

Worship in Song

O Church, arise, and put your armour on

Welcome & Introduction

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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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken
and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us
come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in
penitence and faith.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, we confess that we have sinned in
thought, word and deed. We have not loved

you with our whole heart. We have not
loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your
mercy forgive what we have been, help us to
amend what we are, and direct what we shall
be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and
walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you
your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may
find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Bible Reading

1 Samuel 3.1–20 (*Church Bible page 227*)

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

Sermon

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them - they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them - my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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.

Prayers

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

Notices

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we
were all baptized into one body. Let us then
pursue all that makes for peace and builds up
our common life.

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

Hymn to conclude The Peace

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

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 is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord
God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word, and all things
have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us
in the garden of your delight. Though we
chose the path of rebellion you would not
abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your
covenant of grace. You gave your people the
law and taught us by your prophets to look for
your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on
earth, we echo the song of the angels in
heaven, evermore 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.

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

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.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.
Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.
Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.
Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

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

Worship in Song - during communion

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life, without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Saviour

Worship in Song - during communion

Sister let me wipe your tears
Brother let me bear your fears
Come on every daughter every son
Let us walk in love for we are one

Though we walk a long and broken road
We are here to bear each other's load
And forgive as you've forgiven us
Let us walk in love for we are one

We are one in the Father's love
We of every tribe and every tongue
We are found in the risen Son
We are bound together by his blood
Let us walk in love for we are one

There's a love that conquers all divides
There's a love that paid the greatest price
For the battle over death is won
Now alive in Christ we live as one

On the day you come to call us home
With the multitude before the throne
Now with all the saints who've overcome
For eternity we'll sing as one

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in
your Son and brought us home. Dying and
living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory. May we who
share Christ's body live his risen life; we who
drink his cup bring life to others; we whom
the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep
us firm in the hope you have set before us, so
we and all your children shall be free, and the
whole earth live to praise your name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to
you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you
peace 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.