

Worship in Song

From the chaos of darkness

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

Our great high priest, Jesus Christ, knows all
our weaknesses, and can sympathize, because
he was tested in every way we are, only
without sinning. So let us come boldly to the
throne of grace, where we can find mercy and
grace to help when we need it most.

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty
days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are,
yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our
weakness, so may we know your power to save;
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.

Video - The story of Noah

Bible Reading

Genesis 9.8-17 (*Church Bible page 7*)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your word
Words of power strong to save
That will never pass away
I will stand on every promise of your word
For your covenant is sure
And on this I am secure
I can stand on every promise from your word

When I stumble and I sin
Condemnation pressing in
I will stand on every promise of your word
You are faithful to forgive
That in freedom I might live
So I stand on every promise of your word
Guilt to innocence restored
You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on every promise of your word

When I'm faced with anguished choice
I will listen for your voice
And I'll stand on every promise of your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with your hand
As I stand on every promise of your word
And you've promised to complete
Every work begun in me
So I'll stand on every promise of your word

Hope that lifts me from despair
Love that casts out every fear
As I stand on every promise of your word
Not forsaken not alone
For the Comforter has come
And I stand on every promise of your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on every promise of your word

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he

ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

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

The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

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

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels 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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Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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Now when peace like a river attendeth my soul
And when sorrows like sea billows roll
Then whatever my lot you have taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

It is well with my soul
When the storms of winter blow
And the cares of this world take their toll
In the heat of the day there is grace enough to say
It is well it is well with my soul

And when Satan should tempt me
And trials should come
Let this blessed assurance control
For He sees every weakness and knows every fear
And has shed his own blood for my soul

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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

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living
bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach
us always to hunger for him who is the true and
living bread, and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to
deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow
him; and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you
now and always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.