

Worship in Song

My soul finds rest in God alone

Welcome

Opening Prayer

We are here today because the weeping Mary once said: 'I have seen the Lord.'

We are here today because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says: 'Peace be with you; receive the Holy Spirit.'

We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried: 'My Lord and my God.'

We are here today like Peter, who went fishing and then heard Jesus say: 'Do you truly love me?'

We are here today because the angel said 'Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here; he has been raised from the dead and is going ahead of you to Galilee.'

And so we gather here today and shout:
Hallelujah. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Worship in Song

Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the king of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen. Death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil
in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried:
now he lives for evermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer,
whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen.
Set your hearts on things above:
there in all the Father's glory
lives and reigns our king of love;
hear the word of peace he brings us,
see his wounded hands and side.
Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high:
alleluia to the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:
alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

Confession

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 21.1-19 (*Church Bible p907*)

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

Sermon

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God's saints of old through history told
Of the One who was to come
A Son a King a Lamb to be slain
For the sins of all the world

He's the Promise of the Ages
Lifted up to save us, Jesus Christ our sacrifice
He's the Fount of living water
King and Friend forever
Bow before the Promise of the Ages

In flesh He came yet chose to remain
With the outcast and the poor
He bled He died was raised glorified
Now He lives forever more

Bridge

Lift your hands and sing hallelujah to the
King of all the earth
Raise your voice and sing hallelujah to the
King of all the earth

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

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

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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

Your love, shining like the sun,
Pouring like the rain,
Raging like the storm,
Refreshing me again - Oooh
I receive your love.

Pour over me, pour over me,
Let your rain flood this thirsty soul.
Pour over me
Your waves of love, pour over me.

Your grace frees me from the past,
It purges every sin,
It purifies my heart
And heals me from within - Oooh
I receive your grace.

I come and lay my burden down
Gladly at your feet,
I'm opening my heart,
Come make this joy complete - Oooh
I receive your peace.

Song during Communion

Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble
tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble
tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble
tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

Were you there when He rose up from the dead
Were you there when He rose up from the dead
O sometimes I feel like shouting glory glory glory
Were you there when He rose up from the dead

Extra song

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain
Who plumb'd the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him

Prayer after Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

Bridge

O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah hallelujah

Blessing

May God give you courage to obey the command of Jesus to follow him and to tend his sheep and to feed his lambs and sheep. So ... love Christ as he loves you and nourish the faith of God's little ones. Make Christ known to all people; for God has chosen you as an instrument to make disciples . And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

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Music as we leave

This joyful eastertide