Great is Thy faithfulness, 
O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee: 
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou for ever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness, 
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have need Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Summer and winter, 
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness 
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, 
Thine own dear presence 
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, 
with ten thousand beside!
T. O. Chisholm 1923

“Praise be to you, Lord, 
the God of our father Israel, 
from everlasting to everlasting.
11 Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power 
and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, 
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
1 Chronicles 29:10-11

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he 
was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through 
his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9

Open our lips, O Lord 
and we shall declare your praise
Let us praise the Lord: 
the Lord’s name be praised

Exhortation, confession and assurance
The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, 
through our Lord Jesus Christ. 
As we do so, we must confess our sins, 
seeking forgiveness through God’s boundless 
goodness and mercy.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray 
together,

God of all mercy, 
we humbly admit that we need your help. 
We have wandered from your way. 
We have sinned in thought, word and deed, 
and have failed to do what is right. 
You alone can save us. Have mercy on us, 
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. 
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit 
that we may live the new life to your glory. 
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness
God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to 
Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. 
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the 
gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. 
Amen.

If anybody sins, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus 
Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, 
and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.
1 John 2:1-2

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases 
His mercies never come to an end!

From Psalm 116
I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; 
he heard my cry for mercy.
2 Because he turned his ear to me, 
I will call on him as long as I live. 
3 The cords of death entangled me, 
the anguish of the grave came over me; 
I was overcome by distress and sorrow. 
4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: 
“LORD, save me!”
5 The LORD is gracious and righteous; 
our God is full of compassion. 
7 Return to your rest, my soul, 
for the LORD has been good to you. 
8 For you, LORD, have delivered my soul from death, 
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, 
9 that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me? 
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of 
the LORD. 
14 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his 
people.

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: 
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.
The joy of giving: It’s all his!

The Bible readings:
Lord God, as we begin three weeks exploring the joy of giving, please open our eyes and soften our hearts. Please help us grasp your generosity to us in the Lord Jesus, so that we in turn, will reflect such generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 25:1-13
This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

The joy of giving
Giving ourselves

Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Time of prayer
Let us pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the twenty third Sunday after Pentecost
Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Continuing in prayer, then concluding:

Closing prayer
Faithful God, you have promised to hear the prayers of all who ask in Jesus’ name. In your mercy, accept our prayers. Give us what we have asked in faith, according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.