

How is it then, brethren?

Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation.

Let all things be done for edification.

1 Corinthians 14:26

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So let's close our time together by truly worshipping Him in spirit and truth, as He commands.