

Welcome

Worship in Song

O sov'reign God O matchless King
The saints adore the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To you belongs the highest praise

These sufferings this passing tide
Under your wings I will abide
And every enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

To the valley for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

Confession

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May the God of love and power, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

1 John 3.1-24 (*Bible page 1022*)

Sermon

Worship in Song

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

Affirmation of Faith

Using words from Philippians chapter 2, let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God: **Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayers

At the end: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

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

Worship in Song

Holy Spirit living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause your word to come alive in me,
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude:

Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth,
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

Offertory Prayer

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. 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

Be still for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal to minister his grace
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place

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

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship in Song

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Be thou my shield and my sword for the fight
Be thou my dignity be thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower
Raise thou me heavenward O power of my power

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and thou only, be first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure thou art

High King of heaven when victory is won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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.