

*Welcome*

*Worship in Song*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a holy God

Come and behold him, the One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy, forever a holy God  
Come and worship the holy God

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer his only Son  
Who else invites me to call him Father  
Only a holy God, only my holy God

*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*

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.

*Bible Readings*

Acts 10.34-48 (*Bible page 919*)  
Romans 6.1-14 (*Bible page 942*)

*Sermon*

*Worship in Song*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in 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*

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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

### *Worship in Song*

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:

I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven.  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make his will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
A consolation strong against despair,  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit  
I find the Saviour there.

Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold his face.

When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.

Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home

### *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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

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

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.  
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story:  
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story:  
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:  
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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*

Sister let me wipe your tears  
Brother let me bear your fears  
Come on every daughter every son  
Let us walk in love for we are one

Though we walk a long and broken road  
We are here to bear each other's load  
And forgive as you've forgiven us  
Let us walk in love for we are one

We are one in the Father's love  
We of every tribe and every tongue  
We are found in the risen Son  
We are bound together by his blood  
Let us walk in love for we are one

There's a love that conquers all divides  
There's a love that paid the greatest price  
For the battle over death is won  
Now alive in Christ we live as one

On the day you come to call us home  
With the multitude before the throne  
Now with all the saints who've overcome  
For eternity we'll sing as one

*Worship in Song - during communion*

You chose the cross with every breath,  
The perfect life, the perfect death:  
You chose the cross.

A crown of thorns you wore for us,  
And crowned us with eternal life:  
You chose the cross.  
And though your soul was overwhelmed with pain  
Obedient to death you overcame.

I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love,  
I'm lost in praise forevermore.  
Because of Jesus' unfailing love  
I am forgiven, I am restored.

You loosed the cords of sinfulness  
And broke the chains of my disgrace:  
You chose the cross.  
Up from the grave victorious, you rose again so glorious  
You chose the cross  
The sorrow that surrounded you was mine,  
'Yet not my will but yours be done!' you cried.

*Prayer after Communion*

Father, in baptism we die to sin, rise again to  
new life and find our true place in your living  
body. Send us out sealed in Christ's blood of  
the new covenant, to bring healing and  
reconciliation to this wounded world, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Worship in Song*

You my God have saved my soul  
I am yours forevermore  
I won't be moved of this I'm sure  
You are my God and you saved my soul

I was lost when you came for me  
Held in chains by the enemy  
But you broke them in victory  
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and you are my hope  
I am saved by your grace alone  
I will sing of your love for me  
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the Kings of kings  
He has paid for my every sin  
And from now through eternity  
I am free I am free

*Bridge*

What once was dead is now alive  
You gave to me the breath of life  
You brought me up out from the grave  
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

*Blessing*

Go now into the world, strengthened by the  
gifts with which Christ has fed you. Be  
generous to others, for Christ has given  
extravagantly. Live by God's word, avoiding  
lies and violence. Walk in God's paths and  
never stray. And may God's wonderful love be  
with you everywhere; may Christ Jesus feed  
you with his body and word; and may the Holy  
Spirit fill you with God's presence; 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.