

Thursday Mid-Day Prayer Service

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!



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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Loving God, glorious in giving and restoring life, do not hide your face from your people overcome with loneliness and fear. Turn our weeping into dancing, our despair into joy, and raise us up with Christ, that we may rejoice in your presence forever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## The Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter

Verse

I danced in the morning when the world was begun. And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun. And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Beth-le-hem I had my birth. Dance then wherever you may be. I am the Lord of the dance said he; And I'll lead you all, wherever you maybe; And I'll lead you all in the dance said He.

I danced for the scribe And the pharisee,  
But they would not dance, And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, For James and John  
They came with me And the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame;  
The holy people Said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped And they hung me on high,  
And they left me there On a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday When the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance With the devil on your back.  
They buried my body And they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance, And I still go on.

They cut me down And I leapt up high;  
I am the life That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you If you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord Of the Dance, said he.

Jeremiah 31:10-14

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Capo 5: C      G/B C      Am Em      C/E F      Am G C  
 F      C/E F      Dm Am      F/A B♭      Dm C      F

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

C      G/B C      Am Em      C/E F      Am G C  
 F      C/E F      Dm Am      F/A B♭      Dm C      F

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

F      C      G C      G  
 B♭      F      C      F      C

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

C/E      Am      G      C  
 F/A      Dm      C      F

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## The Prayers

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
 grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
 in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
 so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**