

*Worship in Song*

Sweet is the work my God and King

*Welcome - Theme: Wise for salvation*

*Worship in Song*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord;  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name.  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might.  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul the glories of his word.  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure,  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore.

*Confession*

O God, you asked for my hands, that I might  
use them for your purpose; I gave them for a  
moment, and then withdrew them, for the  
work was hard. You asked for my mouth, to  
speak out against injustice; I gave you a  
whisper that I might not be accused. You asked  
for my eyes, to see the pain of poverty; I closed  
them, for I did not want to see.

O God, forgive me for my efforts to serve you  
only when it is convenient; only in those  
places where it is safe, and only with those  
who make it easy. O God, forgive me, renew  
me, and send me out as a servant following  
the example of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from  
our sins, and restore us in his image to the  
praise and glory of his name, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Special Prayer for Today*

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change  
and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and  
obeying your will, we may enter the unfailing  
joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bible Reading*

2 Timothy 3.1-17 (*New Testament page 996*)

This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

*Sermon*

*Worship in Song*

Speak O Lord as we come to you  
To receive the food of your holy word  
Take your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity

And by grace we'll stand on your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us  
Speak O Lord till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory

### *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*

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.

### *Worship in Song*

Sweet is the work my God and King  
To praise your name give thanks and sing  
To tell your love by morning light  
Your faithfulness all through the night

How good it is to join the song  
Angels and saints around your throne  
Lift every voice fill every lung  
Come strike the strings and beat the drum

Praise him moon and stars  
Praise him shining lights  
Praise him in the morning  
Praise him when the sun goes down

All that has breath join heaven's song  
East to west old and the young  
And bless his works and bless his name  
Tell of his love with hearts aflame

### *Offertory Prayer*

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. By his mercy we present not just our money but our whole lives to God as a living sacrifice. 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*

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:

I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven.  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make his will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
A consolation strong against despair,  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit  
I find the Saviour there.

Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear,  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold his face.

When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home

### *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

### *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*

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*

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and 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.