

2 We have not feared thee as
we ought,
Nor bowed beneath thy awful
eye,
Nor guarded deed, and word, and
thought,
Remembering that our God was
nigh.
Lord, give us faith to know thee
near,
And grant the grace of holy fear.

3 We have not loved thee as
we ought,
Nor cared that we are loved by
thee;
Thy presence we have coldly
sought,
And feebly longed thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart
To feel and own the love thou
art.

4 We have not served as we
ought,
Alas, the duties left undone,
The work with little fervour
wrought,
The battles lost or scarcely won!
Lord, give the zeal, and give the
might,
For thee to toil, for thee to fight.

5 When shall we know thee as
we ought,
And fear, and love, and serve
aright?
When shall we, out of trial
brought,
Be perfect in the land of light?
Lord, may we day by day prepare

To see thy face, and serve thee
there.

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O For a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

2 Where is the blessedness I
knew,
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and his word?

3 What peaceful hours I once
enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still;
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove, return,
Dear messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee
mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have
known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy
throne,
And worship only thee.

6 So shall my walk be close
with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

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Order of Service

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Prayer & Benediction

Luke 15:11-20

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. 12 "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" 20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a

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Praise the King of glory, He is
God alone;
Praise Him for the wonders He to
us hath shown;
For His promised presence all the
pilgrim way,
For the flaming pillar and the
cloud by day.

*Praise Him shining angels, strike
your harps of gold,
All His hosts adore Him, who His
face behold;
Through His great dominion,
while the ages roll,
All His works shall praise Him,
All His works shall praise Him,
All His works shall praise Him;
Bless the Lord, my soul!*

2 Praise Him for redemption,
free to ev'ry soul;
Praise Him for the Fountain that
can make us whole;
For His gifts of kindness and His
loving care;
For the blest assurance that He
answers prayer.

3 Praise Him for the trials sent
as cords of love,
Binding us more closely to the
things above;
For the faith that conquers,
hope, that nought can dim,
For the land where loved ones
gather unto Him.

8 10.10.10.10.

Break thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee,
O living Word!

2 Thou art the bread of life,
O Lord, to me,
Thy holy word the truth
That saveth me.
Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee.

3 Give me to eat and live
With thee above;
Teach me to love thy truth,
For thou art love;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all.

215 88.88.88.

We have not known thee as we
ought,
Nor learned thy wisdom, grace,
and power;
The things of earth have filled our
thought,
And trifles of the passing hour.
Lord, give us light thy truth to see,
And make us wise in knowing
thee.