

Welcome

Worship in Song

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
O what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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 God, give us grace to cast away the
works of darkness and to put on the armour of
light, now in the time of this mortal life, in

which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility; that on the last day, when he shall
come again in his glorious majesty to judge the
living and the dead, we may rise to the life
immortal; through him who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Readings

Revelation 21.1-7 & 22.1-5 (*Bible page 1041*)
Isaiah 65.17-25 (*Bible page 624*)

Sermon

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From the chaos of darkness
Your word shaped the earth
In your image a people made
But we traded perfection the truth for a lie
And your glory was veiled in shame
But a promise made a blessing you gave
To a people of your name
For this broken world a Saviour foretold
To bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly Saviour descended his throne
All my sin on his shoulders laid
And to win our redemption he suffered and died
For the sake of my guilt and shame
Oh the price he paid in taking my place
So that death was overcome
When the King of love burst forth from the grave
Proclaiming the victory won

At the end of the ages the world passed away
I will gaze on my Saviour's face
When my heart is perfected and free from my sin
I will rest in your glorious grace
For the song we raise the works of our hands
Are in service of the King
When a thousand tongues cry glory to God
Forever his praise we'll sing

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.

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Blessing and honour, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare your glory,
Every knee shall bow at your throne in worship
You will be exalted, O God,
And your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to your matchless worth:
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. 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

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

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

Worship in Song - during communion

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand
What comes apart from his command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah, our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah, now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ he lives Christ he lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the body and blood
of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen us in our
journey of faith, and help us to live in the light
of your love. As we await the coming of your
kingdom, may we share in the hope of the life
of the world to come. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Sweet is the work my God and King
To praise your name give thanks and sing
To tell your love by morning light
Your faithfulness all through the night
How good it is to join the song
Angels and saints around your throne
Lift every voice fill every lung
Come strike the strings and beat the drum

Praise him moon and stars
Praise him shining lights
Praise him in the morning
Praise him when the sun goes down

All that has breath join heaven's song
East to west old and the young
And bless his works and bless his name
Tell of his love with hearts aflame

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you: Amen.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and
be gracious to you: Amen.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and
give you peace: Amen.

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard
you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly
city, where he lives and reigns for ever and
ever. Amen.

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.