

Worship in Song

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Welcome

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How good it is to sing, to bring our praise to him
Whose love and mercy knows no end
He brings the sun and rain, he calls each star by name
The universe resounds with praise

O shout for joy to God and sing a new song
Extol the Lord of life for his provision
And he delights in those who love and fear him
All those who put their hope in God

He gathers families, orphans and refugees
And binds the wounds of those who mourn
The humble lifted high, the proud he casts aside
His justice faithful as the dawn

What friend or foe can last, before his icy blast
The winds and waves obey his voice
Yet mercy will prevail, his love will reconcile
The nations of the earth to him

Thanksgiving Prayer

Today, let us give thanks to God for the gift of
mothers and the mother-like nurture that
many people show to others in their lives.
Isaiah wrote that God is like a mother to us,
comforting and carrying us in her arms: 'As a
mother comforts her child, so will I comfort
you'. *(Isaiah 66.13)*
Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget
us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows
her own children: 'Can a mother forget the
baby at her breast and have no compassion on
the child she has borne? Though she may
forget, I will not forget you.' *(Isaiah 49.15)*
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Jesus spoke of himself like a mother hen
gathers her chicks under her wings:
'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often I have
longed to gather your children together, as a
hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but
you were not willing.' *(Lk 13.34)*
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Paul writes about his missionary ministry and
likenes his work to that of a nurse who looks
after those in her care: '...but we were gentle
among you, like a nursing mother caring for
her little children.' *(1 Thess 2.7)*
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Confession

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value
the love of others and our failure to love as
Christ has loved us.

We have failed to nurture the needy,
Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to make space in our lives for
the broken-hearted. Christ, have mercy.

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld
their love from us. Lord, have mercy.

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Special Prayer for Today

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ,
the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in
Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole
human family to himself: strengthen us in our
daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may
know the power of your presence to bind
together and to heal; 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

Colossians 3.12–17 (*Church Bible p984*)

John 19.25-27 (*Church Bible p905*)

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

Sermon

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Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus his family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams
Now one through grace alone
How could I now dishonour
The ones that you have loved
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in his footsteps
Where promised hope is found
How great the joy before us
To be his perfect bride
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.
We believe in God the Father, from whom every
family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our
hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who
strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy
Spirit. Amen.

Video - Nigel & Nicky's story

A Prayer for mothers

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:
thank you God for their care and concern; thank
you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for
us; thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 offered up his life for us
with a love beyond imagining; with a love
which dispels fear; with a love which holds and
guides us through life's trials and joys.

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

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A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know
That you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.
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Offertory Prayer

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you,
Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you
be praised forever and ever. 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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

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

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story:
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story:
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As God's children, and heirs with Christ, we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.

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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How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that is finished.

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Great is he like none before
Son of God the living word
Oh praise oh sing praise
He walked the waves of Galilee
Raised the dead and calmed the sea
Give thanks to his name

Praise the King of Majesty
Praise the Lamb who died for me
Praise the Christ our victory
We'll sing forever great is he
Jesus our Saviour great is he

Then he died on Calvary
The bravest one there'll ever be
His love made a way
No heart could carry what he held
Our sin upon his shoulders fell
Oh grace oh such grace

See he reigns in glory now
Every worldly kingdom bow
To him all to him
He rules above all time and space
Yet in his heart we have a place
Lift high heaven's King

Bridge

Hallelujah, there is no one greater than you
Jesus King Jesus

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children,
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life: help us who have
tasted your goodness to grow in grace within
the household of faith; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

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My soul will sing with all the strength I have in me
I will rejoice with every day he gives
I will recall the wonders he has shown to me
His power to heal his mercy to forgive
We join with angels to sing his praises
He does not treat us as our sins deserve

High as the heavens reach above the earth
Is your unfailing love, is your unfailing love
Far as the east is banished from the west
You took our sins from us
removed our sins from us
How wide how high is your unfailing love

Our King delights to show compassion to the weak
Their deepest needs he loves to satisfy
Throughout the earth
His justice and his mercy speak
And he will run to meet the victim's cry
From everlasting to everlasting
Our youth renewed with every step we take

Though we are dust a moment in eternity
As flowers bloom today and then are gone
He crowns our lives with beauty and with dignity
His patience smiles on all who turn to him
From generation to generation
We'll tell the story of his faithfulness

Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,
strengthen us for daily life. May the Lord who
provides for all our needs sustain us day by
day. May the Lord whose steadfast love is for
all, send us out to live and work for others. 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.

Giving of Flowers