

# Traditional Service

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## **Love Divine, All Love's Exceling**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **O Perfect Love**

1. O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,  
that theirs may be the love which knows no ending,  
whom thou forevermore dost join in one.

2. O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance  
of tender charity and steadfast faith,  
of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,  
with childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.

3. Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;  
grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,  
and to life's day the glorious unknown morrow  
that dawns upon eternal love and life.

## **Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love**

1. Blest be the dear uniting love  
that will not let us part;  
our bodies may far off remove,  
we still are one in heart.

2. Joined in one spirit to our Head,  
where he appoints we go,  
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread,  
and do his work below.

3. O may we ever walk in him,  
and nothing know beside,  
nothing desire, nothing esteem,  
but Jesus crucified!

4. We all are one who him receive,  
and each with each agree,  
in him the One, the Truth, we live;  
blest point of unity!

5. Partakers of the Savior's grace,  
the same in mind and heart,  
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,  
nor life, nor death can part.