

*Worship in Song*

These are the days of Elijah

*Welcome*

*Worship in Song*

Who has held the oceans in his hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on his throne  
Come let us adore him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of his words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon his hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Saviour risen now to reign

*Bridge*

You will reign forever

*Confession*

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to get involved in difficult situations, and for the times when we are tempted to do what is easy rather than what is right:  
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:  
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to boast, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ:  
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use power to influence and control others:  
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

Merciful God, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. So strengthen us with your Spirit that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Special Prayer for Today*

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bible Reading*

1 Kings 12.1-15 (*Bible page 293*)

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

*Sermon*

*Worship in Song*

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the word of the Lord  
And these are the days of your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trial,  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Behold he comes riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call  
Lift your voice in the year of jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
These are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers in your vineyard  
Declaring the word of the Lord

### *For Strength to Follow Jesus*

Jesus said: 'If one of you wants to be great, he  
must be the servant of the rest'  
Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Unless you change and become  
humble like little children, you can never enter  
the Kingdom of heaven'  
Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Happy are those who are humble;  
they will receive what God has promised.'  
Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Be merciful just as your Father is  
merciful; love your enemies and do good to them.'  
Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Love one another, just as I love you;  
the greatest love a person can have for his  
friends is to give his life for them'  
Master we hear your call: help us to follow

Jesus said: 'Go to all peoples everywhere and  
make them my disciples, and I will be with you  
always, to the end of the world'  
Master we hear your call: help us to follow

Lord, you have redeemed us and called us to  
your service: give us grace to hear your word  
and to obey your commandment; for your  
mercy's sake. Amen.

### *Prayers*

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

### *The Peace*

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be  
called children of God. We meet in the name  
of Christ and share his peace.

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

### *Worship in Song*

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*

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this money, symbol  
of the work you have given us to do; use it,  
use us, in the service of your world to the  
glory of your name. 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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all place to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest who has loosed us from our sins and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you our God and Father.

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.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;

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*

Your love, shining like the sun,  
Pouring like the rain, raging like the storm,  
Refreshing me again - Oooh  
I receive your love.

Pour over me, pour over me,  
Let your rain flood this thirsty soul.  
Pour over me your waves of love, pour over me

Your grace frees me from the past,  
It purges every sin, it purifies my heart  
And heals me from within - Oooh  
I receive your grace.

I come and lay my burden down  
Gladly at your feet, I'm opening my heart,  
Come make this joy complete - Oooh  
I receive your peace.

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

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour,  
I know for sure, all of my days are held in your hand,  
Crafted into Your perfect plan.  
You gently call me into your presence,  
Guiding me by your Holy Spirit.  
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life  
Through your eyes.

I'm captured by your holy calling,  
Set me apart I know you're drawing me to yourself;  
Lead me, Lord, I pray.  
Take me, mould me, use me, fill me;  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me;  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

### *Prayer after Communion*

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life. Glory be to you for ever. Amen.

#### *Worship in Song*

Now when peace like a river attendeth my soul  
And when sorrows like sea billows roll  
Then whatever my lot you have taught me to say  
It is well it is well with my soul

It is well with my soul  
When the storms of winter blow  
And the cares of this world take their toll  
In the heat of the day there is grace enough to say  
It is well it is well with my soul

And when Satan should tempt me  
And trials should come  
Let this blessed assurance control  
For He sees every weakness and knows every fear  
And has shed his own blood for my soul

#### *Blessing*

Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord and follow wherever it leads. Allow no room for deceit within yourself, but offer yourself as a temple for the Holy Spirit. And may God be with you and speak through you; may Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life; and may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy. 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.