

Worship in Song

You called my name

Welcome & Introduction to theme

Jesus challenges the Pharisees and scribes

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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.

Video - *James' story*

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.

Special Prayer for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Matthew 15.1-20 (*Church Bible page 820*)

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

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My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who bore my pain
Who plumbd 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.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

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

Notices

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant. Through your love, make us servants of one another. Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor. May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world. 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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and 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.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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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How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole.
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear name, the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
My prophet, priest, and king;
My lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

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How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon he has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

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Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes he rose that we would be free indeed
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that cross

Ending

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross
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You called my name
Before you formed the earth
You saw my frame
Knit me together with a word
You designed my heart to know you
Breathing life into my bones
Forever you have loved me as your own

You are my Father, I am your child
Loved and accepted
Nothing could separate us now
Adopted forever, purchased with blood
You are my Father, and I am a child of God

You know my need
Before I ever call
You guide my feet
Teach me to plant my steps in yours
And you comfort and protect me
With new mercies day by day
You know my weakness yet your love remains

And when I fall
And wander from your ways
Ashamed by it all
Fearing I've squandered all your grace
Then I turn and see you running
With forgiveness in your gaze
Still I'm welcome in my Father's embrace

Prayer after Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people
have celebrated that one true sacrifice which
takes away our sins and brings pardon and
peace: by our communion keep us firm on the
foundation of the gospel and preserve us from
all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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I am alive saved by your sacrifice
Death overcome glory dispels the night
You call the lifeless to wake from death to life
Out of darkness arise

I am set free saved from the power of sin
Guilt overcome your Spirit at work within
You break the chains of the law I am released
From the burden of sin

Now we cry Father we are your children
We are adopted as your own
No condemnation we are forgiven
Nothing can take us from your love

I am redeemed raised with my Saviour Christ
Fear overcome I will be glorified
You will forever defend and stand beside
I am safe in your love

Bridge

Creation awaits the glorious day
When Jesus returns and trials will fade

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.**

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.