

*Worship in Song*

From the chaos of darkness

*Welcome*

*Worship in Song*

Creation sings the Father's song;  
He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day,  
Till evening comes in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow  
His breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle's flight,  
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah. Let all creation stand and sing:  
Hallelujah. Fill the earth with songs of worship  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;  
The ageless One in time's embrace,  
Unveiled the Father's plan  
Of reconciling God and man.  
A second Adam walked the earth  
Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free  
To live with him eternally.

Creation longs for his return,  
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage  
Are birth pains of a coming age.  
When he renews the land and sky  
All heaven will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme:  
The glory of our God and King.

*Confession*

Almighty God, we confess that too often we  
have taken the easy way of the world, rather  
than your way, and so have grieved your  
heart of love. We have been slow to admit  
that we are not our own, but belong to you:  
In your mercy forgive us and help us. We  
have been unwilling to see that we are

bought with the price of Christ's blood: In  
your mercy forgive us and help us. We have  
been unprepared to live out our lives as your  
servants: In your mercy forgive us and help  
us. Raise us by the power of your love, and  
fill us anew with the joy of your Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Jesus, the Son of God, was tempted in every way  
that we are, and is now at the throne of grace  
presenting to God our case for mercy. Therefore,  
we can approach God's throne in confidence.  
Sisters and brothers, because of Jesus death on the  
cross and your faith in him, your sins are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.

*Prayer for Today*

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in  
majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be  
strengthened to suffer with him and be changed  
into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive  
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, 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*

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast  
For my Saviour loves me so, he will hold me fast

Those he saves are his delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in his holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

For my life he bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When he comes at last

### *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.

### *The Peace*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

### *Offertory Prayer*

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. By his mercy we present not just our money but our whole lives to God as a living sacrifice. 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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.  
He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

### *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*

### *Worship in Song*

As the deer pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
Even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

### *Worship in Song*

From the chaos of darkness  
Your word shaped the earth  
In your image a people made  
But we traded perfection the truth for a lie  
And your glory was veiled in shame  
But a promise made a blessing you gave  
To a people of your name  
For this broken world a Saviour foretold  
To bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly Saviour descended his throne  
All my sin on his shoulders laid  
And to win our redemption he suffered and died  
For the sake of my guilt and shame  
Oh the price he paid in taking my place  
So that death was overcome  
When the King of love burst forth from the grave  
Proclaiming the victory won

At the end of the ages the world passed away  
I will gaze on my Saviour's face  
When my heart is perfected and free from my sin  
I will rest in your glorious grace  
For the song we raise the works of our hands  
Are in service of the King  
When a thousand tongues cry glory to God  
Forever his praise we'll sing

### *Worship in Song*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong a perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

### *Prayer after Communion*

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of  
Jesus Christ, may we who are partakers at his  
table reflect his life in word and deed, that all  
the world may know his power to change and  
save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

### *Worship in Song*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide his face  
I rest on his unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in him be found  
Dressed in his righteousness alone  
Faultless I stand before the throne  
Faultless I stand before the throne

### *Blessing*

May the Father from whom every family in  
earth and heaven receives its name strengthen  
you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that  
Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; 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.