

Hymn - Harry

Verse 1

I lift up my eyes to the hills,
From where does my help come from?
My help comes from the lord,
Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Verse 2

He will not let your foot slip,
Or even stumble or fall.
For he who watches over all our people,
Will never sleep at all

Chorus

Nothing compares to your unfailing love,
You're the creator and sustainer of all things.
And nothing compares to your mercy and grace
Which set me, a sinner free.

Interlude

Verse 3

The Lord will keep you from all harm,
He will watch over your life.
And even when you come and go,
He will be with you for evermore

Verse 4

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Theme: The parable of the talents

Introduction

Gracious God, give us the ears to hear your voice, the eyes to see your glory, the hearts to know your love, and the will to worship you. For you are God; we are your people, and it is right that we offer you praise. Bless our time of worship, that we may know your ceaseless presence, in the power of your Spirit. In the name of our living Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let the people praise you, O God;
Let all the people praise you.

Let your ways be known on earth;
Your saving power in all the world. Amen.

A Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we confess to you our sin: those things which have hurt others and which have offended thee.

Forgive us for not investing your gifts wisely. We have been negligent with the time and energy you give us - often spending it all on ourselves while others have had to do more than their share of helping and caring.

Silent prayer

We confess, O Lord, that through fear, greed, or ignorance, we have not always used in a faithful and responsible manner the wealth you give us.

Forgive us for being satisfied with sharing so little with those who are in need, while spending so much, not only on our needs, but also on our desires.

Silent prayer

We confess, O Lord, that we are prone to forget the purpose behind what you do for us. We forget that you judge us by what we do with your gifts.

Forgive us for when we have buried the talents and failed to work with all the things you give us.

Gracious God - forgive us.

Touch us and make us whole. Amen.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for you have destined us for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

You have spoken to us through your child, Jesus, teaching us to look to you and trust in your kindness, and to be faithful stewards of your gifts. He was scorned and mocked and died for us, but was raised by you.

You have promised a day of judgment and deliverance, when Christ will come as unexpectedly as a thief in the night, to reveal the children of light and gather all who have been trustworthy with what you have given into his kingdom of joy.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

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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

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Bridge

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
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Bible Readings - on video

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p987) - Dorothy Waterfield
Matthew 25.14-30 (P830) - Alan Waterfield

Hymn

Verse 1

From heaven You came helpless babe
Entered our world Your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

Chorus

This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King

Verse 2

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet not my will but Yours He said

Verse 3

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

Verse 4

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Special Prayer for Today

Thank you, Lord, for all the gifts you have entrusted to us. Help us to remember that all we have comes from you and is to be used to serve you. Make us faithful and trustworthy servants, always ready for your return. **Amen.**

Intercessions - on video

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Hymn

Verse 1

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you

Verse 2

You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are a king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything

Verse 3

I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye

Sermon - Damian

Hymn

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all, for thee

Blessing - based on Matthew 25:14-30

Go in peace; love and care for one another in Christ's name, and may God bless you with every gift needful for his work, may the Spirit grant you the willingness to risk yourself completely for the sake of the gospel, and may the love and the compassion and the hope and the faith of Jesus dwell richly within you till the time of his coming both now and forevermore; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.