

***Worship in Song***

We are his kingdom we are his bride

***Welcome*** *Theme - following Jesus*

***Worship in Song***

From heaven You came helpless babe  
Entered our world Your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live

This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
Yet not my will but yours he said

Come see his hands and his feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nail surrendered

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving

***Confession***

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with  
healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for  
our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

In a dark and disfigured world we have not  
held out the light of life: Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world we have  
failed to share our bread: Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world we have kept the  
love of God to ourselves: Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much that  
he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us  
our sins and make us holy to serve him in the  
world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Special Prayer for Today***

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear  
witness that you were in Christ reconciling the  
world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good  
news of your love, that all who hear it may be  
drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on  
the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Bible Reading***

Matthew 16.21-28 (*Church Bible page 822*)

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

***Sermon***

***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

For no height no depth no life no death  
No power on earth can take us from your love  
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## ***An Affirmation of Faith***

Jesus said: 'If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest'

Master, we hear your call: **help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the Kingdom of heaven'

Master, we hear your call: **help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised.'

Master, we hear your call: **help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Be merciful just as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them.'

Master, we hear your call: **help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Love one another, just as I love you; the greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them'

Master we hear your call: **help us to follow**

Jesus said: 'Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples, and I will be with you always, to the end of the world'

Master we hear your call: **help us to follow**

**Lord, you have redeemed us and called us to your service: give us grace to hear your word and to obey your commandment; for your mercy's sake. Amen.**

## ***Prayers***

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

## ***Interview - The Alpha Course***

### ***The Peace***

A word of peace can have awesome power. Let us share signs of this peace in the name of the One we follow.

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 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***

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only thee;  
Trusting thee for full salvation, great and free.

I am trusting thee for pardon, at thy feet I bow;  
For thy grace and tender mercy, trusting now.

I am trusting thee to guide me; thou alone shalt lead,  
Every day and hour supplying all my need.

I am trusting thee for power, thine can never fail  
Words which thou thyself shalt give me must prevail

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus; never let me fall  
I am trusting thee for ever, and for all.

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

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ  
Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin  
Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God  
So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth  
As we share in his suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

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

I will offer up my life In spirit and truth  
Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to you  
In surrender I must give my every part  
Lord receive the sacrifice of a broken heart

Jesus what can I give what can I bring  
To so faithful a friend to so loving a King  
Saviour what can be said what can be sung  
As a praise of your name  
For the things you have done  
Oh my words could not tell not even in part  
Of the debt of love that is owed  
By this thankful heart

You deserve my every breath  
For you've paid the great cost  
Giving up your life to death even death on a cross  
You took all my shame away there defeated my sin  
Opened up the gates of heaven  
And have beckoned me in

### ***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***

God so loved, that he gave his Son  
To lay down his life for the sake of us  
He bore the weight of our sin and shame  
With a cry he said, 'It is finished'  
Christ the Lord overcame the darkness  
He's alive, death has been defeated

For he made us a way  
By which we have been saved  
He's the Saviour of the world  
So we lift up a shout for his fame and renown  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Jesus, Saviour of the world

We must spread the word of his soon return  
To reclaim the world for his glory  
Let the church now sing of this coming King  
Crowned with majesty, our Redeemer  
And he reigns, ruler of the heavens  
And his name is Jesus, the Messiah

### ***Bridge***

Christ the Lord overcame the darkness  
He's alive, death has been defeated  
And he reigns, ruler of the heavens  
And his name is Jesus, the Messiah

### ***Blessing***

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world.  
May the lips that have sung your praises  
always speak the truth; may the ears which  
have heard your Word listen only to what is  
good and may our lives as well as our worship  
be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**