



**For if you forgive others their trespasses,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.**

Matthew 6:14 NRVSUE



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## Welcome

### Prelude Duet

*The Lord's Prayer*

B. Cecil Gates

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3 (NIV)

I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.

### Opening Prayer

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Our God in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.

### \* Hymn

*Great is the Lord*

# 87 HWB

*Refrain: Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,  
by His power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,  
by His mercy He proves he is love.*

Verse 1:

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory!

Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!      *Refrain*

Verse 2:

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!

Great are you, Lord, And worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice,

Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

**Time with our Children** (after, children over 5 go to Children's Church)

### Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 19:11 (*NLT*)

Sensible people control their temper;  
they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.

\* **Hymn**

*You Are Exalted*

# 86 VT

You are exalted, forever exalted on high. I will praise you.

You are exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise your name!

You are my God— forever your truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice <sup>[ ]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> in your holy name.

You are exalted, forever exalted on high!

### Congregational Prayer

<https://preachthestory.com/>

One: Lord, teach us to pray. So we might awaken to the wonder of your presence. So we might feel gratitude for your gift of life today. So we might discover your kingdom as revealed in our sisters and brothers. So we might find safety beneath the shelter of your wings. So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Many: Lord, teach us to pray.**

**One:** So we might forgive those who have wronged us. So we might lead free from pretense and hypocrisy. So we might trust your perfect plans. and not replace them with our own. So we might love you with our whole hearts, and love our neighbors as ourselves. So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Many: Lord, teach us to pray.**

**One:** So diverse hearts might harmonize as many voices become one. So our bodies might praise you in bowed heads and raised hands. So a spirit of criticism is replaced with an offering of sacrifice. So we consider others more important than ourselves. So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Many: Lord, teach us to pray.**

**One:** So the truth of your Word resonates in what we say and sing. So we might prepare a way through the wilderness of chaos and pain. So our eyes are alert and our souls awake to your movement in our midst. So our good work is fruitful in the reign of your kingdom. So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Many: Lord, teach us to pray**

**One:** So our voices bring a pleasing sound to your ear. So the notes of our instruments rise sweetly to your throne. So our singing is a light in the darkness, drawing nations to your grace. So our songs vibrate with the voice of the Lamb who was slain. So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Many: Lord, teach us to pray.**

**One:** So the lonely and hopeless find comfort in your abundant presence. So those in war and famine find the everlasting peace of your Spirit. So we are not indifferent to the suffering of the world around us. So our songs help to make us look more like you. So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Many: Lord, teach us to pray.**

*All: 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, forever and ever. Amen.*

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Special Music

*Teach Me to Pray, Lord*

arr. Roger Wischmeyer

*Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray;  
Thou art my pattern day unto day;  
I long to know Thy will and Thy way;  
Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.*

*Living in Thee, Lord, and Thou in me,  
Constant abiding, this is my plea;  
Grant me Thy power, boundless and free,  
Power with men and power with Thee.*

### Thoughts on Giving

Matthew 5:23-24 CEV

So if you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is angry with you, leave your gift there in from of the altar. Make peace with that person, then come back and offer your gift to God.

### \* Doxology

# 7 I B VT

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:7-15 (NRSVUE)

<sup>7</sup> “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> “Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be revered as holy.

<sup>10</sup> May your kingdom come.

May your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup> “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

## Sermon

“Nursing A Grudge”

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Love* (vv. 1-3) # 590 VT

### Verse 1

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me is daily shown,  
nor why, with mercy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

*Refrain: But “I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that he is able*

*to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day."*

Verse 2:

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart.

*Refrain*

Verse 3:

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him.

*Refrain*

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Joseph Barnby

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair;  
May Jesus Christ be praised.*

\* Please stand as able and led



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