

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

by Graham Kendrick

**Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
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Children's Blessing

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

"Hold on to Hope"
(Ed Rush; arr. M. Stevens)

John Nelson

Here are the words for those who would like to follow along:

When the worries of the past cloud my memory,
And daily stresses fill me with despair,
That's when I turn in faith to God's amazing grace.
His blessed Holy Spirit says to me:

Hold on to hope. Hold on to Jesus. Hold on to faith. Hold on to Christ.
Hold to the promises of God, the source of all your strength.
Hold on, hold on to hope.

When my plans have proven wrong and all joy is gone,
And dreams have been forgotten long ago,
That's when I kneel in prayer, for I know God is there.
I hear his spirit speak to me again.

Hold on to hope. Hold on to Jesus. Hold on to faith. Hold on to Christ.
Hold to the promises of God, the source of all your strength.
Hold on, hold on to hope. (2x)
Hold on to hope! Hold on to hope.

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

John Hillmer

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Speak O Lord”

by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes, for your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.**

Epistle lesson: 1 John 1:1-4

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 34:1-8

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

All: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

*Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: John 1:35-46

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Come and See”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Amazing Grace”

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**Amazing grace how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

