

Worship in Song

Beauty for brokenness

Welcome

Worship in Song

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine
And soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all His love.

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The wind and waves obey Him,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank you, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest
Our humble, thankful hearts.

A Thank You Prayer

For the rich soils of the countryside, for good seed,
and for the green corn springing out of the earth,
we thank you O God and praise your holy name

For the warm sweetness of the fertile rain, for the
hot days of ripening sun, and for the harvest,
we thank you O God and praise your holy name

For the yield of the forests the earth and the sea
we thank you O God and praise your holy name

For all who work on the land, in the mines, or
on the waters, and for their courage in days of
difficulty and disappointment,
we thank you O God and praise your holy name

For those who work in office, shop, factory
and in transport, to meet our needs,
we thank you O God and praise your holy name

For these and all your blessings we make our
harvest thanksgiving and give you all the
glory. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Deuteronomy 26.1-11 (*Church Bible page 167*)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Talk part 1

Worship in Song

Eggs and apples in my trolley (*repeat*)
Every time I shop
I should thank God for the 'crop' of
Eggs and apples in my trolley

Milk and carrots in my trolley (*repeat*)
Every time I shop
I should thank God for the 'crop' of
Milk and carrots, eggs and apples in my trolley

Fish and ice cream in my trolley (*repeat*)
Every time I shop
I should thank God for the 'crop' of
Fish and ice cream, milk and carrots
Eggs and apples in my trolley

Meat and biscuits in my trolley (*repeat*)
Every time I shop
I should thank God for the 'crop' of
Meat and biscuits, fish and ice cream
Milk and carrots, eggs and apples in my trolley

Sweets and lettuce in my trolley (*repeat*)
Every time I shop
I should thank God for the 'crop' of
Sweets and lettuce, meat and biscuits
Fish and ice cream, milk and carrots
Eggs and apples in my trolley

All the food that's in my trolley (*repeat*)
Every time I shop
I should thank God for the 'crop' of
All the food that's in my trolley

Talk part 2

Worship in Song (*Bring forward harvest gifts*)

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin:
God our maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear
Grant O harvest Lord that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall purge away
All that doth offend that day.
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church Triumphant, come
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Free from sorrow, free from sin,

There for ever to purified,
In God's garner to abide
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

Talk part 3

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Cabbages and greens, broccoli and beans,
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes,
Taste so good to me!
Apricots and plums, ripened in the sun,
Oranges and yellow bananas,
Good for everyone!

It's another Harvest Festival
When we bring our fruit and vegetables,
Cause we want to share the best of all
The good things that we've been given.
It's another opportunity
to be grateful for the food we eat
With a Samba celebration
To say thank you to God the Father.

Talk part 4

An Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see, and all we don't see; who is ruler of the universe and source of all creation.

We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly human. He is one with the Father; the Word made flesh, our Messiah and saviour of all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breath of God moving among us; who is one with the Father and one with the Son; our comforter and our guide and teacher of all creation. Amen.

Saying Sorry

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us
Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

Grant us thankful hearts and a loving concern for all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

Prayers

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

Notices

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Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day,
Till evening comes in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight,
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah. Let all creation stand and sing:
Hallelujah. Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;
The ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth
Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free
To live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky
All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
The glory of our God and King.

Blessing

Do not worry about what you will eat, or what you will wear. Look at the birds of the air, or the flowers in the field. If God takes such good care of birds and flowers, how much more will He care for you? So don't be afraid. Instead, let your lives be marked by compassion and generosity, sharing what you have been given with those in need, storing up your treasure in heaven instead of here on earth. 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

Creation sings the Father's song