

Worship in Song

In days of peace and days of rest

Welcome & Introduction

Worship in Song

Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day,
Till evening comes in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight,
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah. Let all creation stand and sing:
Hallelujah. Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;
The ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth
Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free
To live with him eternally.

Creation longs for his return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.
When he renews the land and sky
All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
The glory of our God and King.

Video - *Introduction to Romans*

Confession

Almighty God, our Father, we come to you
with humble hearts, to confess our sins:

For turning away from you, and ignoring your
will for our lives:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish without thinking of you:
Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For failing you - not only by what we do, but
also by our thoughts and words:
Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from
you by temptations in the world about us:
Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For acting as if we were ashamed to belong to
your dear Son Jesus:
Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

**Father, we have failed you often, and
humbly ask your forgiveness: help us so to
live that others may see your glory; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the
world to save sinners, bring you his pardon
and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit
the whole body of the Church is governed and
sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for
all your faithful people, that in their vocation
and ministry they may serve you in holiness
and truth to the glory of your name; through
our Lord and 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

Romans 7.15-25 (*Church Bible page 943*)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor your word is true
That all my ways are known to you

No trial has come beyond your hand
No step I walk beyond your plan
The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to you

And O what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to you
Hallelujah they are known to you

I do not fear the final night
For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to you

Bridge

Open up my eyes so I may see
That you have made these ways for me
Open up my eyes so I may see
That you my God will walk with me

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.

Notices

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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

Offertory Prayer

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. By his mercy we present not just our money but our whole lives to God as a living sacrifice. **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 (OBS Soundtrack)

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true,
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept and toiled and mourned and died,
For love of those who loved him not.

I cannot tell how he could love
A child so weak and full of sin;
His love must be most wonderful,
If he could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the cross,
And shut my eyes and try to see
The cruel nails and crown of thorns,
And Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love which like a fire
Is always burning in the heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more.
Until I see thou as thou art.

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When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so, he will hold me fast

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

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Through every trial, through every fear
Through every tear we can't conceal
God we look to you
Through every storm, through every pain
Through every grief we can't explain
God we look to you

You became a Man of Sorrows
that we might know joy
You have treasured every tear drop
And said that you'd restore
You will not forget your people
You'll make all things new
Until you do we choose to trust in you

You are our hope, you are our strength
You are the anchor in the depths
God we look to you
You will return, you will sustain
You will bring joy we can't contain
Come Lord Jesus come

Bridge

You will make all things new,
Until you do we choose to trust in you
You will make all things new
Until you do we choose to worship you

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and
healer of the broken, you have fed us at the
table of life and hope: teach us the ways of
gentleness and peace, that all the world may
acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. **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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We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley with you by our side
You will go before us, you will lead the way
We have found a refuge only you can save

Sing with joy now our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back still your love is sure
You will not abandon, you will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Bridge

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave his Son to free us holds me in his love

Blessing

God, who from the death of sin raised you to
new life in Christ, keep you from falling and
set you in the presence of his glory; 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

Through every trial, through every fear