

#### Worship in Song

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#### Welcome

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By faith, we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design; In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of his promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise, We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done, We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, the prophets saw a day When the longed-for Messiah would appear With the power to break the chains of sin and death, And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

By faith, this mountain shall be moved And the power of the gospel shall prevail, For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon his name.

# Confession

Forgive us Lord, for our love of money and the desire only for our own contentment. Forgive us Lord, for our envy of those who are more successful than ourselves. Forgive us Lord, for our resentment to those who have more than us and our anger at life's unfairness. Forgive us Lord, when we place our security in our possessions. Forgive us Lord, for our lack of generosity.

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Forgive us Lord, when we forget that all that we have comes from you. O God, we ask that you would transform us and provide us victory over all greed and avarice. Amen.

#### **God's Assurance of Forgiveness**

If God kept track of all our mistakes, what chance would we have? But with unfailing love, God offers us forgiveness that blots out our sins completely by the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus Christ, by his death on the cross. So be at peace, your sins are forgiven.

Praise be to you O God.

## **Prayer for Today**

Lord God, Jesus taught us that we cannot love both God and money, and that life does not consist in an abundance of possessions. Teach us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents and our money, that we may use them for the sake of the gospel and to extend your kingdom. **Amen.** 

#### Interview

## **Bible Reading**

Matthew 25.14-30 (Church Bible page 830)

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

#### Sermon

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Take my life and let it be Consecrated Lord to thee Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee Take my voice and let me sing Always only for my King Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee

Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold Take my intellect and use Evtry power as thou shalt choose

Take my will and make it thine It shall be no longer mine Take my heart it is thine own It shall be thy royal throne

Take my love my Lord I pour At thy feet its treasure store Take myself and I will be Ever only all for thee

## An Affirmation of Faith

We believe the grace of God has dawned upon us with healing for all the world, and so we rejoice to declare our faith in him:

We trust in God the Father, who has revealed his love and kindness to us, and in his mercy saved us, not for any good deed of our own, but because he is merciful.

We trust in Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us to free us from our sin, and set us apart for himself a people eager to do good.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, whom God poured out on us generously through Christ our Saviour so that justified by grace we might become heirs with the hope of eternal life. Amen.

#### **Prayers**

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

#### The Peace

Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

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

## **Offertory Prayer**

Heavenly Father, your love for us is beyond measure. Help us to offer for your work a due proportion of what we have, in gratitude for what you have given us. This we pray in Jesus name who gave his very life for us. 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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs 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

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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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

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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

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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.

# **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.

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You my God have saved my soul
I am Yours forevermore
I won't be moved of this I'm sure
You are my God and You saved my soul

I was lost when You came for me Held in chains by the enemy But You broke them in victory Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope I am saved by Your grace alone I will sing of Your love for me I am free I am free

Now I stand with the Kings of kings He has paid for my every sin And from now through eternity I am free I am free

#### Bridge

What once was dead is now alive You gave to me the breath of life You brought me up out from the grave I'm bursting out with songs of praise

## Blessing

Go out from here with a pocket full of free gifts to give to those you meet. Give freely your love and concern as a token of the greater love of God. Give freely your time and effort as a token of the sacrifice of Jesus. Give freely your help and friendship, as a token of the upholding Spirit. And may all you give and all you do cause others to seek the true gift of the God who blesses without end. 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.