

**Worship in Song**

Through every trial, through every fear

**Welcome**

*Theme - The signs of Jesus return*

**Worship in Song**

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him king of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came  
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height;  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true:  
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour,  
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With his Father's glory, with his angel-train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow  
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

**Confession**

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Special Prayer for Today**

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 24.1-14 (*Church Bible page 829*)

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**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

### ***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***

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***

**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 is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and saying:

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

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

**Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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*

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Almighty God our Father  
In mercy you did give us Christ  
Upon the cross your suffering Son  
Has made the perfect sacrifice

For though our sins are scarlet  
His blood has made them spotless white  
We come in full repentance now  
As we receive the bread and wine

So we come to the table  
And we join in the feast  
We remember the sacrifice  
God's love poured out at Calvary

We come now to remember  
As Jesus' asked before he died  
His body broken blood poured out  
The death he died has brought us life

With thankful hearts we receive him  
We trust that we have been made clean  
He will sustain and dwell in us  
And we will ever dwell in him

We celebrate he is risen  
That by his death he conquered death  
We look ahead to the promised hope  
That he is coming back again

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

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour,  
I know for sure, all of my days are held in your hand,  
Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into your presence,  
Guiding me by your Holy Spirit.  
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life  
Through your eyes.

I'm captured by your holy calling,  
Set me apart I know you're drawing me to yourself;  
Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mould me, use me, fill me;  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me;  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

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

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Knowing you, Jesus,  
Knowing you, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
To be found in you and known as yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh to know the power of your risen life,  
And to know you in your sufferings.  
To become like you in your death, my Lord,  
So with you to live and never die.

### ***Prayer after Communion***

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off you met us in  
your Son and brought us home. Dying and  
living, he declared your love, gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory. May we who  
share Christ's body live his risen life; we who  
drink his cup bring life to others; we whom  
the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep  
us firm in the hope you have set before us, so  
we and all your children shall be free, and the  
whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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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

### ***Blessing***

Go from here as witnesses of what you have  
seen and heard. Share God's love with those  
you meet. Bring hope to those who are in  
despair. Live lives of gratitude and praise.  
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.**