

Worship in Song

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Welcome

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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

Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow
for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

In a dark and disfigured world we have not held
out the light of life: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world we have
failed to share our bread: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world we have kept the
love of God to ourselves: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Special Prayer for Today

Lord God, help us reach out to others, seeing
their needs and caring for them. May we love as
you love: extravagantly and indiscriminately. May
we care as you do: without expectation and
without counting the cost. Lead us to a deeper
understanding of your compassionate care for
others, especially where they are suffering in
situations we don't understand. We ask this in
Jesus name. **Amen.**

Interview with Carol Berry (from *Compassion*)

Bible Reading

Philippians 1.3-11 (*Church Bible page 980*)

Sermon (Carol Berry)

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With a prayer you fed the hungry
With a cry you stilled the storm
With a look you had compassion
On the desperate and forlorn
With a touch you healed the leper
With a shout you raised the dead
With a word expelled the demons
With a blessing broke the bread

Love incarnate love divine
Captivate this heart of mine
Till all I do speaks of you

As a sheep before the shearer
You were silent in your pain
You endured humiliation
At the hands of those you'd made
And as hell unleashed its fury
You were lifted on a tree
Crying Father God forgive them
Place their punishment on me

I will feed the poor and hungry
I will stand up for the truth
I will take my cross and follow
To the corners of the earth

And I ask that you so fill me
With your peace your power your breath
That I never love my life so much
To shrink from facing death

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

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

The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

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

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My soul will sing with all the strength I have in me
I will rejoice with every day he gives
I will recall the wonders he has shown to me
His power to heal his mercy to forgive
We join with angels to sing his praises
He does not treat us as our sins deserve

High as the heavens reach above the earth
Is your unfailing love, is your unfailing love
Far as the east is banished from the west
You took our sins from us
removed our sins from us
How wide how high is your unfailing love

Our King delights to show compassion to the weak
Their deepest needs he loves to satisfy
Throughout the earth
His justice and his mercy speak
And he will run to meet the victim's cry
From everlasting to everlasting
Our youth renewed with every step we take

Though we are dust a moment in eternity
As flowers bloom today and then are gone
He crowns our lives with beauty and with dignity
His patience smiles on all who turn to him
From generation to generation
We'll tell the story of his faithfulness

Offertory Prayer

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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 communions

Worship in Song - during communion

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord in your suff'ring world, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
Sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray,
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come change our love from a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
Cities for sanctu'ry, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
Plundered and poisoned our future, our dreams
Lord end our madness, carelessness, greed,
Make us content with the things that we need.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
Until your justice burns brightly again;
Until the nations learn of your ways,
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

Worship in Song - during communion

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And you meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting,
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sovereign over us

You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand your ways
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and you uphold me
And your promises are my delight

Bridge

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good, and for your glory
Even in the valley you are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good, and for your glory

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.

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Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let his song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in his unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ
Walking justly before him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in him

Blessing

Go now into the world, strengthened by the gifts with which Christ has fed you. Be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly. Live by God's word. Walk in God's paths. And may God's wonderful love be with you everywhere; may Christ Jesus feed you with his body and word; and may the Holy Spirit fill you with God's presence; 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.