

Welcome

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

Confession

Father, we confess that we have often sought
our own kingdoms, our own will, our own
desires rather than your own. We have not
loved you with our whole hearts, nor loved
our neighbours as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord.
Restore us as citizens of your kingdom,
shaped by your righteousness, led by your
Spirit, and anchored in your grace.

Hear the good news: the Lord has rescued us
from the dominion of darkness, and brought us
into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in

whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of
sins. In Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. We are children of the kingdom.

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the
whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
people, that in their vocation and ministry they may
serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your
name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who
is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Readings

Ephesians 4.1-16 (*Bible page 977*)

Matthew 16.13-20 (*Bible page 822*)

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.

The Peace

The kingdom of God is a kingdom of peace, where
justice and mercy meet and where Christ, our
Prince of Peace, reigns. As citizens of this kingdom,
let us share his peace with one another.

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

Lord Jesus you have built your church
You are our faithful living Head
Across the years the flame has passed
Across the earth the light has spread

Lord Jesus build your church today
May we be faithful to your word
Delighting in its glorious truth
Rejoicing in its gracious Lord

Keep us in the faith, make us one in Christ
Pressing on in hope to win the prize
Let the light still shine
May the flame burn bright
Till the day your glory fills the skies

Lord Jesus build your church today
May we be faithful to your love
One body bound by bonds of peace
One holy bride for Christ our God

Lord Jesus build your church today
May we be faithful to proclaim
To go and make your gospel known
To go and magnify your name

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this money to
offer, the fruit of our labour and of the skills you
have given us. Take us and our possessions to do
your work in the 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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at
all times and in all places to give you thanks
and praise, holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have
created all things from the beginning, and formed
us in your own image. Through him you have
freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be
born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you

raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs 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

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for the reminder
of the death and sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus
Christ and of our salvation in this holy meal.
As we have received Christ's body and blood,
may we be strengthened to live as citizens of
your eternal kingdom. Help us to share your
love and grace with the world, proclaiming
that your kingdom will have no end. Amen.

Worship in Song

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Blessing

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably
more than all we can ask or conceive, by the
power which is at work among us, to him be glory
in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all
ages. 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.