

Worship in Song

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven

Welcome

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it."

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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

Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and ascended for us: we have not loved you as our Redeemer, nor obeyed you as our Lord; we have not brought our prayers to you, nor heeded your tears shed over

the world. Forgive us, we pray; breathe into us a new spirit of service, and make us joyfully obedient to your will: for your glory's sake. Amen

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers for Today

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Bible Reading

Mark 8.27-38 (*Church Bible page 844*)

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

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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

Sermon

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who
has given us access to his grace.

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

Notices

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You laid aside your majesty, gave up everything for me,
Suffered at the hands of those you had created
You took all my guilt and shame,
When you died and rose again;
Now today you reign, in heaven and earth exalted

I really want to worship you my Lord,
You have won my heart and I am yours
For ever and ever; I will love you.
You are the only one who died for me,
Gave your life to set me free,
So I lift my voice to you in adoration.

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.

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

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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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God

Come and behold him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a holy God
Only my holy God

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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

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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How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon he has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

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Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes he rose that we would be free indeed
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that cross

Ending

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross

Blessing

May the Father, who so loved the world that
he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his
eternal life. Amen.

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in
obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as
you walk with him the way of his cross. Amen.

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer
with Christ that we may share his glory, set
your minds on life and peace. Amen.

And may 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.