

Worship in Song

O great God of highest heav'n

Easter Greeting

Hallelujah. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him with joyful songs;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

Welcome

A Prayer

Loving God, we pray that we may know your presence among us as we gather for worship. As we offer our praise to you, may we know your will for our lives and grow in faith and so live out in actions day by day, the faith we proclaim. **Amen.**

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The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM.
By earth and heaven confessed;
We bow and bless the sacred name, for ever blessed.

The God of Abraham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth we rise, and seek the joys at His right hand;
We all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and power;
And Him our only portion make,
Our shield and tower.

The God of Abraham praise
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide us all our happy days, in all our ways
He is our faithful friend;
He is our gracious God;
And He will save us to the end,
Through Jesus' blood.

He by himself has sworn -
We on His oath depend -
We shall on eagles' wings upborne, to heaven ascend
We shall behold His face,
We shall His power adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace for evermore.

The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.' They ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and ours
We join the heavenly lays;
And celebrate with all our powers
His endless praise.

Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Genesis 22.1-18 (*Church Bible page 16*)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

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By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Affirmation of Faith

Using words from Philippians chapter 2, let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:
Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the

name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers

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

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant. Through your love, make us servants of one another. Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor. May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world. 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

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Song during Communion

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee Lord
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord to me
Thy holy word the truth that saveth me
Give me to eat and live with thee above
Teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me
That he may touch my eyes and make me see
Show me the truth concealed within thy word
And in thy book revealed, I see thee, Lord.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Extra song

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice:
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again,
I'm in that place once again.

And once again I look upon the cross
where You died:
I'm humbled by Your mercy
and I'm broken inside,
Once again I thank You,
Once again I pour out my life.

Now You are exalted to the highest place -
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow,
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again,
I'm full of praise once again.

Bridge

Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross my Friend

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ. Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out
in the power of your Spirit to live and work to
your praise and glory. **Amen.**

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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

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the
Lord make his face shine upon you and be
gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace; 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

Name of all majesty