

***Worship in Song***

We are his kingdom we are his bride

***Welcome & Introduction to theme***

Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ

***Worship in Song***

Speak O Lord as we come to you  
To receive the food of your holy word  
Take your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us  
Speak O Lord till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory

***Video*** - *The Alpha Course*

***Confession***

O God, you asked for my hands, that I might use them for your purpose; I gave them for a moment, and then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth, to speak out against injustice; I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes, to see the pain of poverty; I closed them, for I did not want to see.

O God, forgive me for my efforts to serve you only when it is convenient; only in those places where it is safe, and only with those who make it easy. O God, forgive me, renew me, and send me out as a servant following the example of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Special Prayer for Today***

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 16.13-20 (*Church Bible page 822*)

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

***Sermon***

***Worship in Song***

Come set your rule and reign in our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are your church, we need your power in us

We seek your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are your church, we pray revive this earth

Build your kingdom here, let the darkness fear  
Show your mighty hand, heal our streets and land  
Set your church on fire, win this nation back

Change the atmosphere  
Build your kingdom here we pray

Unleash your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are your church, we are the hope on earth

### ***An Affirmation of Faith***

Using the words from Colossians 1, let us confess our faith in the Son of God:  
**Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. By him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, thrones, powers, rulers, and authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**

### ***Prayers***

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

### ***Notices***

#### ***The Peace***

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord 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.**

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***

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***

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land;  
A home within a wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me.  
And from my stricken heart, with tears,  
Two wonders I confess  
The wonders of his glorious love,  
And my own worthlessness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow,  
For my abiding place.  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain or loss;  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all, the cross.

### ***Worship in Song***

My soul finds rest in God alone  
My rock and my salvation  
A fortress strong against my foes  
And I will not be shaken  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse  
And lies like arrows pierce me  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness  
I'll look to him who hears me

O praise him hallelujah  
My delight and my reward  
Everlasting never failing  
My Redeemer my God

Find rest my soul in God alone  
Amid the world's temptations  
When evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation

Though riches come and riches go  
Don't set your heart upon them  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
Are harvested in heaven

I'll set my gaze on God alone  
And trust in him completely  
With every day pour out my soul  
And he will prove his mercy  
Though life is but a fleeting breath  
A sigh too brief to measure  
My King has crushed the curse of death  
And I am his forever

O praise him O praise him  
Hallelujah hallelujah

### ***Worship in Song***

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

### ***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.**

### ***Worship in Song***

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to him belong  
Who holds our days within his hand  
What comes apart from his command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah, our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah, now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is his grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ he lives Christ he lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

### ***Blessing***

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably  
more than all we can ask or conceive, by the  
power which is at work among us, to him be  
glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all ages. **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.**