

Welcome

Table Grace

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Candle Lighting Song

"Lord, I Need You"

VERSE 1

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

CHORUS

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.

VERSE 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

CHORUS

Prayer

God of life, help us change our lives. Soften our hearts. Help us to repent, and to believe in your good news of wild love and grace. Amen.

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Scripture

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Poem

"Wild, Wild" p. 156 of "Mary Oliver's Devotions"

This is what love is:
The dry rose bush the gardener, in his
pruning, missed
Suddenly bursts into bloom.
A madness of delight; an obsession.
A holy gift, certainly,
But often, alas, improbable.

Why couldn't Romeo have settled for
someone else?
Why couldn't Tristan and Isolde have refused
The shining cup
Which would have left peaceful the whole
kingdom?

Wild sings the bird of the heart in the forests
Of our lives.

Over and over Faust, standing in the garden,
doesn't know
Anything that's going to happen, he only sees
The face of Marguerite, which is irresistible.

And wild, wild sings the bird.

Table Conversation

Song

"Lord, I Need You" Reprise

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Best Part of Your Week

Lord's Prayer

from New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of s all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through
the universe!
They way of your justice be followed by the
peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created
beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing,
strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that
is love, now and for ever. Amen**

Blessing



**THE KINGDOM OF GOD
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REPENT, AND BELIEVE
IN THE GOOD NEWS.**

+ MARK 1:15