

680 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

TEXT: John Fawcett (1782)
 TUNE: Hans G. Nägeli (1768-1836). Arr Lowell Mason (1845)

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WELCOME & SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

We need not fear.

In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

God, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

We gather this day, O God, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here. Amen.

* HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 22:25-31

John 15:1-8

MEDITATION

One Vine, Many Branches

Morning Has Broken 274

I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, O Lord. Psa. 57:8,9

ELEANOR FARJEON
Unison

ARR. JACK SCHRADER

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Black-bird has spo - ken Like the first bird.
Like the first dew - fall On the first grass.
Born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Sprung in com - plete - ness Where His feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and is served by intinction. Please come forward, tear off a piece of bread, dip it in the chalice and commune before returning to your seat.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

We give thanks (*prayer continues*) with all those who love you throughout the ages we praise you saying:

Holy, holy, holy, resurrection God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

It is here at this Table (*prayer continues*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN

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* BENEDECTION

* *You are invited to stand if able.*