

**The Grove
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2025
Bible Month 3**





**Be to us, O Lord
Jesus Christ,
the bread of life,
the true vine,
the light that
shines in the
darkness and
the joy prepared
for your people.
Amen**

Greeting and Opening Prayer



God's grace and peace are with us
Let our hearts be filled with joy.

**We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth**

**Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved His life He gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.**

**Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.**

Last Verse

The Gathering of the People of God

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray:

God of mercy, your love for us is strong, but our love is weak.

You call us to follow Jesus, but we are slow to obey.

You care for all that you have made, but we ignore the needs of others and misuse your creation.

We are sorry for our sins.

Forgive us and help us to please you by the way we live;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

**The Gathering of the People of God
Assurance of Forgiveness**

**God is love and forgives us our sins through Jesus,
Amen.**

**Generous God,
you gave your Son for the life of the whole world.
Give us the joy of knowing the risen Christ,
and let your Holy Spirit guide us,
that we may live and serve you on earth
and live with you forever in heaven;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Gathering of the People of God

Lord, you welcome each one of us into a relationship with you.

Give us the vision to accept your grace.

It is only by grace that we can be effective in reflecting the love of Jesus as we reach out to those in need.

Give us the integrity to accept your grace.

When we feel overwhelmed by life, it is your grace that sustains us

Give us the courage to accept your grace.

When we fail to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, it is through grace that we are forgiven,

Give us the humility to accept your grace

When life is going well, it is your grace that is nurturing us and leading us on.

Give us the grace to recognize your gift of grace in all we do. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

**As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You**

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.**

**I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.**

**You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.**

Last Verse

New Testament Readings



John 17:20-26
Ephesians 3:14-20

The Ministry of the Word



Reflection: Time to say farewell





It's the right
time



People will be
disappointed
but in a happy
way



I want to say
thank you for
giving me so
much love



Time to say farewell



Intercessions

**Lord, in your
mercy:
Hear our prayer**

**Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in your suffering
This is our prayer**

**Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!**

**Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills**

**Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak**

**God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts**

**Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame**

**Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
Freedoms to share**

**Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain**

**Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams**

**Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need**

**God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts**

**Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame**

**Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice
Burns brightly again**

**Until the nations
Learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise**

**God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts**

**Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame**

Last Verse

The Peace

Our Lord Jesus
Christ said:
'I leave you peace,
my peace I give to
you.'
The peace of the
Lord be always with
you.

And also with you.



The Thanksgiving – All Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God

**It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

All Sit



The Thanksgiving

God our Father and our Mother, we give you thanks and praise for all that you have made, for the stars in their splendour and the world in its wonder and for the glorious gift of human life. With the saints and angels in heaven we praise your holy name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.
Amen.**

Jesus, the bread of life and true vine



**All glory to the Father be, the Spirit and the Son:
All glory to the One in Three,
while endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer with words from Ephesians 3:14-20




**Our Father in heaven
from whom every family in
heaven and on earth receives its
name,
hallowed be your name.
To God be the glory in the church
and in Jesus Christ for all time.**




**Your kingdom come
that Christ will make his home in our
hearts through faith.**

**Your will be done on earth as in
heaven,
in and through Christ's love in all its
breadth, length, height and depth.**



**Give us today our daily bread,
that we become strong in our faith
and in our inner being.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us,
so that we may be completely filled
with the love that surpasses all
knowledge,
and mirror the very nature of God.**



**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
so that our very roots and foundation are
grounded in God's abundant love.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are
yours,
whose power working in us is able to do so
much more than we can ever ask for or
imagine.**

**For all time, for ever and ever.
Amen**

**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 shall all men know
That you are My disciples,
If you have love one for another.
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That you are My disciples,
If you have love one for another.**

Last Verse

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Christ is the bread of life.

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing of the blood of Christ.

Christ is the true vine.

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, **give us peace.**



Sharing of the Bread and Wine

**This is the body of Christ,
given for you. This is the
blood of Christ shed for you.**

**Ordinary things become
extraordinary through the
mystery of grace.**



Let us pray.

**God of glory, we have seen
with our eyes and touched
with our hands the bread of
heaven.**

**Strengthen us in our life
together that we may grow in
love for you and for each
other; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, Amen.**



The Dismissal

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they
fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses
above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness!
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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Last Verse

The Grace

