

Welcome

Worship in Song

God's saints of old through history told
Of the One who was to come
A Son, a King a Lamb to be slain
For the sins of all the world

He's the Promise of the Ages
Lifted up to save us, Jesus Christ our sacrifice
He's the Fount of living water
King and Friend forever
Bow before the Promise of the Ages

In flesh he came yet chose to remain
With the outcast and the poor
He bled, he died was raised glorified
Now He lives forever more

Lift your hands and sing hallelujah
to the King of all the earth
Raise your voice and sing hallelujah
to the King of all the earth

Confession

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace:

Loving God, we confess that we are not what we should be. So we come now before you, seeking your mercy. Forgive us everything that spoils our life: the pride, greed, selfishness and envy that alienate us from others, and also from you. Forgive us our unkind words, foolish deeds and unworthy thoughts; our weakness of will and carelessness in discipleship. Work within us and, by your grace, make us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading

Ephesians 3.1-21 (*Bible page 977*)

Sermon

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By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of his promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon his name.

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In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By his blood and in His Name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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

A word of peace can have awesome power. Let
us share signs of this peace in the name of the
One we follow.

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

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Faithful One so unchanging
Ageless One, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you again and again
I call out to you again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm your love is the anchor
My hope is in you alone

Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father, your love for us is beyond measure. Help us to offer for your work a due proportion of what we have, in gratitude for what you have given us. This we pray in Jesus name who gave his very life for us. 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in words of everlasting praise:

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 communion

Worship in Song - during communion

Now when peace like a river attendeth my soul
And when sorrows like sea billows roll
Then whatever my lot you have taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

It is well with my soul
When the storms of winter blow
And the cares of this world take their toll
In the heat of the day there is grace enough to say
It is well it is well with my soul

And when Satan should tempt me
And trials should come
Let this blessed assurance control
For He sees every weakness and knows every fear
And has shed his own blood for my soul

Worship in Song - during communion

There is a day that all creation's waiting for
A day of freedom and liberation for the earth
And on that day the Lord will come to meet his bride
And when we see him in an instant we'll be changed

The trumpet sounds and the dead will then be raised
By his power never to perish again
Once only flesh now clothed with immortality
Death has now been swallowed up in victory

We will meet him in the air
And then we will be like him
For we will see him as he is, Oh yeah
Then all hurt and pain will cease
And we'll be with him forever
And in his glory we will live, Oh yeah oh yeah

So lift your eyes to the things as yet unseen
That will remain now for all eternity
Though trouble's hard, it's only momentary
And it's achieving our future glory

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that
have taken holy things; may the ears which
have heard your word be deaf to clamour and
dispute; may the tongues which have sung
your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes
which have seen the tokens of your love shine
with the light of hope; and may the bodies
which have been fed with your body be
refreshed with the fullness of your life.
Glory be to you for ever. Amen.

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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

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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.