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**This Mornings Service is led by
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Welcome



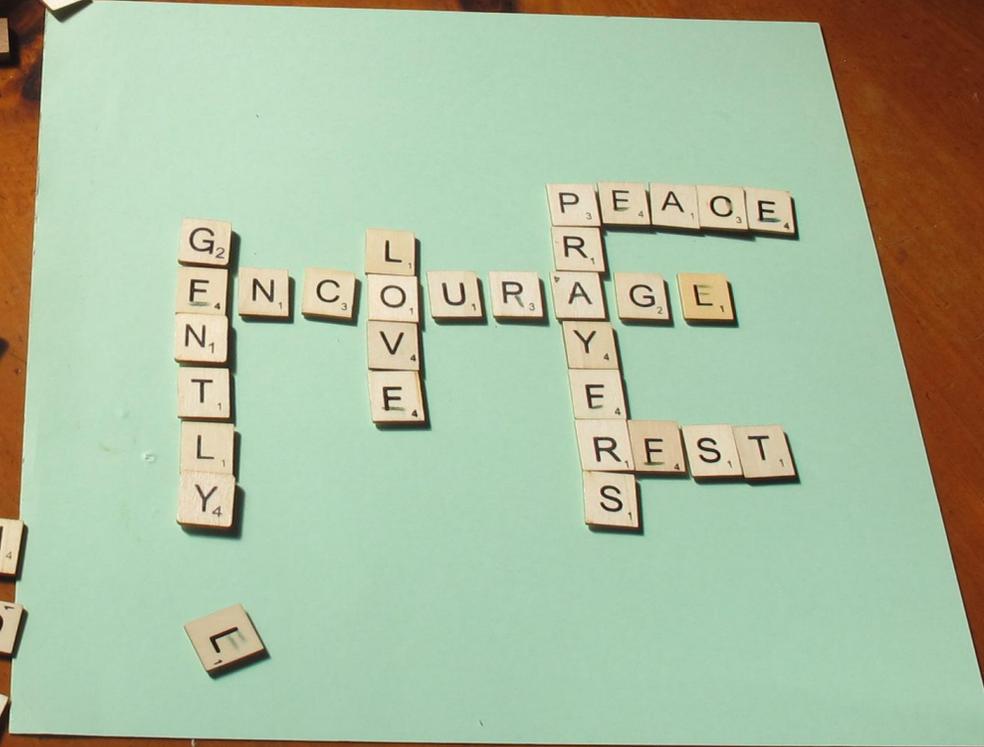
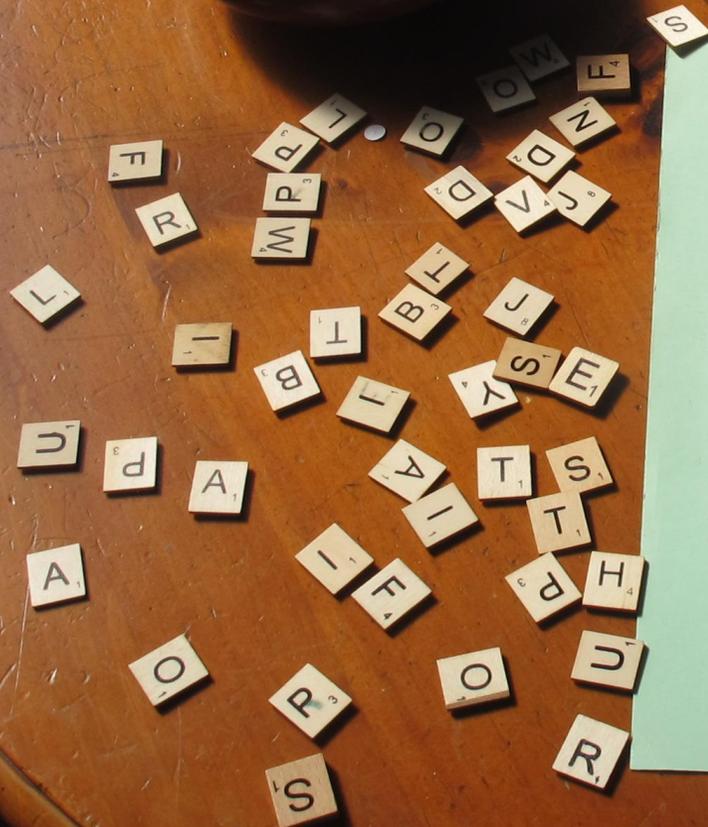
John's gospel tells of a miracle that was possible by the life of a young boy - five loaves of bread that became twelve through the ministry of children.

Think of a person who nurtured you or of a teacher who taught you.

Gathering Prayer

Create a scrabble crossword of
encouragement

Please add words that remind you of the support you receive from God and from one another.



Singing the Faith 45

**Earth's creator, everyday God,
Loving Maker, O Jesus,
you who shaped us, O Spirit,
recreate us, Come, be with us.**

**In your presence, everyday God,
we are gathered, O Jesus,
you have called us, O Spirit,
to restore us, Come, be with us.**

**Life of all lives, everyday God,
love of all loves, O Jesus,
hope of all hopes, O Spirit,
light of all lights, come, be with us**

**In our resting, everyday God,
in our rising, O Jesus,
in our hoping, O Spirit,
in our waiting, Come, be with us.**

**In our dreaming, everyday God,
in our daring, O Jesus,
in our searching, O Spirit,
in our sharing, Come, be with us.**

**God of laughter, everyday God,
God of sorrow, O Jesus,
home and shelter, O Spirit,
strong and patient, come, be with us.**

**Way of freedom, everyday God,
star of morning, O Jesus,
timeless healer, O Spirit,
flame eternal, come, be with us.**

**Word of gladness, everyday God,
word of mercy, O Jesus,
word of friendship, O Spirit,
word of challenge, come, be with us.**

**Gentle father, everyday God,
faithful brother, O Jesus,
tender sister, O Spirit.
loving mother, come, be with us.**

**Our beginning, everyday God,
our unfolding, O Jesus,
our enduring, O Spirit,
journey's ending, come, be with us**

Last Verse

**Alleluia, everyday God,
now and always, O Jesus,
alleluia, O Spirit,
through all ages, come, be with us.**

Bernadette Farrell CCL 470495



Prayers

Singing the Faith 20

**Be still for the presence of the Lord
the Holy One is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:**

**in him no sin is found -
we stand on holy ground.
Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:**

**how awesome is the sight -
our radiant King of light!
Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace:**

Last Verse

**no work too hard for Him -
in faith receive from Him.
Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place**

David J Evans CCL 470495

Theme of the service





AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND DWELT AMONG US,

AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY,
GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON
FROM THE FATHER,
FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.
JOHN 1:14





Message

Singing the Faith 157

**God has spoken- by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.**

**'Mid the world's despair and turmoil,
one firm anchor still holds fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first, and God the last.**

**God has spoken- by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;**

**spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time was born;
Light from light, to earth descending,
Christ, revealing God to all.**

**God is speaking- by the Spirit
speaking to the hearts again,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then;**

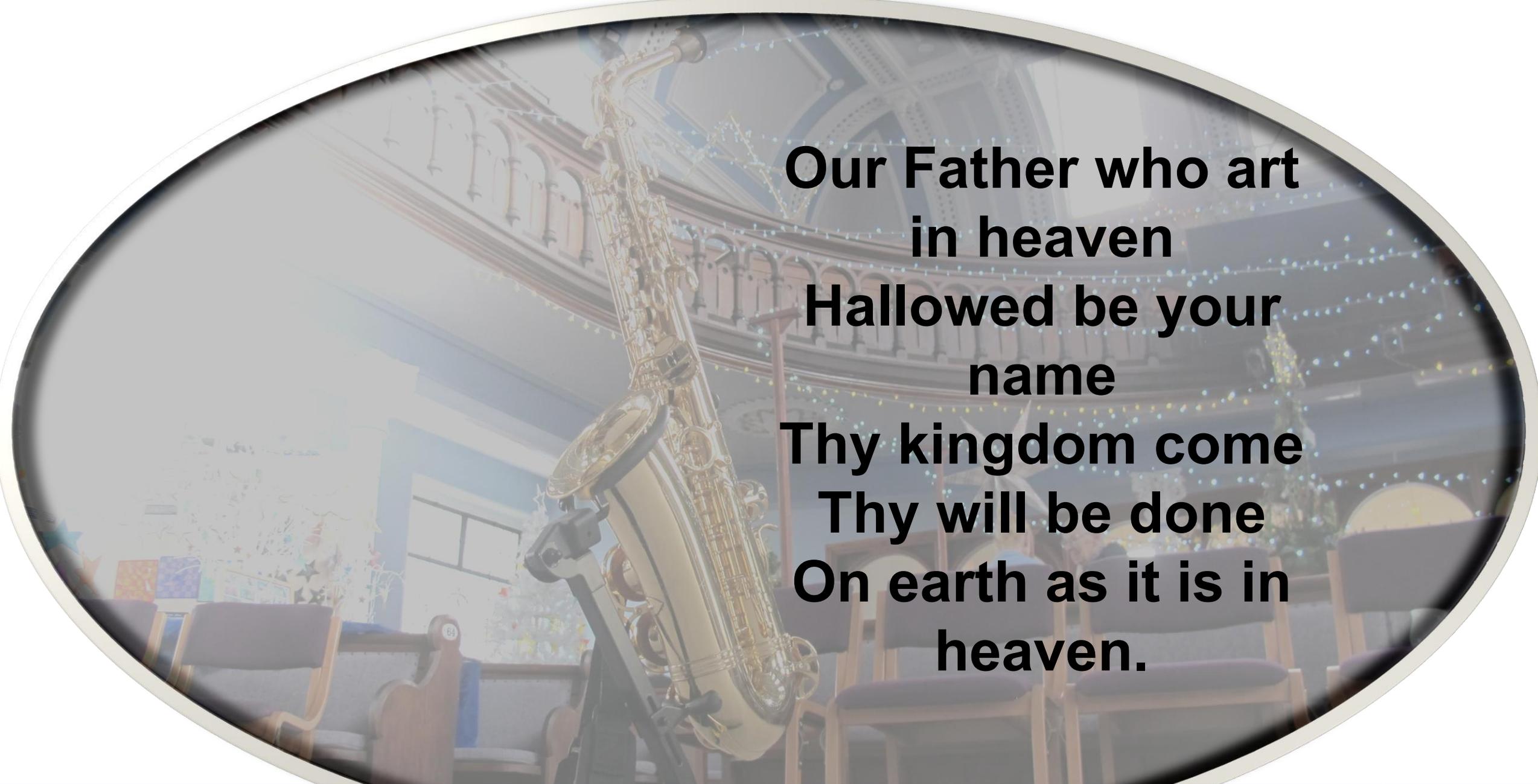
Last Verse

**Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast;
God still speaks, the Word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.**

George W Briggs 1875-1959 CCL 470495



Intercessions



**Our Father who art
in heaven
Hallowed be your
name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in
heaven.**

A photograph of a church interior, likely a sanctuary, decorated for Christmas. In the foreground, a golden saxophone stands on a stand. The background shows rows of blue upholstered chairs, a Christmas tree decorated with lights and ornaments, and a large window. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the Christmas lights and the window. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Give us this day
Our daily bread
And forgive us our
trespasses,
As we forgive them
who trespass
against us
And lead us not in
to temptation**



**But deliver us
from evil
For thine is the
kingdom
The power and
the glory
For ever and ever
AMEN**



Offering

Singing the Faith 580

**Come, Lord be our guest,
find your way among us;
you whose word and will
sowed the seed which sprung us.**

**Earth, your former home,
still is where we meet you;
therefore we greet you,
Christ, our God alone.**

**Come, Lord, be our guest,
join our conversation;
free our tongues to speak
without reservation.**

**Where your people meet,
you perfect their pleasure;
therefore we treasure
all you have to share.**

**Come, Lord, be our guest,
gathered round your table,
we confess our faith
more than fact or fable.**

**You who made, of old,
all that earth was needing,
blessing and feeding
here will make us new.**

**Come, Lord, be our host,
bread and wine are waiting.
On your words depend
all our celebrating.**

Last Verse

**Fill us with your love,
Healing and forgiving:
then, in us living,
show our love your way.**

John L Bell (b1949
and Graham Maule (b 1958 CCL 470496

Liturgy for Holy Communion

Loving God, you invite us to share in your feast at this table,

thank you for your hospitality.

Calling God, you invite us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus,

thank you for the example he set us.

Challenging God,
you invite us to live lives that reflect your love for all,
where the needs of others come before our own,
help us live up to your challenge.

God, we are here as your people
part of your church,
gathered from different places,
different families,
different backgrounds;
but devoted to you,
to one another,
and to your church across the world.

As we accept your invitation to this feast
we are thankful for all of your blessings and
generosity.

But we also accept that at times our lives do not reflect
your generosity and we are selfish with the world's
resources.

Forgive us and heal us.

As we try to follow in the footsteps of Jesus,
we give thanks that he did not shy away from
controversy, nor turn back when the way ahead was
challenging.

But we recognise that there are times when we settle
for the comfortable,
and when we avoid the way of the cross.

Forgive us and give us courage for our journey.

As we respond to your challenge to live a life of love, we are thankful for Jesus' model of unconditional love shown to *all* people.

We know that our thoughts, words and actions do not always live up to his example of loving one another, especially those who are different from us.

Forgive us and guide us in the way of unconditional love.

Here, at this table,
that has been lovingly prepared for us by human
hands,
and laden with the fruit and gifts of the earth we call
home,
we remember the many times Jesus ate and drank
with others.

Sometimes he was the guest of the elite and wealthy;
at times he ate and drank with outcasts,
often he shared a table with his friends.

Today we remember all those occasions, but especially
the last time he ate with his friends
and how as he offered them bread and wine
he asked them to remember

all that he had taught,
all that he had done,
all the ones he loved,
and in remembering all this
we are called to follow his example.

So loving God,
bless this bread and wine that we share now,
may it be for us the food and drink of remembrance
and by sharing in this feast,
may we find the strength in your Spirit
to accept your call to follow in Jesus' footsteps;

may we be reminded to live up to his example of
offering unconditional love to all,
even those with whom we disagree:
may we be united in love and peace with one another,
and live in harmony as your church in this place.

Bread is broken

Look, just as Jesus broke bread
and gave thanks to God,

We do likewise, giving thanks to you O God.

Look just as Jesus poured wine
and gave thanks to God,

We do likewise, giving thanks to you O God.

God offers to us all,

a warm and open welcome to this table.

If life is good, and you want to thank God, come;

If your journey here has been hard

and you need strength, come;

If you feel close to God,

and just want more of God's presence, come;

If you are lonely and need companionship, come;
If you want to accept the invitation
to follow in Jesus, footsteps, come;
If it just feels right,
even though you're not sure why, then come,
because God's unconditional love awaits you here.
Come and receive blessing, bread and wine.



Prayer after communion

We say together

God, thank you

for the invitation, the call and the challenge;

for the bread and wine

to sustain us on our journey;

for the companionship with you

and with one another.

**Lead us from this place,
guide us in our journey this week,
give us courage to take up our cross,
and fill us with your unconditional love
that our lives may bring that same love to
others. Amen.**

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Singing the Faith 564

**O Thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for
thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me-**

Last Verse

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
CCL 470495



Blessing