

CLOSING SERVICE – Example Two

Welcome

H&P 653 *God is here! As we his people*

PRAYERS OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Leader: Eternal God, you who create both time and space, you who are Alpha and Omega, beginning and end; as we look back over our lives we know that you have been with us:

God of the past:

All: We praise you!

Leader: Loving God, you who sent your Son to save us, deliver us and call us into a living relationship with you; as we gather here today we know that you are with us.

God of the present:

All: We praise you!

Leader: Sustaining God, you who continually recreates us, who calls us into new life and leads us forward in faith; at the end of our worship we know that you will be with us.

God of the future:

All: We praise you!

When we follow our desires instead of yours, Lord...

All: Have mercy on us.

When we look to satisfy our own needs instead of those of others, Lord...

All: Have mercy on us.

When we love our comforts instead of embracing new life and responding to a world in need, Lord...

All: Have mercy on us. Amen

A moment of quiet

Here is good news for all who put their trust in Christ. Jesus says: 'Your sins are forgiven.'

Amen. Thanks be to God.

H&P 668 *Blessèd Assurance*

OT Reading: Genesis 28: 10-19 (Doreen)

Testimony

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art.
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart;
then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

Testimony

NT Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-10

Solo: O God, you search me

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20

H&P 267 *Love Divine*

Sermon:

H&P 437 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

At the door...

We give thanks for all those who have entered God's presence through these doors, for all those who have discovered the love of God shown to us through Jesus Christ. We pray now that our discipleship, to be lived in different places may still shine with the love of Jesus and call others into his saving presence.

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

At the font...

We give thanks for all those who have entered the Church through the waters of Baptism, for those who have received the gift of new life through the promise of the Holy Spirit. We pray now that we who have been baptized into Christ may quench the thirst of others with your life-giving water.

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

In the Aisle...

We give thanks for all who have stood before God and pledged themselves to each other, for new relationships celebrated and new families created. We pray now that all our relationships formed in this place may be reconciled, renewed, and strengthened in your love.

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

We give thanks for all who have joined the Company of Heaven, whose memory we still cherish, whose love still inspires us. We pray now that, like them, our sadness may be turned to joy, our despair turned to hope, and that we may live in the light of your resurrection power as we seek new life here on earth.

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

At the pulpit...

We give thanks for your Living Word proclaimed from this place over the generations, your Word that informs our thinking and inspires our living. We pray now that we may find new ways of sharing your Living Word in our changed situations.

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

At the organ...

We give thanks for the worship that has been offered here, for the ways in which your praise

has been proclaimed and your love lifted high in our hearts. For all those who have offered worship here - Sunday School members, Choir, Worship Leaders, Local Preachers, Ordained Ministers. We pray now that you will go ahead of us and that our praise of you will be no less.
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

At the Communion Table...

We give thanks for all the ways in which you have come to us and for your means of grace made known especially through gifts of bread and wine, your body and your blood. We pray that we will seek your grace more fully that we may share your grace with others unconditionally as you have.

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us. Amen.

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever,
Amen.**

H&P 277 *This, this is the God we adore*

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