



**GOOD MORNING!**

**FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.**

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

# Sunday, February 10, 2013/Transfiguration of Our Lord

## INTRODUCTION

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**"Better Than Life"**

**CCLI # 3979862**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**OPENING SONG:**

**"Blessed Be the Lord"**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

**WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR THE WATER OF HEAVEN:** God, our spirits are thirsty. The well which supplies our ambition and motivation is empty. The river of our enthusiasm and excitement for life is dry. We are tired of trying to do it alone and we now acknowledge our need for the water of heaven. Water of life, allow us to drink freely from your never ending supply of life. We have sinned and we are sorry. We have failed and we seek forgiveness. We have searched for love, yet we remain lonely. Fountain of life, cleanse us with your life giving water.

*Let us silently confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

**HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF THE WELL-SPRING OF LIFE:** Here is the good news! Jesus has come into the world to shower us with forgiveness. God fills our lives with love until we overflow to those around us. Our dry spirits are washed in God's Holy Spirit so new life can break out inside of us. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we find forgiveness for our sin and the hope for eternal life. Praise God for good news!

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:           “Amazing Love”                           CCLI #2456623**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29–35**

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**PSALM: Psalm 99**

*Refrain: Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)*

The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;**

**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. R**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon**

**your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;**

**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the Holy One. R

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28–36 [37–43a]**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

## **SERMON**

**OFFERTORY SONG:                    "Bind Us Together"                    CCLI # 1228**

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of all creation, we are yours and all we have belongs to you. Accept these offerings and bless their use in your work among us. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called by the Holy Spirit into relationship with a loving God, we pray for the church, all in need, and the whole creation.

*A time for silent prayer.*

**God of glory and grace, you answer those who call on your name. Continue the transformation of your church so that we may share your love with the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

**Let the mountains and valleys that you created be places of worship. Help us to treat your good creation with the respect that it deserves. Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

**Let the rulers of the earth honor your decrees and uphold your statutes so that your peace would reign throughout the earth. Give mercy to the poor and justice to the weak. Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, send peace to the dying and companionship to those in prison, whether the prison is one for correction or one built of human loneliness. Be with all who suffer (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You spoke to Israel in a pillar of cloud. Speak to this community of faith so that we might be a place of refuge and help for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be made.*

Holy Spirit, keep us in your care until we gather with all the saints from every time and place (*especially*) in the company of our sovereign God. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER led by Praise Team**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and + grant you his peace.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CLOSING SONGS:**

**"Love the Lord"**

**CCLI # 1963337**

**"Jesus is the Rock"**

**CCLI # 5336582**

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

Music: Praise Team  
Greeters: Marlys LeClair, Audrey Kullberg  
Ushers: Ardis & Harold Kendall  
Lector: Evie Richter  
Coffee Servers: Doug & Ingrid Trandahl, Wally & Bev Swensen

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (2/3/13)

Attendance: 9:00 – 89

Offering: \$ 3,280.00                      Building Fund: \$ 565.00

**\$3,077.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.**

**\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> THRU FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

Mon., Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>		<b>NO BELLS</b>
Wed, Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Hardanger
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Potluck
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs., Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.
	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** is Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. There will be a **POTLUCK SUPPER** at 5:30 p.m. preceding the Service.

The **February WELCA meeting** is Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Darlene Christensen. Darlene will be demonstrating hands-only CPR and how to operate an AED. All women of Bethesda are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

The "Fishin' Musician", **John Koziol, Jr. and friend Pat Balder** will lead us February 24<sup>th</sup>, the last Sunday of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service. Please join us!

For those who enjoy Beatles' music, John's group will be playing at the Forty Club on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the **Aitkin County Friends of the Arts fund-raising dinner**. The cost is \$39.00 and tickets are available at the Aitkin Independent Age.

There are still **2013 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** waiting to be picked up. They are on the table next to the entry door into the Fellowship Hall.

**Pastor Jim** would like to visit with members of the congregation and to share in their busy lives. Please feel free to invite him to join you for a time together. He would like that.

The **MN Adult and Teen Challenge** will be doing our service on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with a brunch to follow. Sponsored by WELCA. More info. to follow.

**Have a  
Wonderful  
Day!  
God Bless  
You!**



BETTER THAN  
LIFE



**Better than the  
riches of this  
world  
Better than the  
sound of my  
friends voices**



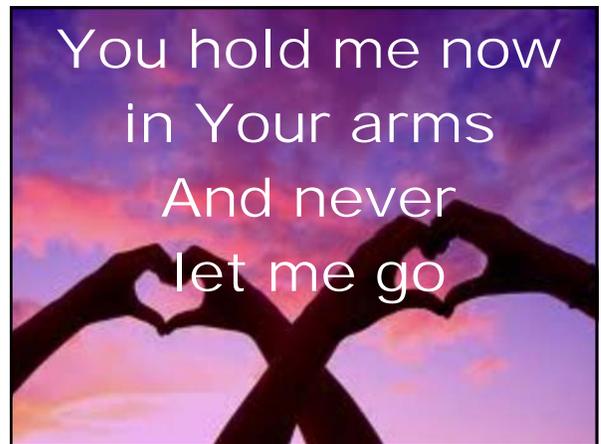
**Better than the  
biggest dreams  
of my heart  
And that's just  
the start**



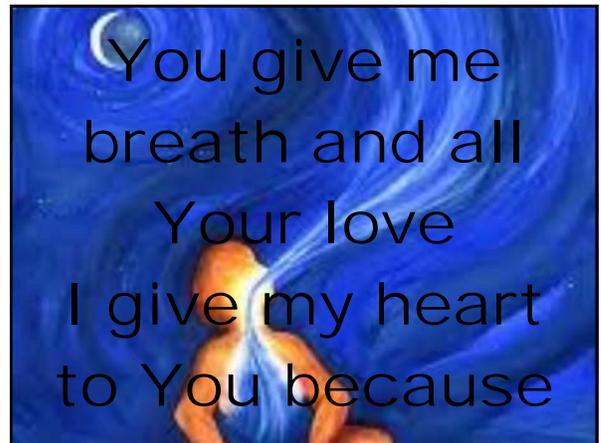
Better than  
getting what I  
say I need  
Better than living  
the life that I  
want to



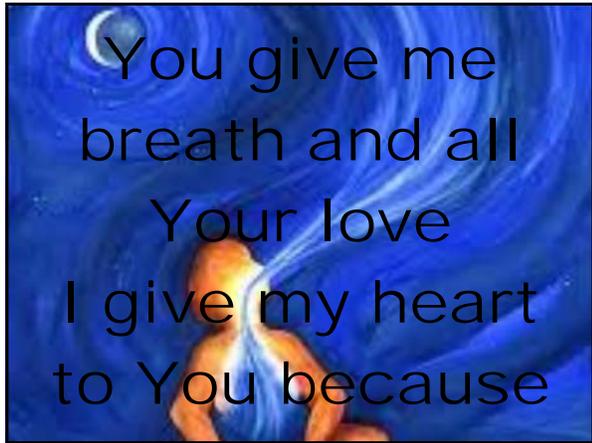
Better than the  
love anyone  
could give  
Your love is



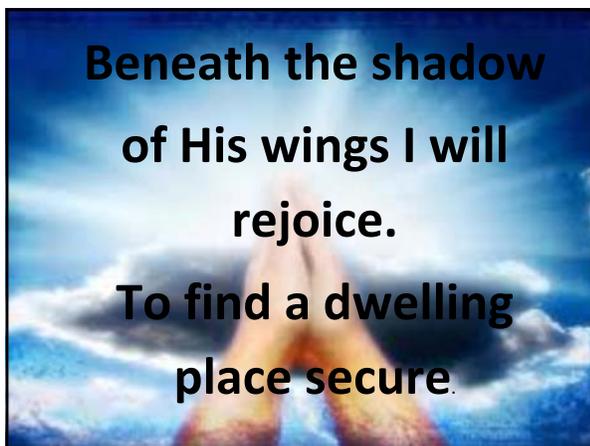
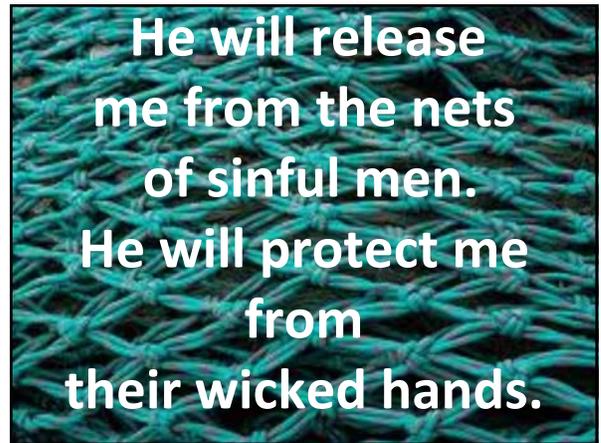
You hold me now  
in Your arms  
And never  
let me go

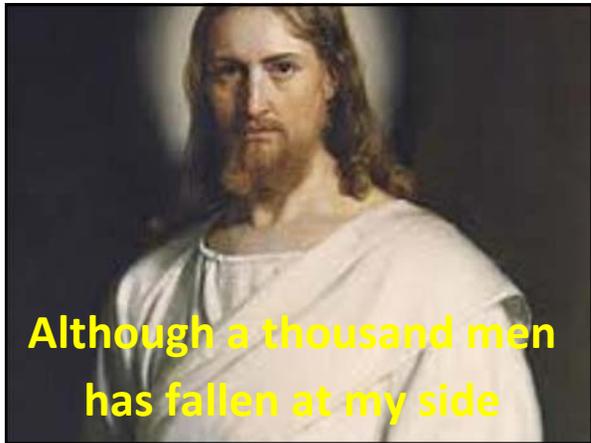






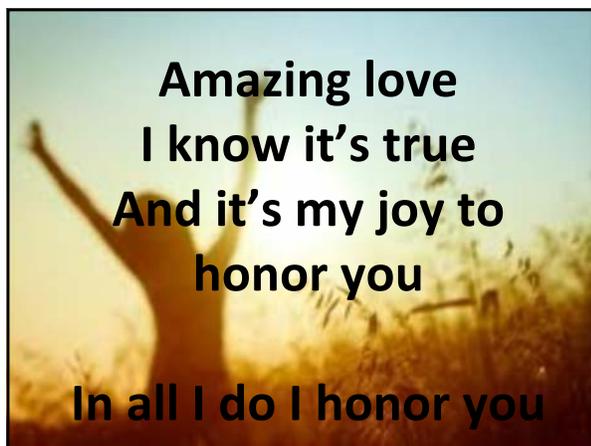
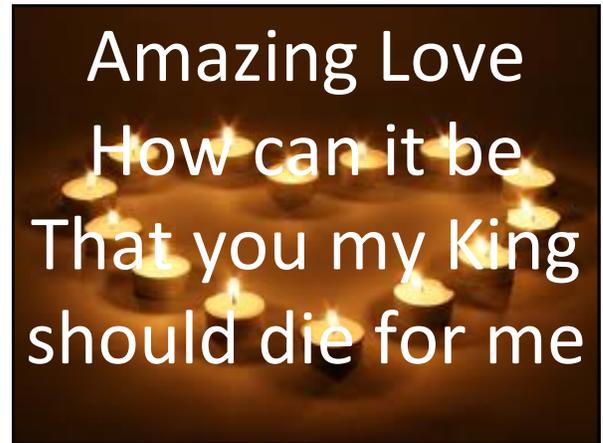
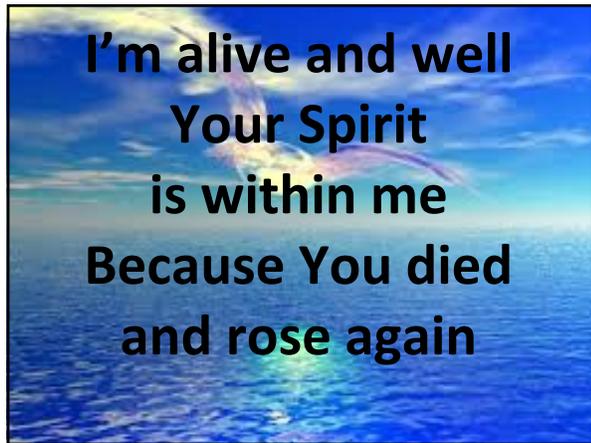
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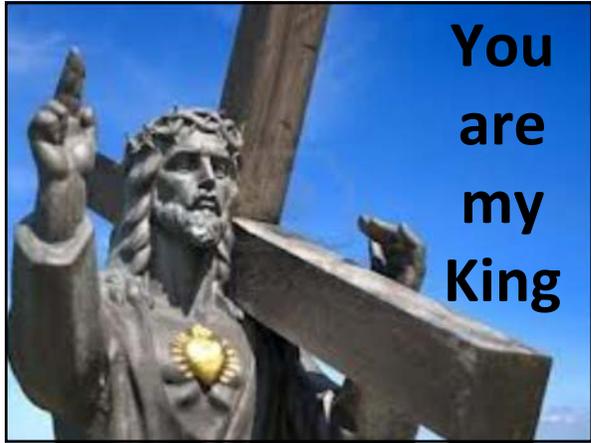
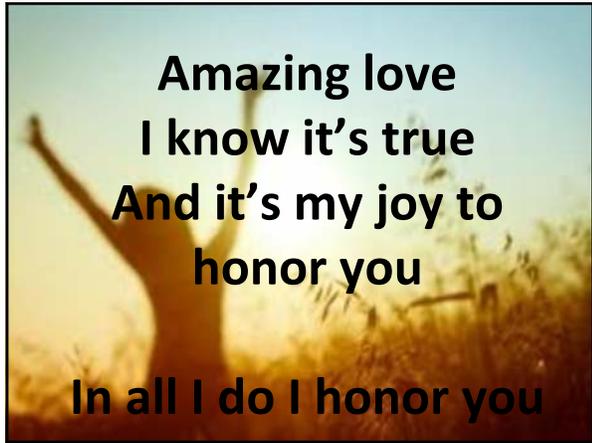
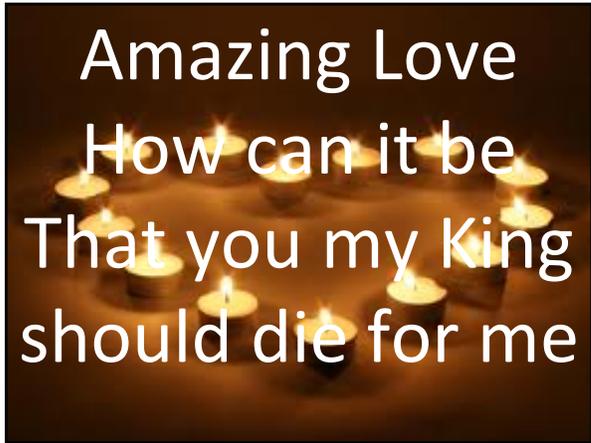
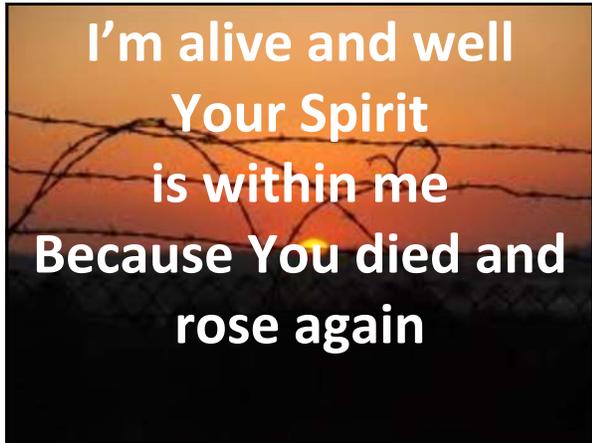


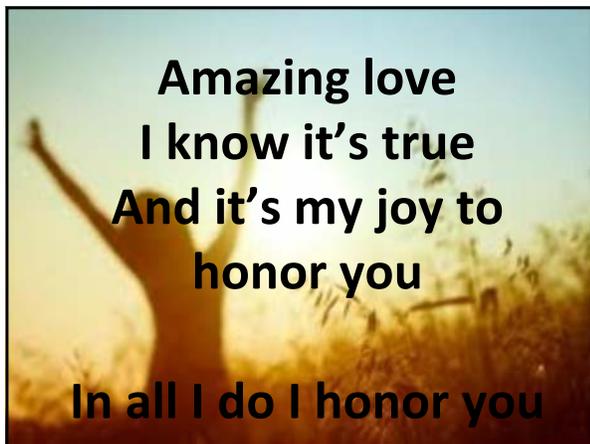
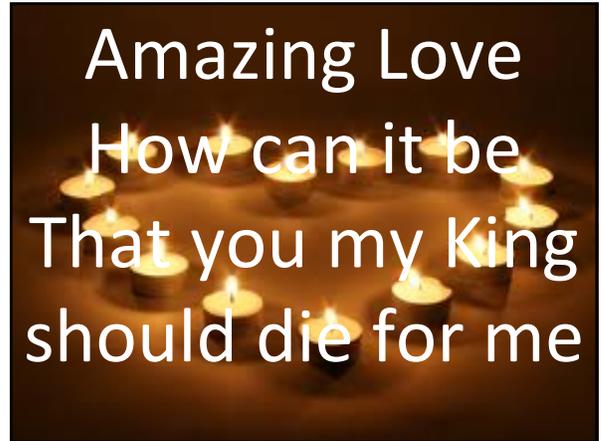
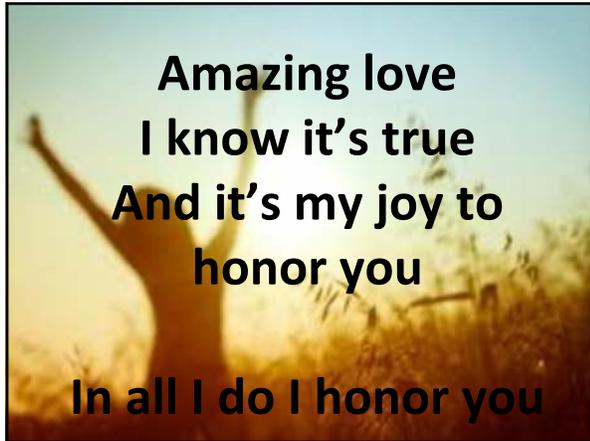
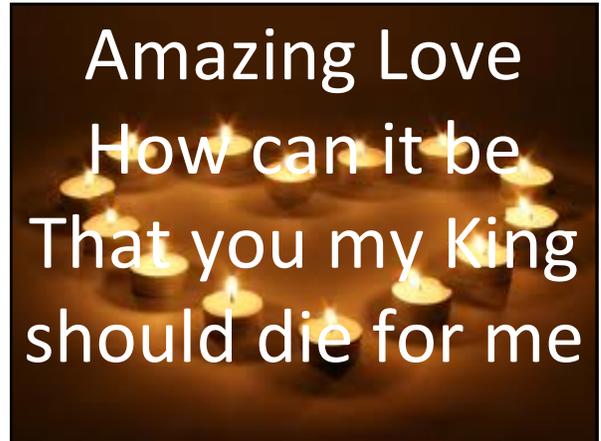
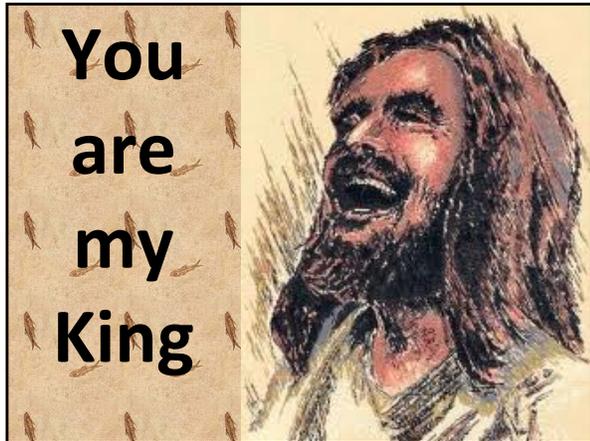




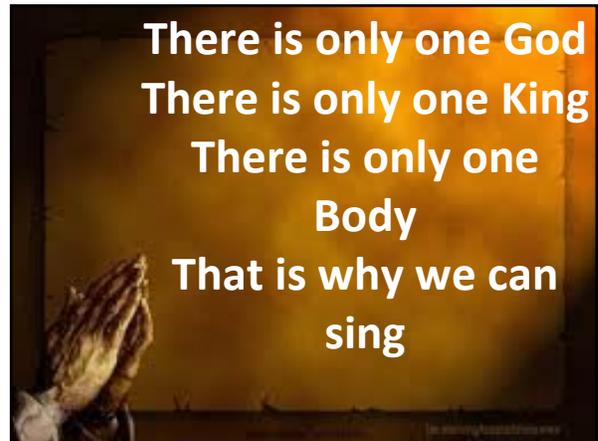
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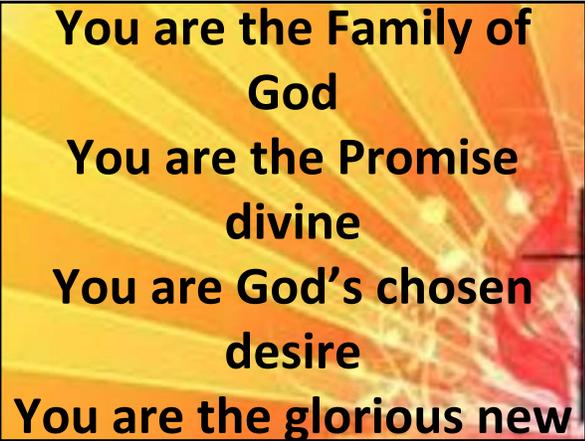






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**You are the Family of  
God  
You are the Promise  
divine  
You are God's chosen  
desire  
You are the glorious new**



**Bind us together  
Lord  
bind us together  
with cords that  
cannot be broken**



**Bind us together  
Lord  
bind us  
Together Lord  
bind us  
together  
in Love**

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Lord's Prayer

Dr. Ashraf Fekry



Our  
Father  
in  
Heaven



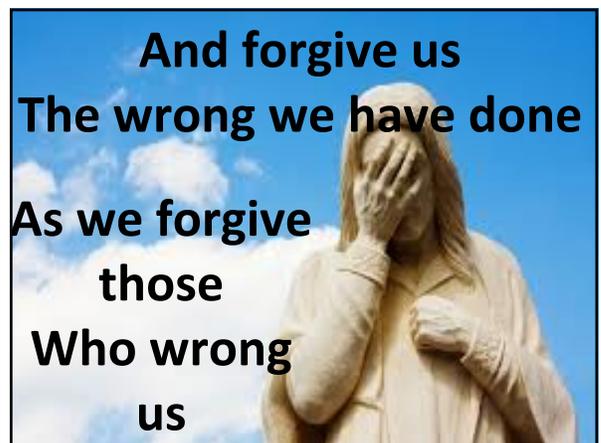
Holy  
Be Your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
On the earth  
As in heaven



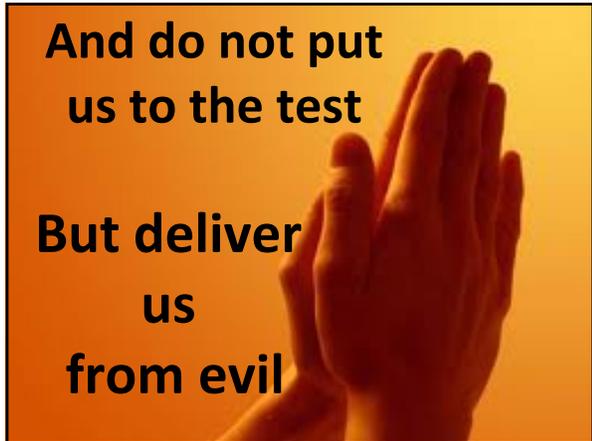
Give  
us this  
day



Our daily bread



And forgive us  
The wrong we have done  
As we forgive  
those  
Who wrong  
us



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# **Love the Lord**

**Love the Lord your God,  
with all your heart and  
all your soul and all your  
mind  
And love all humankind  
as you would love  
yourself and...**

**Love the Lord  
your God, with all  
your heart and  
all your soul and  
mind and  
love all humankind...**

**We've got  
Christian lives to live,  
we've got  
Jesus love to give,  
We've got nothing to hide  
because in Him we all  
have**

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have LOVE!**

**Jesus is the Rock 'n  
He rolls my blues away  
Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-  
Woo!  
Jesus is the Rock 'n  
He rolls my blues away.  
Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-  
Woo!  
Jesus is the Rock 'n**

**When you're out on the street  
and you really feel down and  
low  
When you're out on the street  
and there's really no place to  
go  
When you're out on the street,  
well Jesus gonna save your soul  
cause.....**

**Jesus is the Rock 'n  
He rolls my blues away  
Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-  
Woo!  
Jesus is the Rock 'n  
He rolls my blues away.  
Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-  
Woo!  
Jesus is the Rock 'n**

**When you wake up in the mornin'  
and the sky ain't bright 'n' blue  
When you wake up in the mornin'  
and the big world's after you  
When you wake up in the mornin'  
Jesus gonna' pull you through  
cause.....**

**Jesus is the Rock 'n  
He rolls my blues away  
Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-  
Woo!  
Jesus is the Rock 'n  
He rolls my blues away.  
Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-  
Woo!  
Jesus is the Rock 'n**

**When you look in the mirror and  
your face causes it to crack  
When you're through with your  
day and you feel like you've been  
attacked  
Well Jesus gonna love you and  
baby now that's a fact  
cause.....**

**Jesus is the Rock 'n  
He rolls my blues away  
Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-  
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