

Worship in Song

There is strength within the sorrow

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

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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

Confession

Loving God, we know what we should be
and we know what we are, the gulf between
the two so wide. So we come now in shame
and sorrow before you, seeking your mercy.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have
wandered and strayed from your ways like lost
sheep. We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts. We have offended
against your holy laws. We have left undone
those things that we ought to have done; and we
have done those things that we ought not to have
done; and there is no health in us. But you, O
Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare those
who confess their faults. Restore those who are
penitent, according to your promises declared to
mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O
most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may
live a disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the
glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the
world to save sinners, bring you his pardon
and peace, now and for ever. Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

Lord God, good shepherd of our lives, guide us
to the still waters, lead us on the right paths,
walk beside us when we go through our
darkest valleys that we may know your
comforting presence with us always. Amen.

Bible Reading

Psalm 23 (*Church Bible page 458*)

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

Sermon

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The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

Affirmation of Faith

Let us acclaim the Lord our God:
We believe in God the eternal Father; heaven
and earth are full of his glory. We believe in
Jesus Christ, his true and only Son; he became
man to set us free from sin. We believe in the
Holy Spirit; he is our advocate and guide. 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.

The Peace

Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with
you; my peace I give you. Not as the world
gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be
troubled or afraid.'

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

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There is good news for the captive
Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter
The one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

He's our rescuer, he's our rescuer
We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound
Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our rescuer

He is beauty for the blind man
Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary
Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Bridge

So come and be chainless
Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary

Offertory Prayer

Lord our shepherd, you fill our cup and provide
all that we need. May our gifts to you reflect
your overflowing abundance to us. 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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all
creation; in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us, but
came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and 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. Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And you meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sovereign over us

You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand your ways
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and you uphold me
And your promises are my delight

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Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good, and for your glory
Even in the valley you are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good, and for your glory

Worship in Song - during communion

Hear me Lord out of the depths I call
Comfort and guard my heart shelter me in this storm
Turn to me see my distress and need
Weary and poor I come calling upon your name

You are forgiving and good
Abounding in love to the faithful who call
No other god can compare to you
Great is your mercy and grace
With all of my heart I will sing of your name
No other power can save but you

Teach me God show me the righteous path
Lead me to walk with you trusting you all my days
Hear my cry with terror on every side
Justice will soon prevail you are the God who saves

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, comforter of the afflicted and
healer of the broken, you have fed us at the
table of life and hope: teach us the ways of
gentleness and peace, that all the world may
acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, 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

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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

Go now into the world without fear,
strengthened by the shepherd of our souls.
Live by God's word, walk in God's paths. And
may the love of God be with you everywhere;
may the presence of Jesus, his Son, walk with
you through the dark valleys of doubt and
despair; and may the Holy Spirit fill your cup to
overflowing with God's goodness and mercy;

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.