



**HANNAH
PRAYED**

1 SAMUEL 1:10



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Welcome

Prelude

Surrender

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* **Call to Worship (One/People)**

There is no God like our God—who gives strength to the weak,
but breaks the power of the mighty;
who gives food to the famished,
but makes those already full work for their bread;
who raises the poor from the dust,
but humbles the proud and arrogant.
There is no God like our God!

* **Opening Prayer**

* **Opening Song**

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

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I: Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love.
Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love.
Let ev'ry soul from sin awake,
let ev'ry heart sweet music make,
and sing with us for Jesus' sake, for God is love.

Refrain: God is love! God is love!

Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.

- 2: O tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love.
 In Christ we have redemption found, God is love.
 His blood has washed our sins away,
 his Spirit turned our night to day,
 and now we can rejoice to say that God is love. *Refrain*
- 3: What though our mortal flesh shall fail, God is love!
 Through Christ we shall o'er death prevail, God is love!
 While endless ages roll along,
 we'll triumph with the heav'nly throng
 and this shall be our sweetest song, that God is love! *Refrain*
- 4: How happy is our portion here, God is love.
 These promises our spirits cheer, God is love.
 God is our sun and shield by day,
 our help, our hope, our strength and stay;
 and will be with us all the way: our God is love. *Refrain*

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Song

God of the Bible

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- 1: God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
 hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
 you are our center, daylight or darkness,
 freedom or prison, you are our home.

Soprano Refrain (2x):

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
 God always faithful, you do not change.*

Alto/Tenor/Bass Refrain(2x):

*Fresh as the sunrise,
 always faithful you do not change.*

- 2: God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
 suffering with us, taking our part,
 still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
 feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. *Refrain*

Soprano Refrain (2x):

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.*

Alto/Tenor/Bass Refrain(2x):

*Fresh as the sunrise,
always faithful you do not change.*

3: Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. *Refrain*

4: Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. *Refrain*

5: Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes, facing the cross. *Refrain*

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord.

¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

Special Music

Blessings

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We pray for blessings

We pray for peace

Comfort for family, protection while we sleep

We pray for healing, for prosperity

We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering

And all the while, You hear each spoken need

Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?

What if Your healing comes through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights

Are what it takes to know You're near?

And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom

Your voice to hear

And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near

We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love

As if every promise from Your Word is not enough

And all the while, You hear each desperate plea

And long that we'd have faith to believe

'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?

What if Your healing comes through tears?

And what if the thousand sleepless nights

Are what it takes to know You're near?

And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

When friends betray us
And when darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not, this is not our home
It's not our home

What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise?

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 2:1-10 NRSV

Hannah's Prayer

2 Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies because I rejoice in your victory. ² There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. ³ Talk no more so very proudly; let not arrogance come from your mouth, for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. ⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶ The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷ The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low; he also exalts. ⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked will perish in darkness, for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰ The Lord! His adversaries will be shattered; the Most High will thunder in

heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Song

Holy, Holy, Holy

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- 1: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!
- 2: Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3: Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.
- 4: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

GO IN GOD’S NAME

Sermon

“Hannah’s Prayer”

* **Song**

Move in Our Midst

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- 1: Move in our midst, thou Spirit of God.
Go with us down from thy holy hill.
Walk with us through the storm and the calm.
Spirit of God, go thou with us still.
- 2: Touch thou our hands to lead us aright.
Guide us forever, show us thy way.
Transform our darkness into thy light.

Spirit of God, lead thou us today.

- 3: Strike from our feet the fetters that bind.
Lift from our lives the weight of our wrong.
Teach us to love with heart, soul, and mind.
Spirit of God, thy love makes us strong.
- 4: Kindle our hearts to burn with thy flame.
Raise up thy banners high in this hour.
Stir us to build new worlds in thy name.
Spirit of God, O send us thy pow'r!

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Resonance of Grace

Bob Yonkers

** Please stand as able and led*



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