



Welcome to Worship

Today is Feb. 2nd – 4th Sunday after Epiphany
"So What Do You Really Want, God?"- Micah 6:8
Pastor, Rev. H. Christopher Sheets



DO JUSTICE ...

love kindness ...

WALK HUMBLLY

with our God.

MICAH 6:8



PRELUDE

"Adoration"- H.S. Livingston Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Rondeau"- Mouret/Thomas & Snell

Stand

OPENING HYMN: "LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US" LSB #851 sts. 1-3



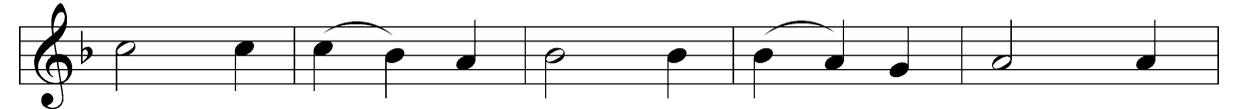
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious



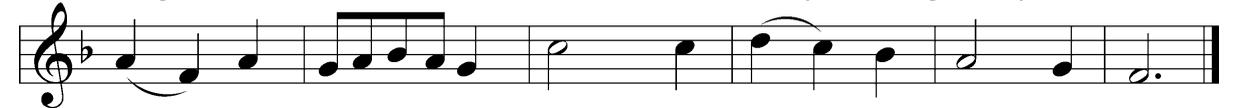
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

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INVOCATION

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



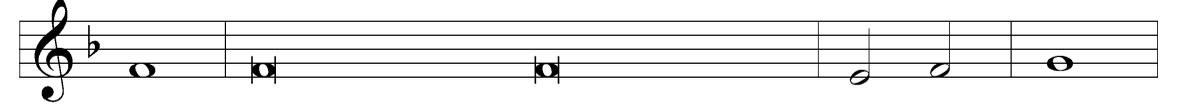
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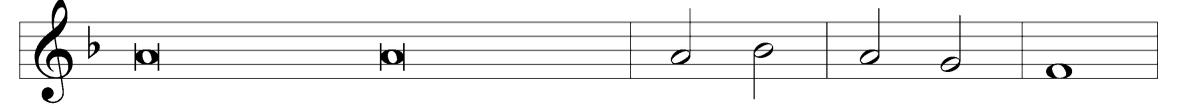
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY: EPIPHANY 4

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Do Not Be Afraid"- Larkin

EPISTLE:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He

is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA *p. 190*



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: “SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR” *LSB #842 sts. 1-3*



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,

Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.

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SERMON

“So What Do You Really Want, God?”- Micah 6:1-8

When we settle for outward worship void of _____, we risk judgment and _____ to lead others to Jesus.

God justly judges his people _____ in Christ to heal us, _____ out of love for us and love for the lost.

Christ renews us so that is humble and loves God’s mercy so we do the _____ thing, _____ people to Christ.

AFTER THE SERMON

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

OFFERING

“Blessed Day”- J. Scriveyner

Stand

OFFERTORY

G Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us

not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

THE LORD'S SUPPER & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”

LSB #425

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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“GRACIOUS GOD, YOU SEND GREAT BLESSINGS”

LSB #782 sts. 1-3

1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,

Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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“FORGIVE US, LORD, FOR SHALLOW THANKFULNESS”

LSB #788

1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
 2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
 3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,
 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,

For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
 For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
 For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;
 That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
 For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face
 For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways
 That knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:
 That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
 Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:
 As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
 For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
 For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
 And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:

6 Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,
 To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
 May thankfulness be days in service spent,
 Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

BENEDICTION

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P 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 † give you peace.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CLOSING HYMN: "IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY" LSB #427 sts. 1, 3-4



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"- arr. J. Mansfield

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GSLC CONGREGATION

NEW: Penny Jordan-Lifecare in East Ridge, Bob Twomey– getting an echocardiogram on Tuesday, Bob Wingard– healing; back procedure, Julianna Schuster-healing; shoulder surgery.

SHORT-TERM: Barbara Warner & Family, Terry Humphrey, Kelly Duffy & Family, Paul Webb, Peggy Twomey

LONG-TERM: Shirley Berry, Rick & Karen Brines and Kaitlin, Joanne Brownlee, Makala Bumgarner, Debi Cate, Karen Colbert, Hope Crawford, Bill & Barbara Dautrich, Kay Dintsch, Bertie Fann, Joan Hearn, Pattie Henze, Desiree Humphrey, Mark Lumpkin, Dave Mietzner, Doris Morris, River Polley, Bob & Roberta Robinson, Myra Steele, Bob Twomey, Clyde Whisenant

OUR HOMEBOUND: Sheila Arnold, Sandy & Wayne Babb, Gloria Bevill, Connie Foster, Arlene Feinauer, Betty Frischmann, Bob & Sara Newman, Hilda Ramsey, Sara Reeves, Virginia Smith, Jane Williamson

PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adam, Andrew, Alex, Brenley, Brogen, Chloe, Christopher, Cole, Edna, Evan, Grayson, Jackson, Jacob, Kaitlynn, Kirsten, Lexie, Mary Catherine, Megan, Miranda, Sara, Sophie, Tabitha, Taylor, Tyler

FAMILY MEMBERS

NEW: Schaefer Family, Linda Hopla (*Jim Renn's sister*)- Having back surgery on 1/31.

SHORT-TERM: V. Schert, David McEachern

LONG-TERM: Bud Adkins, Melissa & Jeff Austin, Joanne Barney, Jeanie Buckingham, Bernice Celick, Carl Charlton, Samuel Charlton, Sharon Coleman, Karen Diehm, Lee Ewton, Rhonda Gilliland, Lee Hane, Fred Hein, Leatrice Jackson, Jerry & Nancy Lee, Bethany M., Jean & Dale Morris, Kim Morris, Melanie Skelton, Diane Smith, Myra Slaten, Arnold Torkelson

COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

NEW: Family of Perky Long, Jerry G.– healing, April G., Robin T.– healing, Kim Patton– healing, Mark H.– healing.

SHORT-TERM: Esther Jeffries & Family, Family of Christy Herrmann, Family of Charles H., Markeita, Robert, Amber

LONG-TERM: Kyle Baker & Family, Susan Bettinger, Celeste Caroland, Harold Cash, Rob Chadwick, Jerry Gann, Charles Geter, Sarah Glenn, Donna Gobert, Leslie A.H., Kerwin Hetzler, Bob Kennedy, Werner Kierschberg, Lindsey, Phil M., Dean Matthew, Lizette Williams-Marlow, Ricky McConnell, Lindsey Monbarren, Kevin O'Brien, Amy Rossi, Betty S., Gene S., Phil & Carol S., Marlene Schiavon, Jan Stutzman, Bob & Linda Thompson, Olivia Weatherford, Carolyn White, Danny Y.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR

All those suffering from the flu this season!

Prayers for our new DCE/Youth Director; Katie Baumann, Our school, BCA, students & staff. Our Pastors, All those who are homeless. All marriages & families. All those unemployed. All those battling addictions. All those persecuted. All those actively serving in the Military—*Matthew George, Corey Brown, Christian Warnock, Christina Miller*. Israel & our Political Leaders. Missionaries around the world- *Rachel Meyer in Uganda. Josh Woodrow— Bridge City Church*. All unspoken prayers in our hearts.