



Call to Worship

StF 3

Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory cascades through life in overflowing grace, to tell creation's meaning in the story of love evolving love from time and space.

Eternal Son of God, uniquely precious, in you, deserted, scorned and crucified, God's love has fathomed sin and death's deep darkness, and flawed humanity is glorified.

Eternal Spirit, with us like a mother, embracing us in love serene and pure: you nurture strength to follow Christ our brother, as full-grown children, confident and sure.

Love's trinity, self-perfect, self-sustaining; love which commands, enables and obeys: you give yourself, in boundless joy, creating one vast increasing harmony of praise.

We ask you now, complete your image in us; this love of yours, our source and guide and goal.

May love in us, seek love and serve love's purpose, till we ascend with Christ and find love whole.

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Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

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

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us 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.

Prayers

StF 242

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you, that you love one another as I have loved you, By this the world shall know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another...

Reading: John 15:1-17

Meditation: by Jane Bennett

StF 258

**You are the vine,
we are the branches,
keep us abiding in you.
You are the vine,
we are the branches,
keep us abiding in you.
Then we'll grow in your love
and we'll go in your name
that the world will surely know
that you have power to heal and save**

Prayers led by Jane Bennett

Act of Commitment and the Blessing

StF 503

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
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