

*Worship in Song*

These are the days of Elijah / Hear me Lord

*Welcome*

*Worship in Song*

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

*Confession*

Almighty God, our Father, we come to you  
with humble hearts, to confess our sins:

For turning away from you, and ignoring your  
will for our lives:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish without thinking of you:  
Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For failing you - not only by what we do, but  
also by our thoughts and words:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For acting as if we were ashamed to belong to  
your dear Son Jesus:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

Father, we have failed you often, and humbly  
ask your forgiveness: help us so to live that  
others may see your glory; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 of all power and might, the author and  
giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the  
love of your name, increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness, and of your great  
mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus  
Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Bible Reading*

2 Chronicles 6.12-21 & 6.36-7.3 (*Bible page 257*)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Sermon*

*Worship in Song*

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

### *The Apostles' Creed*

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

### *The Peace*

Once we were far off, but now in union with  
Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he  
is our peace.

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

### *Worship in Song*

We all like sheep ... have gone astray  
Each of us turned ... to our own way  
God sees our sin ... he knows our hearts  
He sent his Son ... to die for us

So we turn away from sin  
To believe and trust in him  
Because Jesus died and rose again  
We are his forgiven friends

Led like a lamb ... taken away  
Nailed to a cross ... laid in a grave  
Stricken by God ... crushed for our sin  
Our punishment ... poured out on him

Out with the old ... in with the new  
Eyes that were blind ... see what is true  
No longer slaves ... God made us sons  
He paid the price ... our guilt is gone

### *Offertory Prayer*

Heavenly Father, your love for us is beyond  
measure. Help us to offer for your work a due  
proportion of what we have, in gratitude for  
what you have given us. This we pray in Jesus  
name who gave his very life for 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.

Father, you made the world and love your  
creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be  
our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free  
from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels 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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey  
his command, send your Holy Spirit, that  
broken bread and wine outpoured may be for  
us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper  
with his friends and, taking bread, he praised  
you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and  
said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given  
for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:  
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you  
come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand  
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am  
For hands that should discard me  
Hold wounds which tell me come  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus his family is my own  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams  
Now one through grace alone  
How could I now dishonour  
The ones that you have loved  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
See the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
The path before the crown  
We follow in his footsteps  
Where promised hope is found  
How great the joy before us  
To be his perfect bride  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
We will gladly live our lives

#### *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 price 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

### *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.

### *Worship in Song*

My soul will sing with all the strength I have in me  
I will rejoice with every day he gives  
I will recall the wonders he has shown to me  
His power to heal his mercy to forgive  
We join with angels to sing his praises  
He does not treat us as our sins deserve

High as the heavens reach above the earth  
Is your unfailing love, is your unfailing love  
Far as the east is banished from the west  
You took our sins from us  
removed our sins from us  
How wide how high is your unfailing love

Our King delights to show compassion to the weak  
Their deepest needs he loves to satisfy  
Throughout the earth  
His justice and his mercy speak  
And he will run to meet the victim's cry  
From everlasting to everlasting  
Our youth renewed with every step we take

Though we are dust a moment in eternity  
As flowers bloom today and then are gone  
He crowns our lives with beauty and with dignity  
His patience smiles on all who turn to him  
From generation to generation  
We'll tell the story of his faithfulness

### *Blessing*

Go now into the world, strengthened by the gifts with which Christ has fed you. Be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly. Live by God's word, avoiding lies and violence. Walk in God's paths and never stray. And may God's wonderful love be with you everywhere; may Christ Jesus feed you with his body and word; and may the Holy Spirit fill you with God's presence; 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.