

Welcome

All scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living. *2 Timothy 3:16*

Worship in Song

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord;
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name.
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might.
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul the glories of his word.
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure,
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

Confession

Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord, even your salvation, according to your promise:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Your word convicts us: all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Your word commands us:
repent, and believe the good news.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your word assures us:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Special Prayer for Today

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in times of change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will, we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

Psalm 119.145-152 (*Bible page 515*)
Matthew 26.36-46 (*Bible page 832*)

Sermon

Worship in Song

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end

Thanksgiving for God's Word

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Bible and pray for all who enable it to be studied, understood, and loved.

Almighty God, in your goodness you have given us the Scriptures to equip us for every kind of good deed. We give thanks for all who translate the Bible, and pray that, through their work and skill, your word may go forth to the ends of the earth.

We give thanks for all who distribute the Scriptures, and pray that, through the written text, your people may be built up in faith and love.

We give thanks for all whose learning interprets the Scriptures, that more light and truth may break forth from your word.

We give thanks for all preachers and teachers, and pray that, through the word proclaimed and shared, your Church may grow in holiness and discipleship.

We give thanks for all who read the Bible in public worship, for all study groups and training courses, and pray that, through the study of the Scriptures, your word may find a home in the hearts of your people.

Gracious Lord, grant to us that loving your holy word, we may adorn it with obedient and Christlike lives; to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Prayers

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

The Peace

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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

Worship in Song

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

Offertory Prayer

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. By his mercy we present not just our money but our whole lives to God as a living sacrifice. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore 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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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

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.

Worship in Song - during communion

There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy one.

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face.
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
In that holy place.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Worship in Song

Lord for the years your love has kept and guided
Urged and inspired us cheered us on our way
Sought us and saved us pardoned and provided
Lord of the years we bring our thanks today

Lord for that word the word of life which fires us
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze
Teaches and trains rebukes us and inspires us
Lord of the word receive your people's praise

Lord for our land In this our generation
Spirits oppressed by pleasure wealth and care
For young and old for commonwealth and nation
Lord of our land be pleased to hear our prayer

Lord for our world when we disown and doubt him
Loveless in strength and comfortless in pain
Hungry and helpless lost indeed without him
Lord of the world we pray that Christ may reign

Lord for ourselves in living power remake us
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne
Past put behind us for the future take us
Lord of our lives to live for Christ alone

Blessing

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all
wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father through him. 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.