

Worship in Song

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place ...

Welcome and Easter Greeting

Hallelujah. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. **Amen.**

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Jesus is Lord, creation's voice proclaims it
For by His power each tree and flower
Was planned and made
Jesus is Lord, the universe declares it
Sun moon and stars in heaven cry Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord
Praise Him with hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Lord, yet from His throne eternal
In flesh He came to die in pain
On Calv'ry's tree
Jesus is Lord, from Him all life proceeding
Yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free

Jesus is Lord, o'er sin the mighty conqueror
From death He rose
And all His foes shall own His Name
Jesus is Lord. God sent His Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus Is Lord

Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and
confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

May the Father of all mercies lift our minds above earthly things, set them on things above; show us your glory and your power, that we may serve you gladly all our days. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

John 20.19-31 (*Church Bible p906*)

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

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You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers

At the end: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We receive communion

Song during Communion

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Bridge

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

Song during Communion

Jesus lives, thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives, by this we know,
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Hallelujah.

Jesus lives, henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal. Hallelujah.

Jesus lives, for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving. Hallelujah.

Jesus lives, our hearts know well,
naught from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell,
tear us from his keeping ever. Hallelujah.

Jesus lives, to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven. Hallelujah.

Extra song

When I survey the wondrous cross

Prayer after Communion

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred: open the doors of our
hearts, that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and
peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

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My soul will sing with all the strength I have in me
I will rejoice with every day He gives
I will recall the wonders He has shown to me
His power to heal His mercy to forgive
We join with angels to sing His praises
He does not treat us as our sins deserve

High as the heavens reach above the earth
Is Your unfailing love is Your unfailing love
Far as the east is banished from the west
You took our sins from us
removed our sins from us
How wide how high is Your unfailing love

Our King delights to show compassion to the weak
Their deepest needs He loves to satisfy
Throughout the earth
His justice and His mercy speak
And He will run to meet the victim's cry
From everlasting to everlasting
Our youth renewed with every step we take

Though we are dust a moment in eternity
As flowers bloom today and then are gone
He crowns our lives with beauty and with dignity
His patience smiles on all who turn to Him
From generation to generation
We'll tell the story of His faithfulness

Blessing

Go from here as witnesses of what you have
seen and heard. Share God's love with those
you meet. Bring hope to those who are in
despair. Live lives of gratitude and praise.
And may the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with
you now and always. **Amen.**

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Music as we leave

All hail the power of Jesus name