

Worship in Song

There is good news for the captive

Welcome & Introduction

Worship in Song

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God

Come and behold him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a holy God, only my holy God

Confession

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and ascended for us: we have not loved you as our Redeemer, nor obeyed you as our Lord; we have not brought our prayers to you, nor heeded your tears shed over the world. Forgive us, we pray; breathe into us a new spirit of service, and make us joyfully obedient to your will: for your glory's sake. Amen.

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Video - Bishop Philip

Bible Reading (Alan Waterfield)
Acts 4.23-31 (*Church Bible page 912*)

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

Sermon

including video of Archdeacon David Picken

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Lord Jesus you have built your church
You are our faithful living Head
Across the years the flame has passed
Across the earth the light has spread

Lord Jesus build your church today
May we be faithful to your word
Delighting in its glorious truth
Rejoicing in its gracious Lord

Keep us in the faith
Make us one in Christ
Pressing on in hope to win the prize
Let the light still shine
May the flame burn bright
Till the day your glory fills the skies

Lord Jesus build your church today
May we be faithful to your love
One body bound by bonds of peace
One holy bride for Christ our God

Lord Jesus build your church today
May we be faithful to proclaim
To go and make your gospel known
To go and magnify your name

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator
of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried; he descended to
the dead. On the third day he rose again; he
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. 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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to
God in one body by the cross. We meet in his
name and share his peace.

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

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

Offertory Prayer

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord. By his mercy we present not
just our money but our whole lives to God as a
living sacrifice. 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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through
your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living
Word, through whom you have created all
things; who was sent by you in your great
goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as
your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on
earth and went about among us; he opened wide
his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to
death by dying for us; and revealed the
resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled
your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and
with all the company of heaven, we proclaim
your great and glorious name, for ever 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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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

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

Worship in Song - during communion

You called my name
Before you formed the earth
You saw my frame
Knit me together with a word
You designed my heart to know you
Breathing life into my bones
Forever you have loved me as your own

You are my Father, I am your child
Loved and accepted
Nothing could separate us now
Adopted forever, purchased with blood
You are my Father, and I am a child of God

You know my need
Before I ever call
You guide my feet
Teach me to plant my steps in yours
And you comfort and protect me
With new mercies day by day
You know my weakness yet your love remains

And when I fall
And wander from your ways
Ashamed by it all
Fearing I've squandered all your grace
Then I turn and see you running
With forgiveness in your gaze
Still I'm welcome in my Father's embrace

Worship in Song - during communion
We are his kingdom we are his bride
For us he paid the price, for us he bled and died
We are his people his treasured prize
For us he conquered sin for he is risen

With thankfulness we will sing
With thankfulness we will sing
So we declare the praises
Of Jesus Saviour and King
He is the cornerstone Hallelujah
And now we stand as his church
Until the day when he comes in glory, hallelujah

We are a priesthood beloved ones
He draws the scattered near
He builds his kingdom here
A holy nation now set apart
To be his hands and feet
To speak his mercy

With thankfulness we will sing
Adopted now we are his

Prayer after Communion
Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us
faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking
of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Come set your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are your church, we need your power in us

We seek your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are your church, we pray revive this earth

Build your kingdom here, let the darkness fear
Show your mighty hand, heal our streets and land
Set your church on fire, win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build your kingdom here we pray

Unleash your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are your church, we are the hope on earth

Blessing

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world.
May the lips that have sung your praises
always speak the truth; may the ears which
have heard your Word listen only to what is
good and may our lives as well as our worship
be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And may 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.