

*Worship in Song*

At your name

*Introduction*

Today is the second Sunday before Lent. In the reading set for today from Colossians chapter 1, Paul, the apostle, writes about Jesus, the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, by whom all things were created.

*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*

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.

Holy God, we have deceived ourselves into believing our sins aren't that bad, that your grace isn't enough, and that we can earn your forgiveness. We have lived as people pacified

by our possessions and dulled by our duties. We have failed to live in the power of the Spirit as your followers. We refuse to step outside of our comfort zones, and we are lukewarm about taking up your cross and following you. Change us, we pray, from the inside out. Help us to live humbly and sacrificially as your servants in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Gloria*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Prayer for Today*

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

*Bible Reading*

Colossians 1:15-23 (*Church Bible p983*)

This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

*Sermon*

### *Worship in Song*

At your name the mountains shake and crumble  
At your name the oceans roar and tumble  
At your name angels will bow  
The earth will rejoice, your people cry out

Lord of all the earth we shout your name  
Shout your name  
Filling up the skies with endless praise  
Endless praise, Yahweh Yahweh  
We love to shout your name oh Lord

At your name the morning breaks in glory  
At your name creation sings your story  
At your name angels will bow  
The earth will rejoice, your people cry out

### *Bridge*

There is no one like our God  
We will praise you praise you  
There's no one like our God  
We will sing we will sing

### *A Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. Please forgive me. I now turn from everything that I know is wrong. Thank you that you died on the cross for me, so that I could be forgiven and set free. Thank you that you offer me forgiveness and the gift of your Spirit. I now receive that gift. Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me forever. Thank you Lord Jesus. Amen.

### *Affirmation of Faith*

Let us confess our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God:  
We believe in Christ, the image of God the invisible, first-born of all creation; in whom were created all things in heaven and earth seen and unseen, states, power, rulers and authorities; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the first-born from the dead. Amen.

### *Prayers*

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

### *Mission Update from Life Association*

#### *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*

God of life, Saviour of the poor, receive with this money gratitude for your goodness, penitence for our pride and dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

### *Worship in Song*

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord  
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord  
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord  
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God  
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne  
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone

### *Worship in Song*

Who has held the oceans in his hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on his throne  
Come let us adore him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of his words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon his hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Saviour risen now to reign

#### *Bridge*

You will reign forever

#### *Worship in Song*

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,  
In perfect harmony, the man who is God.  
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

Oh, what a mystery, meekness and majesty,  
Bow down and worship,  
For this is your God, this is your God.

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,  
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice;  
And as they crucify prays Father forgive.

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible;  
Love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

#### *Prayer after Communion*

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life  
was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your  
Church: may we who have been nourished at  
your table on earth be transformed by the  
glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the  
delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

#### *Worship in Song*

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night  
We will walk the valley with you by our side  
You will go before us, you will lead the way  
We have found a refuge only you can save

Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still your love is sure  
You will not abandon, you will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

#### *Bridge*

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave his Son to free us  
Holds me in his love

#### *Blessing*

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his  
service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and 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.