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Matthew gives an overview of Jesus' ministry – teaching, proclaiming the gospel and healing people. Then Jesus gives his disciples the commission and authority to replicate and extend this ministry more widely.

Welcome and introduction

We come before you, gracious God, just as we are.

We come with our weaknesses and our vulnerabilities.

We come with our fears and apprehensions.

We come with faith and doubt.

We come to offer and receive.

We come to you, the king of love –

in the name of your Son, and in the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn Only by Grace

Only by grace can we enter / Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavour / But by the blood of the Lamb

Into Your presence You call us / You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us

And now by Your grace we come / Now by Your grace we come

Lord if You mark our transgressions / Who would stand
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed / By the blood of the Lamb

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you have called us to the privilege of service,
but we have failed to serve.**

**You have given us the blessing of peace,
but we have chosen discord.**

**You have loved as a shepherd tends his sheep,
but we have strayed from your way.**

**Forgive us, and show us the path of obedience and faithfulness
that your Son trod.**

In his name, we pray. Amen.

The Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins
and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Collect, *the special prayer for today*

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

The Reading

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

Address

Hymn

Bind us together

Bind us together, Lord / Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken / Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together / Bind us together in Love

There is only one God, / There is only one King
There is only one Body, / That is why we sing.

Fit for the glory of God, / Purchased by his precious Son
Born with the right to be free / For Jesus the victory has won.

We are the family of God / We are the promise divine
We are God's chosen desire / We are the glorious new wine.

Bless the Gifts

Lord Jesus, you gave everything for us.
as we offer you our gifts, we offer you all that we have, and are, and will be,
praying that our church, and our mission,
may reach out so that others may come to share in your risen life.

Amen.

Prayers

Dear God,
we want to shake off the dust of poverty and suffering
in our world (*mime shaking off dust*),
so we pray for your blessing on those in need;

we want to shake off the dust of violence
in our world (*mime shaking off dust*),
so we pray for the victims of violence and injustice;

we want to shake off the dust of cruelty
in our world (*mime shaking off dust*),
so we pray for all who are vulnerable;

we want to shake off the dust of loneliness
in our world (*mime shaking off dust*),
so we pray for those separated from their families and loved ones;

we want to shake off the dust of all that separates us
from you and from one another (*mime shaking off dust*),
so we pray in Jesus' name for ourselves,
for our friends and families,
and for all who have no one to name them in prayer. **Amen.**

*We sing the **Lord's Prayer***

Our Father who art in heaven HBTN
Thy kingdom come thy will be done HBTN
On earth as it is in heaven HBTN
Give us this day our daily bread HBTN
Forgive us all our trespasses HBTN
As we forgive those who trespass against us HBTN
And lead us not into temptation HBTN
But deliver us from all that is evil HBTN
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory HBTN
For ever and for ever and ever HBTN

Blessing

Proclaim the good news:
Jesus Christ is Lord,
the kingdom of God is near
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be amongst you and remain with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

Hymn Make way, make way

Make way, make way, For Christ the king In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates And welcome him Into your lives.

Make way! (make way!) Make way! (make way!)
For the King of kings! (For the King of kings!)
Make way! (make way!) Make way! (make way!) And let his kingdom in!

He comes the broken hearts to heal, The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, The lame shall dance, The blind shall see.

Make way! (make way!)
Make way! (make way!)
For the King of kings!