

Worship in Song

Our Father everlasting

Welcome

Video - *Paul in Athens*

Worship in Song

In the darkness there's a light before me
And it drives away my fear
In the silence there's a voice that calls me
And it tells me you are near

In the chaos there's a hand that holds me
And will never let me go
Yes I know that you are always for me
For your word has told me so

I will follow you, I will walk by faith
You have brought me near
By your unrelenting grace
I will set my mind on the things above
You have won my heart
With your everlasting love

I was lost but then you came and found me
And in love you brought me home
I was dead in sin but then you raised me
I am saved by grace alone

Bridge

For no height no depth no life no death
No power on earth can take us from your love
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Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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 love and power, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Acts 17.22-34 (*Church Bible page 926*)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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The all creating One,
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is Three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in you
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

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I believe in you
I believe you rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in your holy church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Prayers

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 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 is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord
God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word, and all things
have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us
in the garden of your delight. Though we
chose the path of rebellion you would not
abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant
of grace. You gave your people the law and
taught us by your prophets to look for your reign
of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on
earth, we echo the song of the angels in
heaven, evermore praising you and saying:

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

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the
coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal
the power of your love made perfect in our
human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the
way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave
himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set
us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise
and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he
took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you; do this
in remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he
suffered on the cross, we celebrate his
resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we

rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, 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

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Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone
Nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
Of praise in every part:

Praise in the common things of life,
Its goings out and in;
Praise in each duty and each deed,
However small and mean

Fill every part of me with praise;
Let all my being speak,
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
Poor though I be and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord from me, e'en me,
Receive the glory due;
And so shall I begin on earth
The song for ever new.

So shall no part of day or night
From sacredness be free;
But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with thee.

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How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that is finished.

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

This the power of the cross Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows his head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the victory cry

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love

This the power of the cross Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

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.**

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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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of his 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

Hear the call of the kingdom