

Worship in Song

In the darkness there's a light before me

Welcome

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From the chaos of darkness
Your word shaped the earth
In your image a people made
But we traded perfection the truth for a lie
And your glory was veiled in shame
But a promise made a blessing you gave
To a people of your name
For this broken world a Saviour foretold
To bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly Saviour descended his throne
All my sin on his shoulders laid
And to win our redemption he suffered and died
For the sake of my guilt and shame
Oh the price he paid in taking my place
So that death was overcome
When the King of love burst forth from the grave
Proclaiming the victory won

At the end of the ages the world passed away
I will gaze on my Saviour's face
When my heart is perfected and free from my sin
I will rest in your glorious grace
For the song we raise the works of our hands
Are in service of the King
When a thousand tongues cry glory to God
Forever his praise we'll sing

Saying Sorry

We come to God as one from whom no secrets
are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace:

Loving God, we confess that we are not what
we should be. So we come now before you,
seeking your mercy. Forgive us everything
that spoils our life: the pride, greed,
selfishness and envy that alienate us from
others, and also from you. Forgive us our
unkind words, foolish deeds and unworthy

thoughts; our weakness of will and
carelessness in discipleship. Work within us
and, by your grace, make us whole, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God who loved the world so much that he
sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Growth and Renewal

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your
church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our
planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our
worship, and power to our witness. Help our
church to grow in numbers, in spiritual
commitment to you, and in service to our local
community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading

2 Timothy 4.1-22 (Church Bible page 996)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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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

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

Sermon

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In the darkness there's a light before me
And it drives away my fear
In the silence there's a voice that calls me
And it tells me you are near

In the chaos there's a hand that holds me
And will never let me go
Yes I know that you are always for me
For your word has told me so

I will follow you, I will walk by faith
You have brought me near by your unrelenting grace
I will set my mind on the things above
You have won my heart with your everlasting love

I was lost but then you came and found me
And in love you brought me home
I was dead in sin but then you raised me
I am saved by grace alone

For no height no depth no life no death
No power on earth can take us from your love
No height no depth no life no death
No power on earth can take us from your love

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of Joseph

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Joseph and uphold him in his new life in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Joseph with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

Parents and godparents:
With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Joseph begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and godparents:
With the help of God, we will.

Baptismal Promises *The Paschal candle is lit.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
Parents and godparents: I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
Parents and godparents: I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
Parents and godparents: I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
Parents and godparents: I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
Parents and godparents: I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
Parents and godparents: I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Joseph, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in the you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. Amen.

Prayer over the Water

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him. Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. Amen.

We proclaim what we believe

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Baptism

Joseph, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. Amen.

Living as a baptised Christian

We have brought Joseph to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for him and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ he will know the forgiveness of his sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As Joseph grows up, he will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community so that he may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve his neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support him by prayer, example and teaching. As his parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping him in his early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding Joseph in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Joseph and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Joseph, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of
God the Father.

Welcome

Joseph, God has received you by baptism into
his Church.

We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We
are members together of the body of Christ;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we are inheritors together of the kingdom of
God. We welcome you.

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In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures you won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, you won't let go
In the questions, your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow you
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise.
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) (*twice*)
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Fire before us. You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms (*4 times*)

Prayers

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

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, accept the gifts that we bring,
and with them our lives, to be used in your
service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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You have called us out of darkest night
Into your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes that we may praise
May praise the name of Jesus

All the earth is yours and all within
Each harvest is your own
And from your hand we give to you
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread your Word

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaim

Holy holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise your glorious name

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his
service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
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.