

*Worship in Song*

From the squalor of a borrowed stable

*Welcome*

*Lighting the third Advent Candle*

*Worship in Song*

Rejoice the Lord is King  
Your Lord and King adore  
Mortals give thanks and sing  
And triumph evermore

Lift up your heart lift up your voice  
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Jesus the Saviour reigns  
The God of truth and love  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above

His kingdom cannot fail  
He rules o'er earth and heaven  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all His foes submit  
And bow to His command  
And fall beneath His feet

Rejoice in glorious hope  
Jesus the Judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice  
The trump of God shall sound rejoice

*Confession*

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Special Prayer for Today*

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bible Reading*

Revelation 22.1-21 (*New Testament page 1041*)

This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

*Sermon*

*Worship in Song*

Through every trial, through every fear  
Through every tear we can't conceal  
God we look to you  
Through every storm, through every pain  
Through every grief we can't explain  
God we look to you

You became a Man of Sorrows  
that we might know joy  
You have treasured every tear drop  
And said that you'd restore  
You will not forget your people  
You'll make all things new  
Until you do we choose to trust in you

You are our hope, you are our strength  
You are the anchor in the depths  
God we look to you  
You will return, you will sustain  
You will bring joy we can't contain  
Come Lord Jesus come

#### *Bridge*

You will make all things new,  
Until you do we choose to trust in you  
You will make all things new  
Until you do we choose to worship you

#### *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.

#### *Worship in Song*

May the peace of God our heavenly Father  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love

And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal the King of kings

May this peace which passes understanding  
And this grace which makes us what we are  
And this fellowship of his communion  
Make us one in spirit and in heart

#### *Offertory Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant. Through your love, make us servants of one another. Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor. May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world. 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*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ  
Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin  
Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God  
So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth  
As we share in his suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

### *Prayer after Communion*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

### *Worship in Song*

God so loved, that he gave his Son  
To lay down his life for the sake of us  
He bore the weight of our sin and shame  
With a cry he said, 'It is finished'  
Christ the Lord overcame the darkness  
He's alive, death has been defeated

For he made us a way  
By which we have been saved  
He's the Saviour of the world  
So we lift up a shout for his fame and renown  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Jesus, Saviour of the world

We must spread the word of his soon return  
To reclaim the world for his glory  
Let the church now sing of this coming King  
Crowned with majesty, our Redeemer  
And he reigns, ruler of the heavens  
And his name is Jesus, the Messiah

### *Bridge*

Christ the Lord overcame the darkness  
He's alive, death has been defeated  
And he reigns, ruler of the heavens  
And his name is Jesus, the Messiah

### *Blessing*

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord  
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to  
you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you  
peace 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.