

Worship in Song

In days of peace and days of rest

Welcome

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.

Bible Reading

Matthew 14.22-33 (*New Testament page 820*)

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

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What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Saviour still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

Affirmation of Faith

Using the words from Colossians 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.

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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

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We want to see Jesus lifted high,
A banner that flies across this land,
That all men may see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven. *(Repeat)*

We want to see, we want to see,
We want to see Jesus lifted high. *(Repeat)*

Step by step we're moving forward,
Little by little taking ground,
Every prayer a powerful weapon,
Strongholds come tumbling down,
And down, and down, and down.

Offertory Prayer

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you,
Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you
be praised forever and ever. 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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord
God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word, and all things
have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us
in the garden of your delight. Though we
chose the path of rebellion you would not
abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your
covenant of grace. You gave your people the
law and taught us by your prophets to look for
your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on
earth, we echo the song of the angels in
heaven, evermore 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 God, you are the most holy one, enthroned
in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your
Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your
love made perfect in our human weakness.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the
way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave
himself to death for us; dying for his own, he
set us free from the bonds of sin, that we
might rise and reign with him in glory.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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

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

Spirit of heaven flood over me
Forming Christ in all that I do
Turn every sinful desire in me
Into holy passion for You

O Spirit of God come down
Let mercy and grace abound
My passionate prayer shall be
Christ in me

Spirit of beauty and holiness
Come refine with fire from above
Till I am cast in Your righteousness
And I love the things that You love

Breathe Your forgiveness when darkness falls
And my heart is heavy with sin
Fill me with faith for the higher cause
Of the ceaseless praise of the King

Worship in Song - during communion

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that is finished.

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that
what we do for the least of our brothers and
sisters we do also for you: give us the will to
be the servant of others as you were the
servant of all, and gave up your life and died
for us, but are alive and reign, now and for
ever. Amen.

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In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor your word is true
That all my ways are known to you

No trial has come beyond your hand
No step I walk beyond your plan
The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to you

And O what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to you
Hallelujah they are known to you

I do not fear the final night
For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to you

Bridge

Open up my eyes so I may see
That you have made these ways for me
Open up my eyes so I may see
That you my God will walk with me

Blessing

May the Father, who so loved the world that
he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his
eternal life. Amen.

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in
obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast
as you walk with him the way of his cross. Amen.

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer
with Christ that we may share his glory, set
your minds on life and peace. Amen.

And may the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with
you now and always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.