# Closing Hymn

## A COMMUNION HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS

Gathered 'round Your table on this holy eve, Viewing Bethlehem's stable we rejoice and grieve. Joy to see You lying in Your manger bed; Weep to see You dying in our sinful stead.

Prince of Glory gracing Heav'n ere time began, Now for us embracing death as Son of Man. By Your birth so lowly by Your love so true, By Your cross most holy, Lord, we worship You.

Bethlehem's Incarnation, Calvary's bitter cross, Wrought for us salvation by Your pain and loss. Now we fall before You in this holy place; Prostrate we adore You for Your gift of grace.

With profoundest wonder we Your body take-Laid in manger yonder, broken for our sake. Hushed in adoration we approach the cup; Bethl'hem's pure oblation freely offered up.

Christmas Babe so tender, Lamb who bore our blame, How shall sinners render praises due Your name? Do Your own good pleasure in the lives we bring; In Your ransomed treasure reign forever King!

# **Pre-Service Song**

### SHOUT TO THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH

Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King! You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

#### [CHORUS]

Shout to the North and the South, sing to the East and the West: "Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth!"

Rise up women of the truth; stand and sing to broken hearts Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love. [CHORUS]

Rise up church with broken wings; fill this place with songs again Of our God who reigns on high; by His grace again we'll fly. [CHORUS]

#### [BRIDGE] We've been through fire we've been through rain, We've been refined by the power of his name, We've fallen deeper in love with you, You've burned the truth on our lips. [CHORUS]

# Songs of Praise

### 1) OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail; And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand.

#### [CHORUS 1]

And I will call upon Your name, And keep my eyes above the waves, when oceans rise My soul will rest in Your embrace, for I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sovereign hand will be my guide Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me; You've never failed and You won't start now [CHORUS]

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me; Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander, And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.

#### [CHORUS 2]

I will call upon Your name, keep my eyes above the waves, My soul will rest in Your embrace, I am Yours and You are mine.

# 2) LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord, I come, I confess, Bowing here I find my rest; Without You I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.

#### [CHORUS]

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour I need You, My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, Where grace is found is where You are; And where You are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me. [CHORUS]

#### [BRIDGE]

Teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way, And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You; Jesus, You're my hope and stay. [CHORUS]

## 3) NONE BUT JESUS

In the quiet, in the stillness, I know that You are God, In the secret of Your presence, I know there I am restored; When You call I won't refuse, each new day again I'll choose.

#### [CHORUS]

There is no one else for me, none but Jesus, Crucified to set me free, now I live to bring Him praise.

In the chaos, in confusion, I know You're sovereign still, In the moment of my weakness, You give me grace to do Your will; When You call I won't delay, This my song through all my days.

#### [BRIDGE]

All my delight is in You Lord, all of my hope, All of my strength, all my delight is in You Lord, forevermore.

# 4) COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever; now Thy gracious Kingdom bring! By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

# 5) O, LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM!

O, little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love; O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So, God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven; No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today! We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell, O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

# Hymn

#### OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source the ending He Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing; Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent; ev'ry voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, Evermore and evermore.

# Doxology (O Bless the Gifts)

### **O BLESS THE GIFTS/DOXOLOGY**

O bless the gifts our hands have brought And bless the work our hearts have planned; Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!