

Worship in Song

God so loved, that he gave his Son

Welcome & Easter Greeting

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah

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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

Saying Sorry

We come to God as one from whom no secrets
are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace:

Loving God, we confess that we are not what
we should be. So we come now before you,
seeking your mercy. Forgive us everything
that spoils our life: the pride, greed,
selfishness and envy that alienate us from
others, and also from you. Forgive us our
unkind words, foolish deeds and unworthy
thoughts; our weakness of will and
carelessness in discipleship. Work within us
and, by your grace, make us whole, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God who loved the world so much that he
sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Reading

John 15.1-8 (*Church Bible page 901*)

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

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God so loved, that he gave his Son
To lay down his life for the sake of us
He bore the weight of our sin and shame
With a cry he said, 'It is finished'
Christ the Lord overcame the darkness
He's alive, death has been defeated

For he made us a way
By which we have been saved
He's the Saviour of the world
So we lift up a shout for his fame and renown
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Jesus, Saviour of the world

We must spread the word of his soon return
To reclaim the world for his glory
Let the church now sing of this coming King
Crowned with majesty, our Redeemer
And he reigns, ruler of the heavens
And his name is Jesus, the Messiah

Bridge

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Sermon

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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

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of Sebastian

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Sebastian and uphold him in his new life in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Sebastian with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

Parents and godparents:
With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Sebastian begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and godparents:
With the help of God, we will.

Baptismal Promises *The Paschal candle is lit.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
Parents and godparents: I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
Parents and godparents: I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
Parents and godparents: I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
Parents and godparents: I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
Parents and godparents: I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
Parents and godparents: I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Sebastian, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in the you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. Amen.

Prayer over the Water

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him. Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. Amen.

We proclaim what we believe

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Baptism

Sebastian, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. Amen.

Living as a baptised Christian

We have brought Sebastian to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for him and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ he will know the forgiveness of his sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As Sebastian grows up, he will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community so that he may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve his neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support him by prayer, example and teaching. As his parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping him in his early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding Sebastian in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Sebastian and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Sebastian, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Welcome

Sebastian, God has received you by baptism into his Church.

We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We are members together of the body of Christ; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we are inheritors together of the kingdom of God. We welcome you.

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Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That you would take my place
That you would bear my cross
You laid down your life, that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of glory, the King of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory the King above all kings

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Prayers

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

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, accept the gifts that we bring,
and with them our lives, to be used in your
service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley with you by our side
You will go before us, you will lead the way
We have found a refuge only you can save

Sing with joy now our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back still your love is sure
You will not abandon, you will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Bridge

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave his Son to free us
Holds me in his love

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in
his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your
hearts; 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.