

*Welcome*

*Worship in Song*

O Lord my God. When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made.  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder.  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,  
How great thou art. How great thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
To take me home - what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

*Worship in Song*

Come and hear the wondrous love  
The mighty God who reigns above  
Has entered in to dwell with us - hallelujah

On the earth our Saviour lived  
The Son of Man the servant King  
By his death he bore our sin - hallelujah

The fight is over the battle done  
The victory of life is won  
The song of triumph has begun - hallelujah

The powers of hell had seemed to win  
But Christ has conquered death and sin  
Let's raise our voices for our King - hallelujah

For very soon he will return  
And place all things beneath his throne  
And take us to our heavenly home - hallelujah

So now by faith we persevere  
And in his strength we will not fear  
For as we meet our God is here - hallelujah

*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 almighty God, who sent his Son into the  
world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and  
peace, now and for ever. Amen.

*Special Prayer for Today*

Almighty God, who through your only-  
begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome  
death and opened to us the gate of everlasting  
life: grant that, as by your grace going before  
us you put into our minds good desires, so by  
your continual help we may bring them to  
good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen  
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. Amen.

*Sermon*

*Bible Readings - during sermon*

Acts 1.6-11 (Church Bible page 909)

Mark 13.24-37 (Church Bible page 850)

### *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*

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### *Worship in Song*

We are his kingdom we are his bride  
For us he paid the price, for us he bled and died  
We are his people his treasured prize  
For us he conquered sin for he is risen

With thankfulness we will sing (*repeat*)  
So we declare the praises  
Of Jesus Saviour and King

He is the cornerstone Hallelujah  
And now we stand as his church  
Until the day when he comes in glory, hallelujah

We are a priesthood beloved ones  
He draws the scattered near  
He builds his kingdom here  
A holy nation now set apart  
To be his hands and feet  
To speak his mercy

With thankfulness we will sing  
Adopted now we are his

### *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

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### *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.

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*

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*

You called my name, before you formed the earth  
You saw my frame  
Knit me together with a word  
You designed my heart to know you  
Breathing life into my bones  
Forever you have loved me as your own

You are my Father, I am your child  
Loved and accepted  
Nothing could separate us now  
Adopted forever, purchased with blood  
You are my Father, and I am a child of God

You know my need, before I ever call  
You guide my feet  
Teach me to plant my steps in yours  
And you comfort and protect me  
With new mercies day by day  
You know my weakness yet your love remains

And when I fall, and wander from your ways  
Ashamed by it all  
Fearing I've squandered all your grace  
Then I turn and see you running  
With forgiveness in your gaze  
Still I'm welcome in my Father's embrace

*Worship in Song - during communion*

My soul finds rest in God alone  
My rock and my salvation  
A fortress strong against my foes  
And I will not be shaken  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse  
And lies like arrows pierce me  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness  
I'll look to him who hears me

O praise him hallelujah  
My delight and my reward  
Everlasting never failing  
My Redeemer my God

Find rest my soul in God alone  
Amid the world's temptations  
When evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation  
Though riches come and riches go  
Don't set your heart upon them  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
Are harvested in heaven

I'll set my gaze on God alone  
And trust in him completely  
With every day pour out my soul  
And he will prove his mercy  
Though life is but a fleeting breath  
A sigh too brief to measure  
My King has crushed the curse of death  
And I am his forever

O praise him O praise him  
Hallelujah hallelujah

*Prayer after Communion*

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Worship in Song*

Come set your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray,  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are your church, we need your power in us

We seek your kingdom first,  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives,  
For you're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are your church, we pray revive this earth

Build your kingdom here,  
Let the darkness fear  
Show your mighty hand,  
Heal our streets and land  
Set your church on fire,  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build your kingdom here we pray

Unleash your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are your church, we are the hope on earth

*Blessing*

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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.