



- discerning our gifts -

The first disciples of Jesus were empowered by the Holy Spirit to discern their gifts and share the Good News in power and joy. Their ministries helped to promote a deeper love of God, a greater holiness of life, and a fuller freedom in the Spirit.

Please join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, in the Parish Learning Center, for a Festival of Praise – a unique, dynamic mixture of uplifting music, spoken word, and reverent stillness.

Our format will draw on the Charismatic Tradition Of Prayer – a tradition embraced by: St Paul, St Francis of Assisi, and St. Joan of Arc.

Come with an expectant faith and join us as we discover the stirring of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

I Love You Lord

Laurie Klein

**I love You Lord and I lift my voice.
To worship You,
O my soul rejoice.**

**Take joy my King,
In what You hear.
May it be a sweet sweet sound in Your ear.**

CCLI Song # 25266

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Brian Doerksen

Chorus 1

**Come now is the time to worship.
Come now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God,
Come.**

**One day every tongue
will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
for those who gladly choose You now.**

Chorus 2

**Come now is the time to worship.
Come now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God,
Come.**

CCLI Song # 2430948

We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise

Kirk Dearman

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
into the house of the Lord.**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
into the house of the Lord.**

**And we offer up to You
the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and we offer up to You,
the sacrifices of joy. (repeat).**

CCLI Song # 9990

He Is The King

Virgil Meares

**He is the King of kings.
He is the Lord of lords.
His name is Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Oh ... He is the King (repeat)**

CCLI Song # 103494

What I Mighty God We Serve

Jan Willard

**What a mighty God we serve.
What a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him.
Heaven and earth adore Him.
What a mighty God we serve. (repeat)**

CCLI Song # 244212



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It's no secret that most of us are on the go 24/7. We labor hard all day long whether it be at work, at school, or home.

Our minds are full of details, lists, deadlines and, of course, a smorgasbord serving of worries.

The opening segment of the prayer meeting

– SONGS OF PRAISE & SONGS OF WORSHIP –

is designed to help us set aside all of those distractions and to prepare our hearts to receive God's word.

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.

My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.”(Ps 28:7)

Accompanied by a music ministry, the prayer meeting begins with 20 to 30 minutes of heartfelt praise to the Lord. It is a joyful time. It is a time to let go and let God bless us as we sing and speak his praises.

It's a time which allows us to receive a new song and to sing it in praise of God our creator.

(Ps 40:3)

Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

Verse 1

My Jesus, my Savior

Lord there is none like You.

**All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.**

My comfort, my Shelter.

Tower of refuge and Strength.

**Let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.**

Chorus 1

Shout to the Lord

all the earth let us sing.

**Power and majesty,
praise to the King.**

**Mountains bow down
and the seas will roar,
at the sound of Your name.**

**I sing for joy
at the work of Your hands.**

Forever I'll love You.

You Are My All in All

Dennis Jernigan

Verse 1

You are my strength when I am weak.

You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel.

Lord to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my all in all.

Chorus 1

**Jesus Lamb of God
worthy is Your name.**

**Jesus Lamb of God
worthy is Your name**

Verse 2

Taking my sin my cross my shame.

Rising again I bless Your name.

You are my all in all.

When I fall down you pick me up.

When I am dry you fill my cup.

You are my all in all.

Chorus 2

**Jesus Lamb of God
worthy is Your name.**

**Jesus Lamb of God
worthy is Your name.**

(repeat vs 2).



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The second component of the Festival Of Praise becomes the climax: 20 to 30 minutes of listening for the word that God desires we share with the community.

God's greatest desire is that we discover him in the land of the living. He desires to make himself known to us. When he does, such things as Mother's intuition, "close calls," and coincidences become understood as times in our lives when God is reaching out to us.

It's important to understand that all of the sharing during this segment is spontaneous and relies exclusively on the gathered assembly. In one or two sentences – many (not all) will share what God is putting on their hearts. During this "silent time" we will hear several people speaking out of the silence a word of love, or encouragement, or exhortation for the gathered community. They will either share one or two verses from scripture, a word of knowledge, or a vision.

As the meeting progresses, the Holy Spirit will transform all of those individual prayers into a unified word that will make God's presence known to us.

As an example, one person recently had a vision of God standing at the starting line of a race, with his arm raised ready to fire the starting gun. A second person indicated that he, too, saw God at the starting line and observed the beginning of the race.

As the runners ran by Jesus our prayer group member noticed that some of the participants were running bare foot. As the race proceeded, the feet of these runners became cut and bloodied to the point that they could no longer continue.

The interpretation was directed to those of us who minister in the Church. It's was a reminder that God's disciples must put on the armor of God (Ep 6: 10-17), and be sensitive to the stirring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, or we too would be in jeopardy of becoming frustrated to the point of having to drop out of the race.

Draw Me Close To You

Kelly Carpenter

verse 1

Draw me close to you.

Never let me go.

I lay it all down again.

To hear you say that I'm your friend.

You are my desire.

No one else will do.

'Cause nothing else could take your place.

To feel the warmth of your embrace.

Help me find the way bring me back to you.

Chorus 1

You're all I want.

You're all I've ever needed.

You're all I want.

Help me know You are near.

Help me know You are here.

(Repeat Vs 1)

CCLI Song # 1459484

Breathe

Marie Barnett

Verse 1

This is the air I breathe.

This is the air I breathe.

Your holy presence living in me.

Verse 2

This is my daily bread.

This is my daily bread.

Your very word spoken to me.

Chorus 1

And I ... I'm desperate for you.

And I ... I'm lost without you. (repeat vs 1)

Ending

I'm desperate for You ...

I'm lost without You ... (repeat ending)



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The 3rd Segment

of the Festival of Praise is to lift up to God all those who are in need of prayer and are unable to be with us.

Only the names of our loved ones are spoken.

Their particular situations are not provided because God is already aware of their struggle.

During this time, we will pray for whatever is placed on the hearts of those who are present. Prayers are typically offered for individuals and various situations – both domestic and global.

The 4th Segment

of the Festival Of Praise is a time to share the good things that have occurred during the past week – better known as “Praise Reports”. It is during this sharing that we discover just how active God is in the daily rhythm of our lives.

Following the “praise reports” and other reflections, we conclude the prayer meeting by reciting an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be.

The 5th Segment

of the Festival Of Praise actually takes place following the conclusion of the prayer meeting. A prayer team will be available for anyone who desires to come forward with a specific prayer request.

Following the individual prayers, we leave in peace to glorify the Lord by our lives.

Surrender

Marc James

Verse 1

**I'm giving You my heart
and all that is within.
I lay it all down
for the sake of You my King.**

**I'm giving You my dreams.
I'm laying down my rights.
I'm giving up my pride
for the promise of new life.**

Chorus

**And I surrender
all to You, all to You.
And I surrender
all to You all to You.**

Verse 2

**I'm singing You this song.
I'm waiting at the cross.
And all the world holds dear,
I count it all as loss.**

**For the sake of knowing You.
The glory of Your name,
to know the lasting joy
even sharing in Your pain. (repeat chorus)**

Holy Ground

Christopher Beatty

Verse 1

**This is holy ground.
We're standing on holy ground.
For the Lord is present
and where He is - is holy.**

**This is holy ground.
We're standing on holy ground.
For the Lord is present
and where He is - is holy.**

Verse 2

**These are holy hands.
He's given us holy hands.
He works through these hands
and so these hands are holy.**

**These are holy hands.
He's given us holy hands.
He works through these hands
and so these hands are holy.**

Verse 3.

**These are holy lips.
He's given us holy lips.
He speaks through these lips
and so these lips are holy.**

**These are holy lips
He's given us holy lips.
He speaks through these lips
and so these lips are holy.**



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This explanation of the Festival Of Praise, has been written with a “wide brush” in order to provide you with an overview of what will take place during our Tuesday gatherings.

“During our prayer time we will have a personal experience of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who brings alive in new ways the graces of our baptism. The Holy Spirit will not only set on fire all that we have already received, but comes again in power to equip us with his gifts for service and mission.”

(What is the nature of the Charismatic Renewal?

By Charles Whitehead.)

Three popes have acknowledged the Charismatic Tradition of prayer: Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, and Benedict XVI.

In March 1992, Pope John Paul II stated: “... the Charismatic Renewal can play a significant role in promoting the much-needed defense of Christian life in societies where secularism and materialism have weakened many people's ability to respond to the Spirit and to discern God's loving call. Your contribution to the re-evangelization of society will be made in the first place by personal witness to the indwelling Spirit and by showing forth His presence through works of holiness and solidarity.”

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Standing On Holy Ground

Geron Davis

**We are standing on holy ground
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
we are standing in His presence
on holy ground.**

**We are standing on holy ground
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
we are standing in His presence ...**

**We are standing in His presence
We are standing in His presence.
On holy ground.**

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