

## 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021 10 am Saving Grace

Service led by Denise Coomber, Talk by Roger Homes, who also includes testimonies from Heather and Marcus, two members of the congregation from different families.

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### **Introduction**

[Denise]

Good morning everybody, and welcome to St John's Church Kenilworth. This is our 10am service. Wherever you are, it's great that you can join us in worshipping and praising God this morning.

Well, we're still in lockdown and I know many of you wish that you could be worshipping God in the church building with others. And I came across Psalm 84, I'm going to read the beginning of it to you, says, [NIVUK 2011]

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling-place, LORD Almighty!
- 2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Now, I know we can't meet in person in the building and I was just looking at the countdown thing at the beginning, and there's a marvellous stained glass window with "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with the majesty of Your glory,"<sup>1</sup> so there are prompts all around the church building to remind us to praise the Lord for who He is and for what he's done amongst us, and we can't do that at the moment, so we need to take our prompts from other places. So, the Word of the Lord is a good place to start. And I know that it would be wonderful if we could meet together and sing together and praise together and worship together, but we need to do it virtually at the moment and God's promised to be wherever two or three are gathered together in His name. So He's with us at the moment, we're virtually meeting together in His name, so we know that He's here with each one of us. So let's open with a prayer.

Father, we pray that as we meet with You, You will be with us this morning in our souls, in our readings, in the testimonies, in the talk that Roger does, in everything that we do. And that Your name will be glorified amongst us this morning. I pray that You will inhabit the praises of Your people. Thank You that You're here with us. Amen.

### **Notices**

Well, inevitably, there are some notices. There aren't many, because they're all

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1 Te Deum from Book of Common Prayer – derived from Isaiah 6:3

on the news update, which you can access on the church website.

- But today, there's Evening Prayer this evening at six o'clock and Val will be talking about Nathaniel.
- And then, if you want to join us for the midweek Bible study, we just ramble on about whatever passage we're reading. Last week we did Acts 14 so this week we'll be doing Acts 15, so if you'd like to join us for either of those things, it's the same channel, so just log on to this YouTube. If you did want to join us on the zoom and be part of the Bible study then please let us know, the usual contact details.
- And I did put in the news updates something about WhatsApp, and FareShare, we do have FareShare offered to us most weeks by Waitrose and Tesco. So if you know anybody that's in need, then please tell us, and then we can add them to our list. And the easiest way of communicating that is on the FareShare and the church WhatsApp groups, so if you'd like to be part of those then please let me know.

## Activity

Now inevitably we've got to do an activity to keep you entertained! I did ask you to get a strip of paper ready. So this is two bits of A4 paper cut, a quarter of this: that's a quarter and that's a quarter, and I've Sellotaped them together. So we're going to be making something called a Möbius strip, and this is where I wish I'd paid attention at school. But anyway, you get your piece of paper like this.



Now we're going to join it together like that and then we're going to twist one of the bits around like that so it's got a little twist in the middle of it, and then get a bit of sellotape and stick it together. I don't know how many of you join in with this, but anyway if you haven't actually got one then you can just see what I'm doing. So this is called a Möbius strip, and I'm told that it's of great significance to mathematicians, I couldn't understand why, I did look it all up, but it's a non-orientable surface, so it's only got one side, and if you got an ant to crawl along here, then it would end up back at the same place, apparently.



So I'm going to draw some arrows on this. So I've drawn an arrow, like that. Can you see that? And then pointed to the right, I'm going to do that all the way around and then you can see what I mean about it being a non-orientable surface, which means you can't tell which way up it is. I have to draw these quite big because otherwise it will take quite a long time. I'm sure Roger could tell you much more about this because he's a maths teacher-y sort of person isn't he, and he's going to be speaking to us later on. So maybe we should have swapped round and I do the talk and he does this bit but anyway I'm sure he's much better at the talk as well.



So I've done arrows. I'm doing it very quickly here so that you can see. All right, there we go. So we wrote these arrows, as you can probably see, I don't know if you can see or not, but some of them are up one way, some of them are the other way. And it's all backwards, forwards and inside out, you can't work out which way is up, which way is left, which way is right, because it's all over the place, but it's an **everlasting** strip of paper now.



So this was reminding me, I saw this online in the week, so it reminded me a little bit about the everlasting nature of God. So God is everlasting, He's eternal. He never changes. In James 1 it says that "He doesn't change like

shifting shadows"<sup>2</sup> and Hebrews 13:8 says "Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." So God is eternal. He doesn't change, we can trust in Him, even in these unusual times of pandemic, we can still trust in God.

And also, he's a God of surprises: I'm going to just do a little surprise for you and then I'll stop doing bits of paper. So we're going to cut it in half, lengthways. I've got a pair of scissors here. So if I make just a slit in it like that, and cut it in half, all the way round.



There we go. What do we end up with?

Two bits of paper?



No, just one long bit of paper! So God is the God of surprises! Half of you probably knew that that was going to happen, but we've just one long piece of paper. So again, God is eternal. He's the God of surprises: he surprises us sometimes, and does things that we don't quite expect.



So that's our little activity for today. We might use that a bit later on, because that's where I saw the picture of the eternal circle. But let's just pray first of all.

### **Confession**

Father, thank You that You do never change, You never fail us. Thank You that You continue to love us, no matter what. We come to You now with our faults and our weaknesses and ask that You forgive us for the things we've done wrong this week, and ask You to draw near to us now.

So let's spend a little bit of time quietly bringing our failures and our mistakes before God, our loving, Heavenly Father now, and ask Him to forgive us.

So thank You, Father, that You've promised that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thank You for Your love, Your grace and Your mercy, so that we can be forgiven because of what Jesus did for us on the Cross. So Lord, as Your forgiven people, we come to You now in praise and worship. Amen.

### **Introduction to Songs**

So we're going to sing some songs. The songs are written to express something about God's character, and something about His grace. He is the God who wants to give us His grace. He loves us so much that He has provided a way for us to be His children. So let's open our hearts to the moving of His Spirit as we worship

the Lord with these songs. And even if you're not going to sing them, then please listen to the words in a prayerful way.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Song: This Is Our God (Your grace is enough)**

1. Your grace is enough  
More than I need  
At Your word I will believe  
I wait for You  
Draw near again  
Let Your spirit make me new

#### *Chorus 1:*

And I will fall at Your feet  
I will fall at Your feet  
And I will worship You here

2. Your presence in me  
Jesus light the way  
By the power of Your word  
I am restored  
I am redeemed  
By Your spirit I am free

#### *Chorus 1*

#### *Bridge:*

Freely You gave it all for us  
Surrendered Your life upon that cross  
Great is Your love  
Poured out for all  
This is our God

Lifted on high from death to life  
Forever our God is glorified  
Servant and King  
Rescued the world  
This is our God

#### *Repeat Bridge*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Song: Who You Say I Am**

1. Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

#### *Chorus 1:*

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

2. Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

#### *Chorus 1*

#### *Chorus 2:*

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

#### *Bridge:*

I am chosen  
Not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me  
Not against me  
I am who You say I am

#### *Repeat bridge*

#### *Chorus 1*

#### *Chorus 2 x 2*

#### *Repeat bridge three or four times*

#### *Chorus 1*

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*Chorus 2*

**Reading: John 5:24-29 [NIV 2011]**

24 'Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. 25 Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

28 'Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and come out – those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

**Talk**

[Denise Coomber:]

Let's just pray for Roger before he speaks to us.

Father, thank You for Your Word. Thank You that there is a way back to You. And thank You for Roger. We pray that You will speak Your words through him and that we will be blessed and encouraged by them. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

[Roger Homes:]

Well, good morning everybody. We've started looking this year at God's grace to us. And last week Andrew spoke about God's undeserved grace. Today, I want to look at God's saving grace.

But before I do that, I thought it'd be good to reflect just a moment upon our current circumstances. I think it's easy in the current situation to reflect upon what we don't have, rather than what we do. And I came across an article on Facebook, that I'd like to share with you about the year 2020. And it says this:

Maybe this year was never meant to be about reaching the big goals, ticking the dream destinations off our bucket lists or making the big life moves we've been planning. Maybe, just maybe, this year was meant to be about us learning how to sit with what we already do have, and about discovering the joy that is still possible here. Maybe this year was about removing the distractions, so that we could see the joy more clearly. And maybe even the most difficult, the most painful and the most frustrating of days, we were simply being asked to dig a little deeper, to find even the tiniest reason to still be grateful, when the normal we knew was nowhere to be seen. Maybe this year was always about us remembering the little things, and holding them a little bit closer to our hearts: the food on our table, the air in our lungs, the safety of a home, the nature right beside us, a good friend to lean on, the warmth of a hug from someone you love, laughter, movement and time to rest. Maybe this year was about being grateful for everyday miracles, and for the joy of simply being alive.

I thought that was very appropriate for not just obviously 2020 but also for the beginning of this year as well. So I'm going to bring a couple of readings to you, and hopefully they will appear on your screen. And then I've asked Marcus to share a testimony with us about how his faith has helped him during the lockdowns that we've had. The first reading is from Romans 8, and it's starting at verse 14. It says this:

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

And the second reading is taken from 1 Peter, chapter 1 and starting at verse 3.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

I'll hand over now to Marcus for his testimony.

[Marcus:]

There are some familiar verses in 1 Thessalonians chapter 5, that say [GNT 16-18a, NIVUK 2011 verse 18b]

16 Be joyful always, 17 pray at all times, 18 be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus.

I think recently I found it really important to give thanks to God, really, every day, and to give thanks to God for something that I can do, something that I have, and try and focus on that rather than things that we can't do right now. And I think that's something I've tried to include in my thinking every day, which I think has been very helpful. During lockdown I think we've all felt much more isolated and quite lonely at times. I think it's really encouraging that we can still pray for one another. And I've found that, particularly for example with my parents right now, where I've not seen my parents for some time, I've not been able to support them very much, but I can pray for them and support them in that way. My parents happen to be Christians, and I know that they tell us that they pray for our family every day, which I do find very encouraging. I think something else that's happened more recently, is I think we've all been encouraged to draw closer to God and to rely on God more on a daily basis. And I think that's been very important during such an uncertain time. I remember the verse that says, "God has said, 'Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you,'"<sup>3</sup> which I find very encouraging.

[Roger:]

Thank you, Marcus, for that. I think it's always helpful to be reminded about being thankful in all circumstances and relying on God every day.

So I want to delve into these passages now from Romans and from 1 Peter. And the passage in Romans talks about us being adopted into God's family. After Adam and Eve were cast out in the Garden of Eden, we ended up as human beings having an

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3 Deuteronomy 31:6

orphan spirit, effectively being self-reliant, and having an insecurity, trying to earn our salvation through our good deeds. Think of the story for instance of the Prodigal Son, and the older brother, who tries to earn his father's acceptance. But we do not need to live like this, we do not need to live in constant fear of not being good enough, or trying to do things to please our Heavenly Father. As adopted children we automatically have the same privileges and benefits as other children. And God sees us as heirs or co-heirs with Christ. And this gives us a security to us. We don't have to earn our own salvation. Once we've been adopted there is no chance of the process being reversed. The child takes on the new name and becomes the heir of all that the family owns. John 1 verse 12 says,

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Now justification is to do with our standing before God's law, but adoption is about our relationship with God. I don't know what your earthly father is always like. I've been very privileged and fortunate to have a very kind, loving and generous father, who has been a great role model to my brother and to me, and I've always felt that if I could be half as good as him to my kids, then I would be happy. Hopefully at least a couple of his good traits have rubbed off on me. But as Christians we are no longer children of the slave woman, but of the free woman, so that we can cry out, Abba Father. And this is so different from other religions: our relationship with God is not so much about our devotion to Him as about His love for us. I do not need to do anything to earn my father's love. It is there automatically and it cannot be lost. And that's a great comfort to me. Being adopted, we leave our past behind and become members of a new family, God's family.

Secondly, out of that, I want to talk about how Christ gives us a new identity. Now the word 'identity' means our sense of self, what decides the roles that we play, and our sense of values. The fact that now we've left the European Union means that we all end up with a new passport. Rather than the magenta old passports from the European Union, we will all eventually get a blue passport, a UK passport. And I'm old enough to be able to remember when we used to have a blue passport before. When I lived abroad, I used to have to carry around with me an identity card, which basically said who I was. Quite often you got stopped by the police, or I was living by the army and asked to show that identity card. In other cultures people are more willing to accept an identity given to them by their family or their community. But in our culture we like to be independent. We like to look inside ourselves to find our own identity. So it's harder for us to accept an identity given to us from somebody else. By accepting that we are God's adopted children, made in His image, it is almost as though we have a bit of His DNA in us. This of course brings a responsibility to act in a way that brings glory to Him. As parents we like it, don't we, when our children make us proud. But we don't like it when they don't. Sometimes we might think that perhaps we've failed as parents. My kids have a habit of speaking back to me phrases that I've used on them, or copying some of my bad habits. Certainly we can often see characteristics of ourselves, or of other family members in our kids. When they do something good, we like to think they've taken after us. When they do something bad, we like to think they've taken after maybe their father or mother or the other side of the family.

1 Peter 1 verse 15 tells us that we should live lives that reflect our adoption as God's children in terms of our conduct and our behaviour. Who better to give us an identity than the One who laid down His life for us, Jesus the Good Shepherd. God gives us the opportunity to be His representatives on Earth, to walk in Christ footsteps. I've now asked Heather if she would give a brief testimony about how God saved her.

[Heather:]

Yeah, I thought this morning, I'd just share in a couple of minutes my journey to faith and growing up. So, as a youngster, my parents would quite often voice out their beliefs, and my dad would often tell people that he was an atheist, whereas my mum would actually say that she did tend to believe in God, but neither of them really had any sort of conviction in any way. So growing up, I was always quite interested in what faith actually meant, but I never really got encouraged to pursue it. And then, in my early 20s, I made quite a lot of big decisions and one of them being moving from Scotland to England, and with that, giving up a job in a family business, and taking on a new job completely, and also moving in with my boyfriend and running a house, so in a space of about a matter of weeks, I made really big decisions and actually it caused me quite a lot of anxiety because I wasn't really prepared in any way to deal with the enormity of what I had done. So quite quickly, I became quite an anxious person, and actually that anxiety became quite difficult for me. And I looked for ways to get out of the anxiety. I tried hypnosis, I tried all sorts of stuff, but nothing really dealt with the anxiety in my life.

And then, one day, one of my friends invited me to a Billy Graham meeting by satellite, and I hadn't a clue who Billy Graham was, and I said, yeah, fair enough, I'll come along and I wasn't really taken by the whole evening until the very last thing that the speaker said, and he basically said, if anybody here wants God to change their life tonight, why don't you say yes to God? And that really caught my attention, and I decided, okay, I've made a real mess of my life, so actually, if I do let God take over my life and guide me and lead me, and if He really is God, He's going to make a better job of it than me. So I actually said 'yes' to God that evening. And I didn't really understand what I was committing myself to, or what the Gospel message meant. But I just know that I said, 'yes' to God from that night onwards. And as the weeks and months went on, I learned the Gospel message, I learned what it was all about. But the most important thing that I found out was that Jesus was real. And that when I prayed to Him and asked Him for help, He helped me. When I asked Him for guidance, He guided me. And it's never really changed, from that day on, I've always sought God for decisions, and even now, decisions of where I work, who I mingle with, and what I do with my time, everything, I seek God for decisions in my life now, and God is real, you know, God is real, and a lot of people look at you, like, it's really weird when you say God is real, but He is, because He lives in me. And He is a personal God, a God that cares for you, and looks into the details of your life, and helps you. So, I hope you've enjoyed my couple of minutes rambling. And thank you.

[Roger:]

Thank you very much for that, Heather. It's always good to hear testimony about how God has met people.

Finally, then, I want to say a little bit about Christ, our living hope. Now we're all living in hope for a vaccine to be rolled out soon, so that we can get to back to some kind of degree of normality. John 5, verse 24, says,

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

And I guess these days, we don't like talking about God's judgement, because we're frightened of offending people and causing offence. And yet people like Wesley used to preach Hellfire and brimstone. And I certainly know of people who have become Christians, mainly because of fear of Hell. Jesus who is the Saviour, is also Jesus who is the judge. And you can see that in John 5, verse 27. By accepting Jesus' death and resurrection, we have security. And we have a hope for the future, that we no longer need to fear death. And the passage from 1 Peter, when Peter was writing that particular passage was around about AD 64. And that's at a time when Christians were being persecuted and scattered, after Emperor Nero burned Rome, and then blamed the Christians for it. And Peter

wanted to give people hope in the face of adversity. And I think it's fair to say that people have suffered and are suffering during this pandemic, whether that be through loneliness, or loss of job, or fear of losing job, or tragically, in some cases, we may actually know people who have lost their lives. But our message is one of the Living Hope. John 16, verse 33, says,

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

I thought it'd be good for us to reflect at the end of this talk about what particularly as Christians now is our role. I think increasingly, the Church is starting to reflect about what is our role in society, both as individuals, and as a community? Now, I can't give the full answer to that question, because I think that's a sermon in itself. But I would have thought that part of what we're about is about giving people hope, people that are in despair, giving them a hope. And I wonder, what is God saying to you? What is God saying to me? And what is God saying to the Church at this particular time, about our role in society, about bringing hope to a fallen world? So I'm going to pause for a moment and just give you a chance to have a think and pray about what is God saying to us about our role this year?

Lord, I want to thank You that we are adopted as Your children, and that this brings with it a security, that we do not have to earn our salvation. Help us to live out the faith and hope that we have in Christ. Help us to be ambassadors of the living hope that we have to a broken world. Help us, Lord, this year to make a difference in the lives of those around us. I pray this now in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I hope that's been helpful today. Thank you to Marcus and Heather. And God bless you all. Bye Bye now.

[Denise:]

Thank you, Roger. I heard it said this week that telling other people about that living hope that we can have is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. So perhaps we can be those people that just share the Good News with other people.

## ***Intercessions***

Father God, thank You that You are a God who loves us so much. Thank You that you loved us so much that You sent Jesus to die for us. And thank You that we can have our security and our hope in You, because You are the living God and You're the one that is the Judge of the living and the dead. Thank You that we can have our security and our hope in Somebody that we can trust.

And Father, we bring before You the things that have happened in our world this week, we remember the President of the United States and the United States as a whole: Lord, I pray for peace in that situation, and that you will overrule any antagonism that's happening there.

We pray for those who are ill. Lord, especially we remember Hannah Montagu lying in her hospital bed, Lord, we pray for an amazing miracle of healing there, that You will heal her from her brain haemorrhage and that her brainstem will be activated again. Thank you for signs of hope that have happened already.

We pray for those that are on their own, that they'll be able to meet up with some other people, so that they won't be lonely.

And we pray for those workers on the front line. We pray for our health staff and those caring for others. Lord, we pray for protection, we pray that the vaccine will be rolled out very quickly and that it will be

effective. Perhaps we could just have a time of quiet while we remember those that have been affected by the COVID-19 vaccine.

Father, finally, we remember the Stoker family who are flying back from Peru today, hopefully. Lord, we pray that you will give them travelling mercies, that there will be a peaceful journey, and that once they get back to the UK, that their 10 days of isolation will not be too stressful. Thank you for them. Thank you for all that they've been doing amongst the bereaved, and the men's groups in Peru. And Lord, I pray that you will bless them. Bless Dave, Kay, Joshua and Emily in Jesus name. Amen.

### **Conclusion: The Eternal Wall of Prayer project**

So going back to the activity we had at the beginning, your Möbius strip, [...] there's a thing on YouTube called the eternal wall of prayer. And, and there's going to be a massive great statue-type thing, which is a Möbius strip made out of bricks, that's going to be erected in Coleshill, Birmingham by 2022. And the idea is that each brick is an answered prayer. And this is going to be bigger than the Angel of the North, that people will see it from the motorway. And it will be a visual reminder that God does answer prayer. So it's going to be called the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer. And there's an initiative going on at Premier Radio this week called the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, the same thing, it's encouraging people to send their answered prayers, which will encourage other people. They're hoping to flood social media with encouragement of answered prayer, especially on January the 25th. And I put all this information on the news update. So if you'd like to join in, the link's on there, so what they want to have is a million stories of hope. So people will see this statue when it happens. And people will see this Möbius strip by the side of the motorway. And remember that God answers prayer. So that's just harking back to what we did at the beginning of the service, which is to remember the eternal God who loves us so much, the eternal God that has provided a way back to Him, and we can hope in Him because He never changes.

### **Blessing**

So we're just going to finish with some words of blessing. And today's Lectio 365, which I do recommend, has a Sabbath blessing prayer. So I'm just going to say that, and then we're going to the last song.

May this day bring sabbath rest to my heart and my home.

May God's image in me be restored, and my imagination in God be re-storied.

May the gravity of material things be lightened and the relativity of time slow down.

May I know grace to embrace my own finite smallness

in the arms of God's infinite greatness.

May God's Word feed me and His Spirit lead me into the week and into the life to come.

So remember, as we go into this next week, that evangelism, sharing the Good News, is just one beggar showing another beggar where to find bread. Remember that God has adopted us as His children, and that we can share that Good News with other people, and they too can be part of God's family. So as we listen to these words, let's receive God's blessing as we go about in our communities and represent God into the world next week. Bye

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Song: The Blessing**

1. The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face towards you  
And give you peace

*Repeat verse 1*

*Chorus:*  
Amen  
Amen  
Amen

*Repeat chorus*

*Repeat verse 1*

*Chorus x 2*

*Bridge 1:*

May His favour be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

*Repeat Bridge 1*

*Bridge 2:*

May His presence go before you  
And behind you, and beside you  
All around you  
And within you  
He is with you  
He is with you

*Bridge 3:*

In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming, and your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you  
He is for you

He is for you  
He is for you  
He is for you  
He is for you

Amen

Amen

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