

***Worship in Song***

From the highest of heights

***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

***Worship in Song***

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing your majesty  
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

*Chorus 1:* Indescribable uncontainable

You placed the stars in the sky  
And you know them by name, you are amazing God,  
All powerful untamable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim you are amazing God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom

*Chorus 2:* Indescribable uncontainable

You placed the stars in the sky  
And you know them by name, you are amazing God  
Incomparable unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And you love me the same, you are amazing God

*Chorus 1*

***Confession***

Our great high priest, Jesus Christ, knows all  
our weaknesses, and can sympathize, because  
he was tested in every way we are, only  
without sinning. So let us come boldly to the  
throne of grace, where we can find mercy and  
grace to help when we need it most.

**Almighty God, we confess that too often we have  
taken the easy way of the world, rather than  
your way, and so have grieved your heart of love.  
We have been slow to admit that we are not our  
own, but belong to you: In your mercy forgive us  
and help us. We have been unwilling to see that  
we are bought with the price of Christ's blood: In  
your mercy forgive us and help us. We have  
been unprepared to live out our lives as your  
servants: In your mercy forgive us and help us.  
Raise us by the power of your love, and fill us  
anew with the joy of your Spirit; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, because of Jesus death on the  
cross and your faith in him, your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Special Prayer for Today***

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in  
majesty before he suffered death upon the  
cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that  
we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to  
glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

## ***Bible Readings***

Psalm 2 (*Church Bible page 448*)

Acts 13:13-41 (*Church Bible page 921*)

## ***Sermon***

### ***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.

### ***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.

## ***The Peace***

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

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

### ***Worship in Song***

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him

Jesus said If I am lost, he will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me

### ***Offertory Prayer***

**Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. 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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

### ***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

Almighty God our Father

In mercy you did give us Christ

Upon the cross your suffering Son

Has made the perfect sacrifice

For though our sins are scarlet

His blood has made them spotless white

We come in full repentance now

As we receive the bread and wine

So we come to the table

And we join in the feast

We remember the sacrifice

God's love poured out at Calvary

We come now to remember

As Jesus asked before he died

His body broken blood poured out

The death he died has brought us life

With thankful hearts we receive him

We trust that we have been made clean

He will sustain and dwell in us

And we will ever dwell in him

We celebrate he is risen

That by his death he conquered death

We look ahead to the promised hope

That he is coming back again

### ***Worship in Song*** - during communion

I am alive saved by your sacrifice

Death overcome glory dispels the night

You call the lifeless to wake from death to life

Out of darkness arise

I am set free saved from the power of sin

Guilt overcome your Spirit at work within

You break the chains of the law I am released

From the burden of sin

Now we cry Father we are your children  
We are adopted as your own  
No condemnation we are forgiven  
Nothing can take us from your love

I am redeemed raised with my Saviour Christ  
Fear overcome I will be glorified  
You will forever defend and stand beside  
I am safe in your love

#### *Bridge*

Creation awaits the glorious day  
When Jesus returns and trials will fade

#### ***Prayer after Communion***

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of  
Jesus Christ, may we who are partakers at his  
table reflect his life in word and deed, that all  
the world may know his power to change and  
save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

#### ***Worship in Song***

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to him belong  
Who holds our days within his hand  
What comes apart from his command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah, our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah, now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is his grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ he lives Christ he lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

#### ***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.**