

Thursday Mid-Day Prayer Service

## God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

**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. God of grace, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son to be our Savior. Help us to rejoice in your redeeming grace by showing mercy and following in the way of justice and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, redeemer of the world. (Psalm 85)

**C** **Amen.**

## O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.  
Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

### John 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## God So Loved

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Music and Lyrics based on 1 Cor. 13 and John 3:16

C        C6 C        C6  
Love is gentle. Love is kind.  
C                C6 C        C6  
Love doesn't hold a grudge.  
C        C6 C        C6  
Love will always look for good.  
C                C6 C  
From trouble will not budge.

F        G        C  
God so loved the world he gave  
F                G C  
His one and only Son  
F        G        C        Am  
He calls all who believe in him  
F                G        C  
To live their lives in love.

Love does not envy. It is not rude.  
It keeps no records of wrong  
Love always hopes and perseveres  
Love is the endless song.

Love bears all things, believes all things  
On this you can be sure  
All things in time will pass away  
Love always will endure.

### A Blessing of Angels

May the angels in their beauty bless you  
May the Angel of Awakening stir your heart  
To come alive to the eternal within you,  
To all the invitations that quietly surround you.  
May the Angel of the Imagination enable you  
To stand on the true thresholds,  
At ease with your ambivalence  
And drawn in new directions  
Through the glow of your contradictions.  
May the Angel of Compassion open your eyes  
To the unseen suffering around you.  
May the Angel of Justice disturb you  
To take the side of the poor and the wronged.  
May the Angel of Encouragement confirm you  
In worth and self-respect,  
That you may live with the dignity  
That presides in your soul.  
May the Angel of Death arrive only  
When your life is complete  
And you have brought every given gift  
To the threshold where its infinity can shine.  
May all the Angels be your sheltering  
And joyful guardians.

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The LORD bless you and protect you!  
The LORD deal kindly and graciously with you!  
The LORD bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace!