

Worship in Song

Speak O Lord as we come to you

Countdown & Welcome

Theme of the Service - The Bible

Introduction

All scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living. *2 Timothy 3:16*

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Thou, whose almighty word,
Chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing, healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind;
O now to all mankind, let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life giving, holy Dove, speed forth thy flight;
Move on the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place, let there be light.

Blessed and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might;
Boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Video - *The Bible in 4 minutes*

Confession

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have

thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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 4.16-24 (*Church Bible page 859*)

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

Sermon

Thanksgiving for God's Word

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Bible and pray for all who enable it to be studied, understood, and loved.

Almighty God, in your goodness you have given us the Scriptures to equip us for every kind of good deed. We give thanks for all who translate the Bible, and pray that, through their work and skill, your word may go forth to the ends of the earth.

We give thanks for all who distribute the Scriptures, and pray that, through the written text, your people may be built up in faith and love.

We give thanks for all whose learning interprets the Scriptures, that more light and truth may break forth from your word.

We give thanks for all preachers and teachers, and pray that, through the word proclaimed and shared, your Church may grow in holiness and discipleship.

We give thanks for all who read the Bible in public worship, for all study groups and training courses, and pray that, through the study of the Scriptures, your word may find a home in the hearts of your people.

Gracious Lord, grant to us that loving your holy word, we may adorn it with obedient and Christ-like lives; to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Song of Worship

Lord for the years your love has kept and guided
Urged and inspired us cheered us on our way
Sought us and saved us pardoned and provided
Lord of the years we bring our thanks today

Lord for that word the word of life which fires us
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze
Teaches and trains rebukes us and inspires us
Lord of the word receive Your people's praise

Lord for our land In this our generation
Spirits oppressed by pleasure wealth and care
For young and old for commonwealth and nation
Lord of our land be pleased to hear our prayer

Lord for our world when we disown and doubt Him
Loveless in strength and comfortless in pain
Hungry and helpless lost indeed without Him
Lord of the world we pray that Christ may reign

Lord for ourselves in living power remake us
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne
Past put behind us for the future take us
Lord of our lives to live for Christ alone

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised

to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

From 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Intercessions

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 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 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

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

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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.

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From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your word
Words of power strong to save
That will never pass away
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your word
For your covenant is sure
And on this I am secure
I can stand on ev'ry promise from your word

When I stumble and I sin
Condemnation pressing in
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your word
You are faithful to forgive
That in freedom I might live
So I stand on ev'ry promise of your word
Guilt to innocence restored
You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your word

When I'm faced with anguished choice
I will listen for your voice
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of your word
And you've promised to complete
Ev'ry work begun in me
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your word

Hope that lifts me from despair
Love that casts out ev'ry fear
As I stand on ev'ry promise of your word
Not forsaken not alone
For the Comforter has come
And I stand on ev'ry promise of your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on ev'ry promise of your word

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

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in
change and uncertainty, that trusting in your
word and obeying your will we may enter the
unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

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Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word
Take your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on your promises
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us
Speak O Lord till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory

Blessing

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of
your holy word. May it be a lantern to our
feet, a light upon our paths, and a strength to
our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve
all people in the power of the Holy Spirit and
in the name of your 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

From the breaking of the dawn