

Worship in Song

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

Countdown & Welcome

Prayer

As Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John on the mountaintop, a voice spoke from heaven: "This is my beloved Son ... listen to him." Lord Jesus, you are God's chosen Son. Lord, may we listen to you and may we open our hearts to you. Show us, we pray, something of your glory as we worship you now. **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

Almighty God, we confess that too often we have taken the easy way of the world, rather than your way, and so have grieved your heart of love. We have been slow to admit that we are not our

own, but belong to you: In your mercy forgive us and help us. We have been unwilling to see that we are bought with the price of Christ's blood: In your mercy forgive us and help us. We have been unprepared to live out our lives as your servants: In your mercy forgive us and help us. Raise us by the power of your love, and fill us anew with the joy of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Jesus, the Son of God, was tempted in every way that we are, and is now at the throne of grace presenting to God our case for mercy. Therefore, we can approach God's throne in confidence. Sisters and brothers, because of Jesus death on the cross and your faith in him, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Today

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Matthew 17.1-9 (*Church Bible page 822*)

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

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Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
In perfect harmony, the man who is God.
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

Oh, what a mystery, meekness and majesty,
Bow down and worship,
For this is your God, this is your God.

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice;
And as they crucify prays Father forgive.

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible;
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Using words from Philippians chapter 2, 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

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

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

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in words of everlasting praise:

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

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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Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee:
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

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Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory honour and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own His anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high the name of Jesus
Magnify come glorify Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings.

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What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus
Christ, may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed, that all the
world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God:
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross. (repeat)

Blessing

May this holy time of worship inspire you to
listen to Christ and follow him from the places
of revelation to the places of mission. So go
now, and speak of what you have seen of
God's glory. 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

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness