

Worship in Song

Our Father everlasting

Welcome & Introduction

The Greeting & Opening Prayer

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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How good it is to sing, to bring our praise to him
Whose love and mercy knows no end
He brings the sun and rain, he calls each star by name
The universe resounds with praise

O shout for joy to God and sing a new song
Extol the Lord of life for his provision
And he delights in those who love and fear him
All those who put their hope in God

He gathers families, orphans and refugees
And binds the wounds of those who mourn
The humble lifted high, the proud He casts aside
His justice faithful as the dawn

What friend or foe can last, before his icy blast
The winds and waves obey his voice
Yet mercy will prevail, his love will reconcile
The nations of the earth to him

Video *'The hospitality of Abraham' icon in the side chapel*

Confession

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.' We long for the fire of God's cleansing to touch our unclean lips, for our guilt to be removed and our sin wiped out. So we meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit with repentance in our hearts.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. **Amen.**

Gods' Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 Readings

2 Corinthians 13.11-14 (*Church Bible page 971*)
Matthew 28.16-20 (*Church Bible page 835*)

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

Sermon

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In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By his blood and in His Name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Part of the Athenesian Creed

Let us declare the universal Christian faith:
We worship one God in trinity, and trinity in unity; neither confusing the persons nor dividing the nature of God. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit; but the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one - the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal: what the Father is, so is the Son and so is the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers

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

Banns of Marriage

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord. All that you reveal of your glory, the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality. We, your holy Church, acclaim you, Father of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Three Persons we adore, one in being and equal in majesty. And so with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, we sing for ever of your glory:

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

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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

Hymn during Communion

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.

Hymn during Communion

May the peace of God our heavenly Father
And the grace of Christ the risen Son
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love

And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of kings

May this peace which passes understanding
And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of his communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart

Hymn during Communion

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with his light
And wrote his law of righteousness
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow him.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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Our Father everlasting
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

Bridge

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

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you: **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace: **Amen.**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly city, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Music as we leave

May the peace of God our heavenly Father