

Worship in Song

O sov'reign God O matchless King

Countdown & Words of Welcome

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

Opening Prayer

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Worship in Song

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea:
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Confession

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.' We long for the fire of God's cleansing to touch our unclean lips, for our guilt to be removed and our sin wiped out. So we meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit with repentance in our hearts.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. **Amen.**

God's Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.**

Interview - Mike Chesterton

Bible Reading

Matthew 5.1-16 (*Church Bible page 809*)

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

Sermon - Mike Chesterton

Worship in Song

How good it is to sing, to bring our praise to Him
Whose love and mercy knows no end
He brings the sun and rain, He calls each star by name
The universe resounds with praise

O shout for joy to God and sing a new song
Extol the Lord of life for His provision
And He delights in those who love and fear Him
All those who put their hope in God

He gathers families, orphans and refugees
And binds the wounds of those who mourn
The humble lifted high, the proud He casts aside
His justice faithful as the dawn

What friend or foe can last, before His icy blast
The winds and waves obey His voice
Yet mercy will prevail, His love will reconcile
The nations of the earth to Him

Part of the Athenesian Creed

**Let us declare the universal Christian faith:
We worship one God in trinity, and trinity in
unity; neither confusing the persons nor
dividing the nature of God. For there is one
person of the Father, another of the Son, and
another of the Holy Spirit; but the Godhead of
the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is
all one - the glory equal, the majesty
co-eternal: what the Father is, so is the Son
and so is the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

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

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our
peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the
life-giver.

The peace of the triune God 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always
and everywhere to give you thanks, holy
Father, almighty and eternal God. For with
your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord. All that you
reveal of your glory, the same we believe of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without any
difference or inequality. We, your holy
Church, acclaim you, Father of majesty
unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy
of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate
and guide. Three Persons we adore, one in
being and equal in majesty. And so with
angels and archangels, with cherubim and
seraphim, we sing for ever 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.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you 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

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

Hymn 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

Hymn during Communion

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labour of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgement throne;
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Hymn during Communion

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that is finished.

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed
yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live
and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us
firm in this faith, that we may know you in all
your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal
glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

**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.**

Worship in Song

Though the nations rage kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. **Amen.**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard
you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly
city, where he lives and reigns for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

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

Music as we leave

Lead us heavenly Father lead us