

*Worship in Song*

I am alive saved by your sacrifice

*Welcome & Introduction*

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Man of sorrows Lamb of God  
By his own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as he stood accused  
Beaten mocked and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will  
He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed him to that tree

*Bridge*

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full  
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away  
Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised  
He's risen from the grave

*Confession*

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*

Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of  
the universe. You transform shepherds into  
kings and hardened hearts into loving ones.  
Bless us with your life-giving Spirit, re-create  
us in your image, and shape us to your  
purposes, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Bible Reading*

1 Samuel 16.1-13 (*Church Bible page 238*)

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

*Sermon*

*Worship in Song*

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Be thou my shield and my sword for the fight  
Be thou my dignity be thou my might  
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower  
Raise thou me heavenward O power of my power

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and thou only, be first in my heart  
High King of heaven my treasure thou art

High King of heaven when victory is won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

### *Affirmation of Faith*

Using the words from Colossians chapter 1,  
let us confess our faith in the Son of God:  
Christ is the image of the invisible God, the  
firstborn over all creation. By him all things were  
created: things in heaven and on earth, visible  
and invisible, thrones, powers, rulers, and  
authorities; all things were created by him and  
for him. He is before all things and in him all  
things hold together. He is the head of the body,  
the Church; he is the beginning and the firstborn  
from the dead. Amen.

### *Prayers*

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

### *Banns of Marriage & Notices*

#### *The Peace*

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his  
seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

#### *Worship in Song*

As the deer pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
Even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

### *Offertory Prayer*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have this money to  
offer, the fruit of our labour and of the skills you  
have given us. Take us and our possessions to do  
your work in the 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.

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*

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*

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven.  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make his will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
A consolation strong against despair,  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit  
I find the Saviour there.  
Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold his face.  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home

#### *Worship in Song - during communion*

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who bore my pain  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again

Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me with his light  
And wrote his law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who reigns above  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace  
Whose every thought is love  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King  
So I will give my life my all  
To love and follow him.

#### *Prayer after Communion*

Eternal God and Father, whose Son at supper  
prayed that his disciples might be one, as he is  
one with you: draw us closer to him, that in  
common love and obedience to you we may  
be united to one another in the fellowship of  
the one Spirit, that the world may believe that  
he is Lord, to your eternal glory; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### *Worship in Song*

I am alive saved by your sacrifice  
Death overcome glory dispels the night  
You call the lifeless to wake from death to life  
Out of darkness arise

I am set free saved from the power of sin  
Guilt overcome your Spirit at work within  
You break the chains of the law I am released  
From the burden of sin

Now we cry Father we are your children  
We are adopted as your own  
No condemnation we are forgiven  
Nothing can take us from your love

I am redeemed raised with my Saviour Christ  
Fear overcome I will be glorified  
You will forever defend and stand beside  
I am safe in your love

#### *Bridge*

Creation awaits the glorious day  
When Jesus returns and trials will fade

#### *Blessing*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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.