

## **Welcome**

### **Worship in Song**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again.  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### **Confession**

**Almighty God, creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are**

**sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this 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, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Bible Reading**

1 John 4.1-21 (*Bible page 1023*)

### **Sermon**

### **Worship in Song**

God so loved, that he gave his Son  
To lay down his life for the sake of us  
He bore the weight of our sin and shame  
With a cry he said, 'It is finished'  
Christ the Lord overcame the darkness  
He's alive, death has been defeated

For he made us a way  
By which we have been saved  
He's the Saviour of the world  
So we lift up a shout for his fame and renown  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Jesus, Saviour of the world

We must spread the word of his soon return  
To reclaim the world for his glory  
Let the church now sing of this coming King  
Crowned with majesty, our Redeemer

And he reigns, ruler of the heavens  
And his name is Jesus, the Messiah

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### ***Worship in Song***

Here is love vast as the ocean,  
Loving kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of life, our ransom,  
Shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

### ***An Affirmation of Faith***

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### ***Prayers***

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

### ***Notices & Banns of Marriage***

### ***The Peace***

Jesus said: ' Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'

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

### ***Worship in Song***

A new commandment I give unto you  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,  
If you have love one for another.

### ***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.**

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

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen one  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that is finished.

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from his reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

***Worship in Song*** - during communion

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I find a place to stand  
And wonder at such mercy  
That calls me as I am  
For hands that should discard me  
Hold wounds which tell me come  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
His family is my own  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams  
Now one through grace alone  
How could I now dishonour  
The ones that you have loved  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
See the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
The path before the crown  
We follow in his footsteps  
Where promised hope is found  
How great the joy before us  
To be his perfect bride  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
We will gladly live our lives

***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.**

***Worship in Song***

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love  
That you would take my place  
That you would bear my cross  
You laid down your life, that I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of glory, the King of glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory the King above all kings

***Bridge***

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

***Blessing***

May the Father, who so loved the world that  
he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his  
eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice  
in obedience to the Father's will, keep you  
steadfast as you walk with him the way of his  
cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer  
with Christ that we may share his glory, set  
your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with  
you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**