

*Worship in Song*

There is a higher throne

*Welcome*

*Worship in Song*

How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full the pardon he has offered  
Great the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that cross

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Yes he rose that we would be free indeed  
Free from every plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen  
It was finished upon that cross

*Ending*

Onward to eternal glory to my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
It was finished upon that cross

*Confession*

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May the God of love and power, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Special Prayer for Today*

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Bible Readings*

Isaiah 53.1-12 (*Church Bible page 613*)

Matthew 27.1-2 & 15-26 (*Church Bible page 833*)

*Sermon*

*Worship in Song*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again.  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### *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*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross. We meet in his name  
and share his peace.

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

### *Worship in Song*

Man of sorrows Lamb of God  
By his own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as he stood accused  
Beaten mocked and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will  
He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed him to that tree

### *Bridge*

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full  
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away  
Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised  
He's risen from the grave

### *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.

### *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*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### *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*  
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*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

### *Worship in Song*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love  
That you would take my place  
That you would bear my cross  
You laid down your life, that I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of glory, the King of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory the King above all kings

### *Bridge*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

### *Blessing*

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven. 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.