

*Worship in Song*  
Blessèd is the man

*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 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.

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*  
God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the  
fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in  
service; 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*  
Psalm 1 (*Old Testament page 448*)

This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

*Worship in Song*  
Blessed is the man, the man who does not walk  
in the counsel of the wicked  
Blessed is the man  
who doesn't stand in the sinners way  
or sit in the seat of mockers  
Blessed is the man. Blessed is the man

Blessed is the man, that man for his delight  
is in the law of the Lord  
Blessed is the man, the man who meditates  
on the word both day and night

But he shall be like a tree that's planted by the streams  
which yields its fruit in a season;  
And whatever he does will prosper  
all that he does succeeds  
His leaf shall not wither

Not so the wicked.  
They will be like chaff that the wind will blow away

Therefore the wicked man  
in the judgment will not stand  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous

For God watches over the way  
the way of godly men  
but the way of the wicked their way will perish

Blessed is the man, that man for his delight  
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### *Sermon*

#### *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*

The King of Love is my delight,  
His eyes are fire, his face is light,  
The First and Last, the Living One, his name is Jesus.

And from his mouth there comes a sound  
That shakes the earth and splits the ground,  
And yet this voice is life to me, the voice of Jesus.

And I will sing my songs of love,  
Calling out across the earth;

The King has come, the King of love has come.  
And troubled minds can know His peace,  
Captive hearts can be released;  
The King has come, the King of love has come.

My Lover's breath is sweetest wine,  
I am His prize, and he is mine;  
How can a sinner know such joy? Because of Jesus.

The wounds of love are in His hands,  
The price is paid for sinful man;  
Accepted child, forgiven son, because of Jesus.

And my desire is to have you near;  
Lord you know that you are welcome here.  
Before such love, before such grace  
I will let the walls come down (*repeat*)

### *Offertory Prayer*

God of life, Saviour of the poor, receive with this  
money gratitude for your goodness, penitence  
for our pride and dedication to your service in  
Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

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*

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy One is here

Come bow before him now

With reverence and fear

In him no sin is found,

We stand on holy ground

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

He burns with holy fire,

With splendour he is crowned

How awesome is the sight,

Our radiant King of light

Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place

He comes to cleanse and heal

To minister his grace

No work too hard for him,

In faith receive from him

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place

### *Worship in Song - during communion*

My soul finds rest in God alone

My rock and my salvation

A fortress strong against my foes

And I will not be shaken

Though lips may bless and hearts may curse

And lies like arrows pierce me

I'll fix my heart on righteousness

I'll look to him who hears me

O praise him hallelujah  
My delight and my reward  
Everlasting never failing  
My Redeemer my God

Find rest my soul in God alone  
Amid the world's temptations  
When evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation  
Though riches come and riches go  
Don't set your heart upon them  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
Are harvested in heaven

I'll set my gaze on God alone  
And trust in him completely  
With every day pour out my soul  
And he will prove his mercy  
Though life is but a fleeting breath  
A sigh too brief to measure  
My King has crushed the curse of death  
And I am his forever

O praise him O praise him  
Hallelujah hallelujah

#### *Prayer after Communion*

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

#### *Worship in Song*

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Be thou my shield and my sword for the fight  
Be thou my dignity be thou my might  
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower  
Raise thou me heavenward O power of my power

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and thou only, be first in my heart  
High King of heaven my treasure thou art

High King of heaven when victory is won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

#### *Blessing*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path. Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart. Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace. 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.