



May 31, 2020

Virtual Sunday Service of the Camrose Church of God, led by Judy Wall
Music links go to YouTube, or use our [Spotify](#) playlist.
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Who can you share this link with this week? Consider joining with others in your back yard or some other open space appropriately distanced, to worship together. How about gathering together online with your small group? Maybe you can meet together with someone who does not yet have a personal relationship with Christ.

Father God! You loved us before we were made. You love us now, even at times when we are most unlovable. You love us when life is wonderful, and You love us when life is complicated and everything seems difficult. You love us always and forever. Help us today to recognize Your compassionate love in new ways, and teach us to share Your compassion with our families, friends and neighbours. Amen.

[Our God](#)

The greatness of God has been our theme for the last several weeks. Today we want to specifically focus on God's concern and compassion. Throughout Scripture we get the impression that God is concerned for those who are unable to help themselves. Matt 9:36 tells us "he had compassion on them" and Rom 5:6 says "When we were still powerless [helpless], Christ died for the ungodly."

"God helps those who **cannot** help themselves." He helps the helpless because God is the God of compassion. Ps. 116:5 reminds us that with everlasting kindness, He will have compassion on us. Let's continue to worship and praise Him in song.

God with Us Behold Him

Let us pray: Dear God, You are worthy of our praise. We give thanks to You as a good God, and as the Creator of life and all the beauty around us. We give thanks for how You heal our bodies and our minds, and when You choose not to, we thank You for the peace and contentment that only You can give. We give thanks for You as our Master and Lord who directs our way. We also give thanks for You as our Saviour who gives us eternal life. Amen.

Scripture Reading:
[Luke 7: 1-10](#) and [7:16](#)

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

We remember that the financial needs of the church remain, and that our support is needed even when we do not gather. Together we will be faithful in our giving ([click here to give online](#)) and we offer a traditional offering prayer:

Lord, let our congregation be a witness to You:

- Immersed in scripture,
- Constant in prayer,
- Joyful in worship,
- Generous in giving.
- A loving, supportive community reaching out to those in need.

Accept these gifts we offer, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Everlasting God

Pastoral Prayer offered by Howie Wall

Father, we come to you today full of many emotions. We have concern for our own health and the health of loved ones, the health of friends, and of people in our community. In the last months, we have prayed often for our community. We pray for our mental health and the mental health of our loved ones. We pray that you sustain us and our minds and spirit.

We want to give thanks for how You provide for us. We want to view our life with a thankful spirit and a thankful heart. We thank You for the salvation Your Son who died provided for us. We are thankful for our

community and for those around us that are friends and neighbours. We pray for our community of faith and that You would sustain us through this time where we cannot meet in person.

While it is hard to compare our wondering in the last months with those in scripture who did not seem to find answers to their deepest yearns, You understand and know of our confusion, our pain, our questions about how are we as a small church in Camrose will move forward. But being faithful, and being a God who sees our lives as important, You have provided us with a family of churches which walks with us, who celebrates when we celebrate, and also shares in our concerns and disappointments.

We pray for our leaders and our health leaders. We pray for our national political and health leaders. We pray for our provincial political and health leaders. We also pray for our civic leaders and also our local health care staff. We are called to pray for wisdom and for their spiritual lives. Thank You for their work as they care for us their constituents.

Thank You for our pastoral and lay leaders. We pray for wisdom and clarity in thinking as they lead our congregation. In Your Son's name **Amen**.

Message Link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1731272513>

I would like to conclude our time together with a hymn. For some, this song brims with nostalgia for different times. For others, it may be completely unfamiliar. Whatever ear you hear it with, this great message is current and timely as we are reminded that God asks us to freely give to others what we have received in the power of Jesus' name.

Song: [Freely Freely](#) - Divine Hymns

I hope that throughout this week you will be reminded of His direction for us: "Go in My name and because you believe, others will know that I live." Go in peace. God bless you all.

Lyrics if you wish to use them:

Our God

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind,
There's no one like You, none like You.

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise,
There's no one like You, none like You.

Chorus

Our God is greater, our God is stronger,
God You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Bridge

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
(Then) what could stand against?

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God With Us

Verse 1

Oh You've come to bring peace, to be Love, to be nearer to us.
You've come to bring life, to be Light, to shine brighter in us.
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.

Chorus

Our Deliverer, You are Savior. In Your presence we find our strength.
Over ev'rything our Redemption, God with us, You are God with us.

Verse 2

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world, for Your honor and name.
And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave.
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.

Bridge

You are here, You are holy, we are standing in Your glory (Lord)
(REPEAT)

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Behold Him

Verse 1

He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time.
He who made every living thing, behold Him/
He who heard humanity's cry, left His throne to wake as a child.
He became like the least of us, behold Him.

Chorus 1

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion,
Oh be still and behold Him.

Verse 2

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and the lame.
Even now He is in our midst, behold Him.
He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt,
Buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.

Chorus 2

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion,
Oh be still and behold Him.
Jesus, Alpha and Omega, our God, the risen Savior,
Oh be still, and behold Him.

Bridge

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

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Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

Verse 1

Father in Heaven how we love You,
we lift Your Name in all the earth.

May Your Kingdom be established in our praises,
as Your people declare Your mighty works.

Chorus

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who reigns forevermore.

Verse 2

Father of mercy be exalted.

May Jesus' name be lifted high.

For the sacrifice of love has won my pardon,

And His resurrection power gives me life.

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Everlasting God

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,

We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Pre-Chorus

Our God, You reign forever.
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

Chorus

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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Freely Freely

Verse 1

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share His love as He told me to.

Chorus

He said freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give.
Go in My name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.

Verse 2

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share His pow'r as He told me to.

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