God.'

'Look at the birds in the air,' the Lord said. 'They fly unhampered by care,' the Lord said. 'You will move easier if you're travelling light, for you're a wandering vagabond race. You're the people of God.'

'Foxes have places to go,' the Lord said. 'But I've no home here below,' the Lord said. 'So if you want to be with Me all your days, keep up the moving and travelling on. You're the people of God.'

Blessing (Please stand.)

Final Prayer

To a searching world, **the love of God.**

To a troubled world, **the peace of Christ.**

To a waiting world, **the joy and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A service outdoors: Introducing the Old Testament.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be us all. (2 Cor. 11.13)

The God of Abraham Praise who reigns enthroned above
Ancient of Everlasting Days and God of love
Jehovah great I AM
By heaven and earth confessed
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace forever more.

The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!

Introduction to the service theme.

We keep a short silence to still our hearts.

Lord God, as we come into your presence, still our bodies, open our hearts and focus our minds, that we may know your Spirit drawing us closer to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of confession

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you: **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins: **Christ, have mercy.**
Spirit, you give us life and peace: **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May God the Father forgive us in Christ and heal us by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gloria (Please stand.) Congregation to clap, professionals sing antiphonally

**Glory to God Glory to God Glory in the highest
To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia Amen Alleluia Amen Alleluia Amen.

Glory to God Glory to God Glory to Christ Jesus

Glory to God Glory to God Glory to the Spirit

The Word

Deuteronomy 26vv 5b - 9

The Creed of an Israelite in the Old Testament era.

You shall make this response before the LORD your God:

“A wandering Aramean was my ancestor;
he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number,
and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.
When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing
hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors;
the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our
oppression.

The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an
outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs
and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this
land, a land flowing with milk and honey.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Go down Moses

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land, **let my people go,**
oppressed so hard they could not stand, **let my people go.**

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
tell old Pharaoh: **let my people go.**

2 The Lord told Moses what to do, **let my people go,**
to lead the Hebrew children through, **let my people go.** [Refrain]

3 As Israel stood by the waterside, **let my people go,**
at God's command it did divide, **let my people go.** [Refrain]

4 When they had reached the other shore, **let my people go,**
they let the song of triumph soar, **let my people go.** [Refrain]

5 Lord, help us all from bondage flee, **let my people go,**
and let us all in Christ be free, **let my people go.** [Refrain]

2 Timothy 3 vv 14-17.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly
believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from
childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to
instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture
is inspired by God and is^[a] useful for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who
belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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Reflection- *Introducing the Old Testament Revd Canon David
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We affirm our faith in God (Please stand.)

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our heart through faith and fills us with love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession (Please sit or kneel.)

God of Love **Hear our prayer**