

Worship in Song

Sister let me wipe your tears - new song

Welcome

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You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of your voice
Let the skies declare your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

You're the Author of creation
You're the Lord of every man
And your cry of love rings out across the lands

Yet you left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer you fed the hungry
With a word you stilled the sea
Yet how silently you suffered
That the guilty may go free

With a shout you rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in your wake
Now you stand before the Father
Interceding for your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

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.

Special Prayer for Today

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Hebrews 4.15 - 5.10 (*Church Bible page 1003*)

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

Sermon

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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.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen
and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of
the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true
God from true God, begotten, not made, of one
Being with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the
third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in
the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers

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

Notices

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ
Jesus we have been brought near through the
shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

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May the peace of God our heavenly Father
And the grace of Christ the risen Son
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love

And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of kings

May this peace which passes understanding
And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of his communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking
the form of a servant. Through your love, make
us servants of one another. Lord Jesus Christ, for
our sake you became poor. May our lives and
gifts enrich the life of your world. 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our
salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in words 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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Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

This the power of the cross Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows his head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the victory cry

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love

This the power of the cross Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

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What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we
do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do
also for you: give us the will to be the servant of
others as you were the servant of all, and gave up
your life and died for us, but are alive and reign,
now and for ever. Amen.

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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

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in
him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for
hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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.