Today in Your Presence

A tapestry of prayers and new hymns for public worship and personal devotions

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A Unique Opportunity

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You have given me this day as a unique opportunity.

Today I can know You better.
Today I can walk step-by-step in Your Spirit.
Today I can live Your marvelous love in fresh, new ways.

Today I can please You and praise You and love You.

Keep me open to all this day can offer.
Keep me open to
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Father, today keep me open to You.

all You want me to see and savor and share.

Marvelous Creator,

Designer of each snowflake,

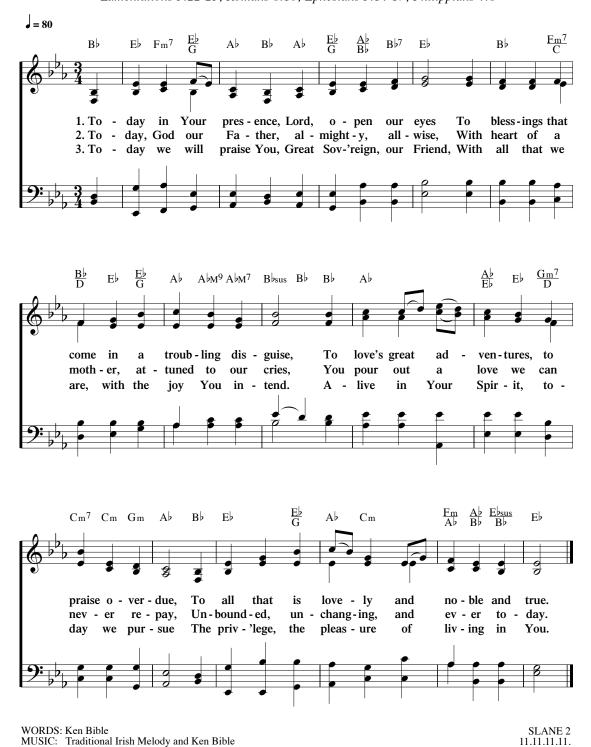
Hymn recording: **Today in Your Presence**

Today in Your Presence

TUNE: Be Thou My Vision, adapted (SLANE 2)

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 36:5-9; 118:24; Isaiah 33:2; 49:15; 66:13; Jeremiah 31:3;

Lamentations 3:22-23; Romans 8:10; Ephesians 3:14-19; Philippians 4:8



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Morning Thanksgiving

Father, this day has just begun, and already thanksgiving bubbles up in my heart.

Thank You for the light and beauty that shine all around me.

Thank You for wrapping me in Your tender care.

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Thank You for the natural rhythms You bring to my day. In Your wisdom, You lead me to both toil and reflection, to work and to rest.
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Father, Your love takes so many beautiful forms!

But thank You most of all
for the gentle assurance of Your presence and the whispers of Your peace.

You are with me
wherever I go, and
where You are,
You are
goodness and
power,
provision and
care.
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Wherever You are, You make the ordinary gloriously divine!

Hymn recording: Thank You for the Beauty of This Day

Thank You for the Beauty of This Day



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Begin with God

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Father, I look to You.

All that is began with You.

All that is flows from You –

all truth,

all beauty,

all goodness.

So I begin this day with You.
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Father, how much truer,
how much clearer,
how much more loving
would my thoughts and desires be
if they always, only
began with You?

Today, my Lord, may
every word and
every action
arise only from
love for You and
a longing for Your glory alone.

Hymn recording: Lord, May Our Thoughts Begin with You

Lord, May Our Thoughts Begin with You

TUNE: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (ST. AGNES) *Psalm 36:9; 63:1; Romans 11:33-36; Revelation 21:6*



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How Can We Describe it?

Father, today Your life fills my entire being.

How can I describe it?
Your Word says
it is like breathing the breath of God.
It is like a river of life constantly flowing within.
It is like a deep, inexpressible joy.

Father, as I trust You,
Your life grows in me,
day by day.
Your Spirit joins with my spirit, and I become more and more like
Your human, holy Son,
Jesus Christ.
He lives in me,
constantly and forever, and I in Him.

What a joy!

Hymn recording: Living Christ

Living Christ

Ephesians 1:3; 3:14-21; Philippians 3:7-14; Colossians 3:1-3



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Use Me Today

Father, as this new day begins, I want it to count for You.

I want it to be a good day with You.
I want to know You better.
I want to draw closer to You.
I want to please You.
I want to be used by You
to help others,
to love them for You,
to draw them to You.

Father, I come to You now because there is nothing like Your blessing. You bring meaning and fulfillment to my life. You multiply my limited resources. You cause my puny efforts to bear good fruit.

Bless me today, use me today as I live in You.

Hymn recording: Through Me

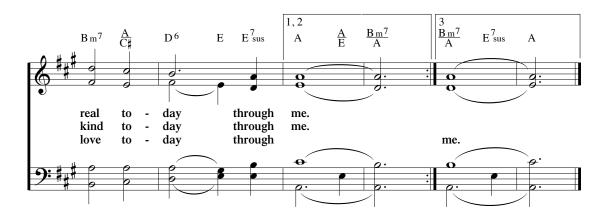
Through Me

Ephesians 4:29-32; 1 John 3:14-18









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THROUGH ME 6.6.7.6.6.

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Reinvest My Thoughts

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Do not worry about your life,
what you will eat or drink;
or about your body,
what you will wear...
For the pagans run after all these things, and
your heavenly Father knows that you need them.
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and
all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:25, 32-33, NIV)
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Father,

You take such good care of me that I need to spend little thought on myself.

Take my thoughts,
my hopes,
my energies —
all of them —
and invest them where they will get
their best return.
Invest for
Your pleasure and

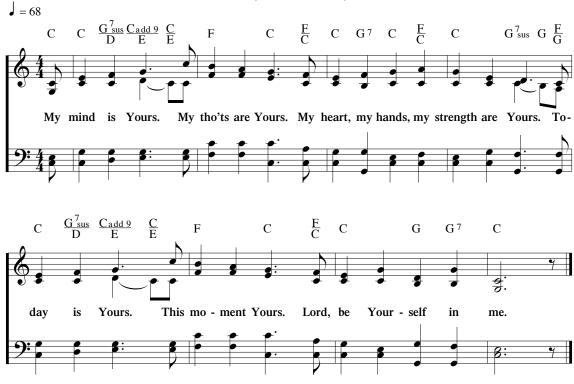
Fill my mind and
my time
with what matters most to You.

Your glory.

Hymn recording: My Mind Is Yours

My Mind Is Yours

Matthew 22:34-38; Mark 12:28-30; Romans 12:1



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The Little Things

Father, how can I show you my love *today*, right here in my ordinary life, with all my ordinary duties?

You don't ask me to do great exploits for You. You ask me to do little things for You.

Father, help me to do every task today,
no matter how small,
as a personal service to You.

As I do each one,
I will lift it as a praise offering to You.

And as I complete the work,
I will thank You for the strength to do it.

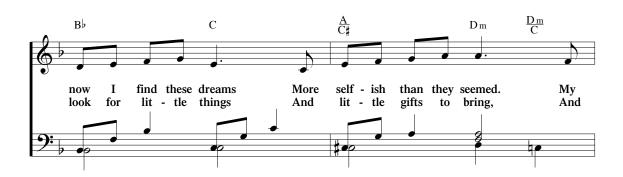
Father God,
You are not pleased or impressed by
the size of the task.
You are pleased by
the love it expresses.

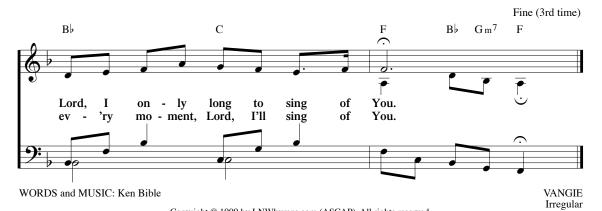
Hymn recording: I'll Sing of You

I'll Sing of You









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Simple Faith

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. (Isaiah 26:3, NIV)

Father, in this world of

darkness and

uncertainty,

keep my focused on

the sure and certain path of faith.

Help me to

hear and

heed

Your gentle warning

when a step would lead in the wrong direction.

You are the Light of the World.

As I follow You,

I never walk in darkness.

My Lord, help me to see Your hand in

all the events of life.

Help me to set aside my will,

misguided by ignorance and selfishness, and

hunger for Your will instead.

Simply trusting You brings a

clarity and

beauty to life

that takes me safely through every storm.

Hymn recording: Everything I Need

Everything I Need

2 Peter 1:2-11



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When We Trust God

The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?
(Psalm 27:1, NIV)

Father, as I trust You,
what is there to fear?
Though I cannot see the future,
if You are with me,
why should I be afraid?

As I trust You,
 I know You are in control.

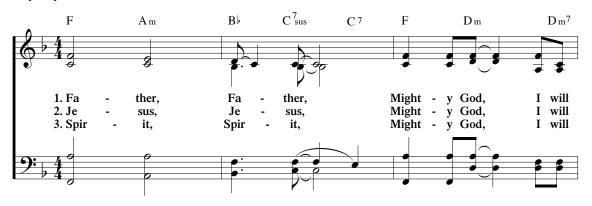
As I long only to
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 please You,
I know You are working Your will
 in Your perfect way and
 Your perfect time.

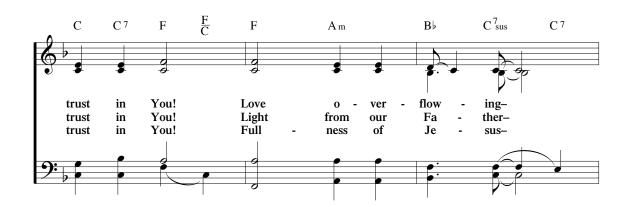
As I trust You,
You are honored.
O my Lord,
the greatest glory I can give You,
the most sincere praise I can offer,
is to wholeheartedly rest in You.
As I acknowledge my weakness and
simply rely on You,
I proclaim to everyone around me Your
absolute power and
unfailing faithfulness.

Hymn recording: Mighty God, I Will Trust in You

Mighty God, I Will Trust in You

Joyfully! $\int = 108$







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Closer, Lord

Father, I have responsibilities.
I have needs and concerns.
But let me dwell on those concerns only as much as faith permits and love demands.

Instead of allowing them to
distract me from You,
let's share them, Lord.
Through them,
draw me closer to You,
Beautiful God.
Let them become opportunities to

love You and trust You and make You real to those around me.

Spirit of Christ,
breathe my every thought.

Fill my mind,
my imagination, and
my dreams with

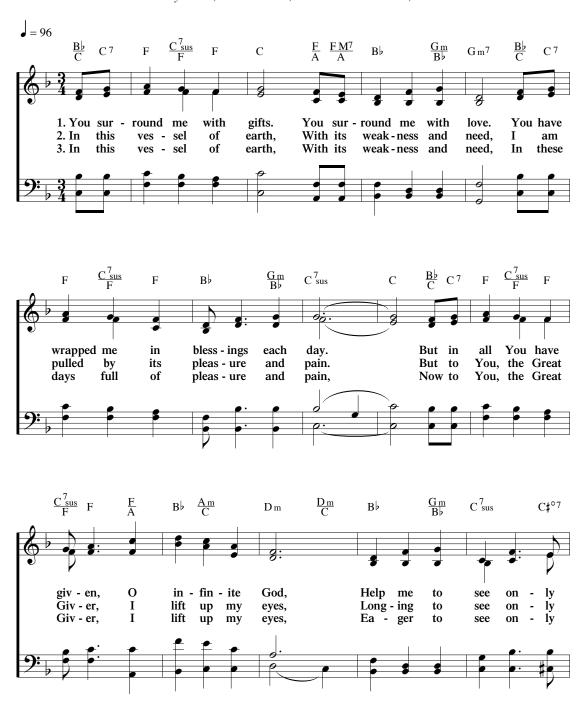
Your love and
the wonder of Your presence.

You are my Lord forever!

Hymn recording: Help Me to Love Only You

Help Me to Love Only You

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 25:10; 2 Corinthians 11:2-3; 1 John 4:16



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GREATEST COMMANDMENT 6.6.9.12.8.7.w.Bridge



The Flame of Hope

We know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:2-3, NIV)

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O Father, the beauty of
Christ and
our hope in Him
causes the world to fade away.
What are the world and
all its short-lived attractions in comparison to
an eternity of oneness
with Him
in You?
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Such a hope inflames me with

Your love.

Your love is a consuming fire that

burns to ashes

everything that is contrary to it.

Once my soul is lit by this flame,

how can I but long to live

constantly, forever in Your presence?

Your burning love kindles within Me

a holy hunger,

a sanctified eagerness,

an unquenchable passion

to see You loved,

known,

served, and

worshiped

by all Your creatures.

Your glory, Lord! O for Your glory alone!

Hymn recording: Not I, but Christ

Not I, but Christ



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At the End of the Day

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My mind is tired.
My body is tired.
But I don't want this day to end
      without turning to You once more, at its close.
You were good and faithful today,
      just like always.
Thank You, my Father!
You being You
      is what makes life wonderful!
I was not always like Christ today:
      harsh words...
      missed opportunities.
Too often I was distracted from what was
      truly important.
Sometimes I forgot to pray
      when I needed You most.
But Father, You are
      so good,
      so forgiving, and
      so generous
that I still end this day with a glow of joy.
You are with me, and
I am with You,
      always,
      completely,
      forever.
You love me deeply,
      with all Your magnificent being.
How can I help but smile all over,
      even when I'm weary
      and imperfect!
How can I help but love You!
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Father, it's nearly bedtime.

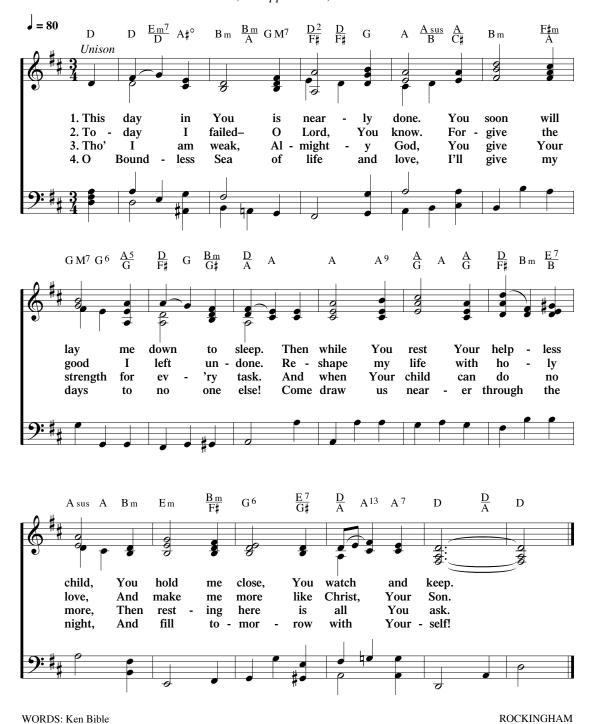
Hymn recording: Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer

TUNE: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ROCKINGHAM)

Leviticus 26:6; Psalm 46:10; 62:1; 121; 127:2;

Proverbs 3:24; Philippians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 12:9



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