

Worship in Song

There is strength within the sorrow

Welcome & Introduction

Over the past 3 weeks we have looked at the final proof that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, the Son of God in resurrection appearances to Mary in the garden, to the disciples in the upper room, and on the lakeshore. Today's reading is from earlier in the gospel where the Pharisees were asking Jesus to tell them plainly that he was the Messiah so they could accuse him of blasphemy and have him killed. Jesus proclaims that he and his Father are one - so upholding that he is indeed the Messiah, and also he comforts his followers, who he calls his sheep, by promising them eternal life.

Opening Prayer

Lord God, we have come to this house of prayer; help us to remember that you are here with us, to pray to you and sing your praise with all our hearts, and to listen to your word with open ears; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hallelujah. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

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Thine for ever; God of Love,
Hear us from thy throne above;
Thine for ever may we be,
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever; Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever; O how blest
They who find in Thee their rest,
Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever; Shepherd, keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine for ever; Thou our guide,
All our wants by thee supplied,
All our sins by thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

John 10.22-42 (*Church Bible page 896*)

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

Sermon

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The King of love is my delight
His eyes are fire His face is light
The First and Last the Living One, His name is Jesus
And from His mouth there comes a sound
That shakes the earth and splits the ground
And yet this voice is life to me, the voice of Jesus

And I will sing my songs of love
Calling out across the earth
The King has come, the King of love has come
And troubled minds can know His peace
Captive hearts can be released
The King has come, the King of love has come

My Lover's breath is sweetest wine
I am His prize and He is mine
How can a sinner know such joy because of Jesus
The wounds of love are in His hands
The price is paid for sinful man
Accepted child forgiven son, because of Jesus

And my desire is to have You near
Lord You know that You are welcome here
Before such love before such grace
I will let the walls come down

The Apostles Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
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.

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

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

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

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us

When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sov'reign over us

You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight

Bridge

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good
And for Your glory
Even in the valley You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
And for Your glory

Song during Communion

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
himself to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

Extra song

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Prayer after Communion

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your
Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command, that all your
people may be gathered into one flock, to the
glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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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.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more 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.

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.

Blessing

Heavenly Father, you have bestowed upon us
eternal life, bought for us with the precious
blood of your Son, Jesus Christ; and you made
us your children by his triumphant death and
resurrection. Empower us with your Holy
Spirit, we pray, as we now go out to serve you
to bring praise and glory to your name.
And may the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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Music as we leave

How good it is to sing