

Worship in Song

Through every trial

Countdown and Welcome

Introduction

Today we hear about Jesus being welcomed to the house of Martha. Her sister, Mary, just sits at Jesus feet, listening to him. Martha gets on with the chores of serving her guests and complains that Mary isn't helping her. But Jesus tells Martha that Mary has done the right thing.

So let us sit at Jesus' feet. Let us be still and aware of the Father's presence around us. Let us be still and aware of Jesus' presence beside us. Let us be still and aware of the Spirit's presence within us. Listen to God's word: be still and know that I am God. **Amen.**

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At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him king of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height;
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true:
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour,
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With his Father's glory, with his angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Confession

In the Bible there are men and women who are as weak and as prone to sin as we are. On every page, every story show us our failures. Yet also, on every page, every story tells us of the One who longs to make us whole. Let us confess our sins, and clear the way for God's reconciling love to work within us.

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 all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Luke 10.38-42 (*Church Bible page 869*)

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

Sermon

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All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Knowing you, Jesus,
Knowing you, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
To be found in you and known as yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh to know the power of your risen life,
And to know you in your sufferings.
To become like you in your death, my Lord,
So with you to live and never die.

Affirmation of Faith

Using the words from Colossians 1, let us
confess our faith in the Son of God:

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. By him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, thrones, powers, rulers, and authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

Prayers

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

The Peace

The love of Christ touches every person, transforming us
with grace. So let us greet our sisters and brothers with
this love. Share God's 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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face
is turned towards your world. In love you
gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin
and death. Your Word goes out to call us
home to the city where angels sing your
praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift
that comes from heaven. To the darkness
Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith
and words of hope he touched untouchables
with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the
end they turned on him. On the night he was
betrayed he came to table with his friends to
celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took
bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my
body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for
the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is
my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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

My God how wonderful thou art
Thy majesty how bright
How beautiful thy mercy-seat
In depths of burning light

How dread are thine eternal years
O everlasting Lord
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored

How wonderful how beautiful
The sight of thee must be
Thine endless wisdom boundless power
And awesome purity

O how I fear thee living God
With deepest tenderest fears
And worship thee with trembling hope
And penitential tears

Yet I may love thee too O Lord
Almighty as thou art
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart

No earthly father loves like thee
No mother e'er so mild
Bears and forebears as thou hast done
With me thy sinful child

Father of Jesus love's reward
What rapture will it be
Prostrate before thy throne to lie
And gaze and gaze on thee

Hymn during Communion

Through every trial, through every fear
Through every tear we can't conceal
God we look to you
Through every storm, through every pain
Through every grief we can't explain
God we look to you

You became a Man of Sorrows
that we might know joy
You have treasured every tear drop
And said that you'd restore
You will not forget your people
You'll make all things new
Until you do we choose to trust in you

You are our hope, you are our strength
You are the anchor in the depths
God we look to you
You will return, you will sustain
You will bring joy we can't contain
Come Lord Jesus come

Bridge

You will make all things new,
Until you do we choose to trust in you
You will make all things new
Until you do we choose to worship you

Hymn during Communion

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Bridge

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that
have taken holy things; may the ears which
have heard your word be deaf to clamour and
dispute; may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which
have seen the tokens of your love shine with
the light of hope; and may the bodies which
have been fed with your body be refreshed with
the fullness of your life.

Glory to you for ever. Amen.

Worship in Song

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That you would take my place
That you would bear my cross
You laid down your life, that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of glory, the King of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory the King above all kings

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Blessing

Go out into the world to serve God with love.
Be ready to laugh with delight at the good
news God has to offer you. Make room at
your table for unexpected guests. When the
work of discipleship leaves you weary or
frustrated, rest in Christ's presence and listen
to what he is saying. And 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

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father