

Worship in Song

Hear me Lord

Countdown & Welcome

Introduction to today's theme

Today's reading is part of the sermon on the mount where Jesus speaks about his followers being like salt and light in the world.

Worship in Song

Come people of the risen King
Who delight to bring him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the morning star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Rejoice rejoice let every tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For his perfect love will never change
And his mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of his grace
Over all the world his people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age
Our God is all in all

Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, Lord. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Amen.

Prayer for Today

Faithful God, you have called us to be a light shining in the world. Make us reflect the light of Christ, so that people see your love and goodness in our words and actions. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bible Reading

Matthew 5.13-20 (*Church Bible page 810*)

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Worship in Song

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that, while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O give thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing power
A word in season, as from thee
To weary ones in needful hour.

O use me Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until thy blessed face I see.
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:
**Though he was divine, he did not cling to
equality with God, but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave, he was born in
human likeness. He humbled himself and was
obedient to death, even the death of the
cross. Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Prayers

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

The Peace

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation. So
let us offer the peace of God to all.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them
our lives, to be used in your service; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

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

Worship in Song

God working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year
God is working his purpose out,
And the time is drawing near:
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

From the utmost east to utmost west

Wherever man has trod,

By the mouth of many messengers

goes forth the voice of God:

Give ear to me you continents, you isles give ear to me,

That the earth may be filled with the glory of God,

As the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work Gods work
to prosper and increase

The love of God in all mankind

the reign of the Prince of peace?

What can we do to hasten the time

the time that shall surely be?

When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God

as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God,

With the banner of Christ unfurled,

That the light of the glorious gospel of truth

May shine throughout the world;

Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin

To set their captives free,

That the earth may be filled with the glory of God,

As the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth

Unless God blesses the deed;

Vainly we hope for the harvest tide

Till God gives life to the seed:

Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,

The time that shall surely be,

When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God

As the waters cover the sea.

Worship in Song

Hear me Lord out of the depths I call

Comfort and guard my heart shelter me in this storm

Turn to me see my distress and need

Weary and poor I come calling upon your name

You are forgiving and good

Abounding in love to the faithful who call

No other god can compare to you

Great is your mercy and grace

With all of my heart I will sing of your name

No other power can save but you

Teach me God show me the righteous path
Lead me to walk with you trusting you all my days
Hear my cry with terror on every side
Justice will soon prevail you are the God who saves

Worship in Song

My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to him who hears me

O praise him hallelujah
My delight and my reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in him completely
With every day pour out my soul
And he will prove his mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am his forever

Bridge

O praise him O praise him
Hallelujah hallelujah

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.

Worship in Song

Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let his song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in his unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ
Walking justly before him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in him

Blessing

May our love be like salt that preserves our world. May our Christian living be a light to those who live in darkness. May our Christian communities be cities of light to be seen from afar as signs that God lives and works in his people. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

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

Music as we leave

My soul finds rest in God alone