

***Worship in Song***

There is strength within the sorrow

***Countdown & Welcome***

***Introduction***

In today's Bible reading, Jesus tell his disciples that he is going to leave them, but not to be troubled because the Father will send the Holy Spirit to teach them all things; and he promises them his peace.

***Easter Greeting***

Hallelujah. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
**Let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.**

Come before him with thanksgiving;  
**Sing him joyful songs of praise! Amen.**

***Worship in Song***

Come down, O Love Divine,  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear  
And kindle it thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing

And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

***Confession***

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins 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 the God of love and power, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Special Prayer for Today***

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 14.23-29 (*Church Bible page 901*)

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

***Sermon***

### ***Worship in Song***

Holy Spirit living breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your word to come alive in me,  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude:  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.

### ***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***

**Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this money, symbol  
of the work you have given us to do; use it,  
use us, in the service of your world to the  
glory of your name. 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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord  
God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word, and all things  
have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us  
in the garden of your delight. Though we  
chose the path of rebellion you would not  
abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant  
of grace. You gave your people the law and  
taught us by your prophets to look for your reign  
of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on  
earth, we echo the song of the angels in  
heaven, evermore 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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

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.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

**Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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***

Here is love vast as the ocean  
Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of Life our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing His praise  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
And Heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love

Let us all His love accepting  
Love Him ever all our days  
Let us seek His kingdom only  
And our lives to be His praise  
He alone shall be our glory  
Nothing in the world we see  
For He has cleansed and sanctified us  
He Himself has set us free

### ***Song during Communion***

Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.

### ***Extra song***

You laid aside your majesty,  
Gave up ev'rything for me,  
Suffered at the hands of those you had created  
You took all my guilt and shame,  
When you died and rose again;  
Now today you reign, in heaven and earth exalted

I really want to worship you my Lord,  
You have won my heart and I am yours  
For ever and ever; I will love you.  
You are the only one who died for me,  
Gave your life to set me free,  
So I lift my voice to you in adoration.

### ***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.**

### ***Notices***

#### ***Worship in Song***

We won't fear the battle  
We won't fear the night  
We will walk the Valley with You by our side  
You will go before us  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge only You can save

Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble  
Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

#### ***Bridge***

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love

#### ***Blessing***

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### ***Music as we leave***

I heard the voice of Jesus say