

Worship in Song

In the darkness we were waiting

Welcome

Names of Jesus

Jesus Christ; Son of God; Son of Man; Immanuel;
King of kings and Lord of lords; the Resurrection
and the Life; the Word of Life; the Way, the Truth,
and the Life; I AM; Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace; the
Dayspring from on high; the Light of the world; the
Bread of Life; the true Vine; the Saviour of the
world; the Lamb of God; our great High Priest;
God's Chosen One; the Image of the invisible God;
the Firstborn over all creation; the Head of the
Body, the Church; the Alpha and Omega, the
Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.

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Come people of the risen King
Who delight to bring him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the morning star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Rejoice rejoice let every tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For his perfect love will never change
And his mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of his grace

Over all the world his people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age
Our God is all in all

Talk

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, we confess that we have sinned in
thought, word and deed. We have not loved
you with our whole heart. We have not
loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your
mercy forgive what we have been, help us to
amend what we are, and direct what we
shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from
all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all
goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Christ Church

May God, to whose sole glory this parish church is
raised, prosper its ministry. May God, who created
man in his image to be a maker and craftsman, and
in the joy of creation to be a mirror of his triune
Majesty, reward the makers and builders of this
church. May God, of his tender love and mercy,
grant that none who enter this church to worship
him, may miss the true knowledge of himself,
whose truth is in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Matthew 25.31-46 (*Church Bible page 831*)

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

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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

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And his name is Jesus, the Messiah

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:
Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers

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

The Peace

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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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Jesus is King and I will extol him
Give him the glory and honour his name
He reigns on high enthroned in the heavens
Word of the Father exalted for us

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain
Gone through the curtain and touching the throne
We have a Priest who is there interceding
Pouring his grace on our lives day by day

We come to him our Priest and Apostle
Clothed in his glory and bearing his name
Laying our lives with gladness before him
Filled with his Spirit we worship the King

O Holy One our hearts do adore you
Thrilled with your goodness we give you our praise
Angels in light with worship surround him
Jesus our Saviour forever the same

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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

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

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I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ you ascended to the throne
of heaven to rule over all things as Lord and
King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace, that the whole
created order may come to worship at your
feet. **Amen.**

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In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By his blood and in His Name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong
to do his will, that you may reign with him in
glory; 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.