

Welcome

Today, we come to worship a merciful God, who offers salvation to all, without prejudice; everyone who calls on his name will be saved. In the light of his wonderful mercy, in the light of all that he has done for us, let us bring ourselves to him today. We bring all that we are, as an offering of worship, may it be holy and pleasing to God. Amen.

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

Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins. God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflective Prayer

Father God, we reflect on your mercy. We consider the forgiveness you have granted us through your Son, Jesus Christ. We know we were bought at a price. In view of God's mercy, we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

This is our true and proper worship.

We pray for the grace and strength to offer our all: the tasks we complete, the relationships we value, the activities we enjoy, and the possessions we own. Help us to glorify you with all these things. In view of God's mercy, we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

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We pray that you would renew our minds by the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to be wary of conforming to the patterns of this world, make us watchful to see what is shaping

our view of the world. In view of God's mercy, we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. This is our true and proper worship.

Finally, we pray for help to know your will. Give us a discerning spirit to know - whether at home, at work or wherever we are - what your good, pleasing and perfect will might be. In view of God's mercy, we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. This is our true and proper worship.

We pray all of these things in the name of Christ. Amen.

Bible Readings

Amos 5.21-24 (*Bible page 768*)

Romans 12.1-2 (*Bible page 947*)

Matthew 5.13-16 (*Bible page 810*)

Sermon

Worship in Song

Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have, and ever hope to be.

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans,
I surrender these into your hands.

For it's only in your will that I am free.
Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

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

The Peace

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

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

Worship in Song

My soul will sing with all the strength I have in me
I will rejoice with every day he gives
I will recall the wonders he has shown to me
His power to heal his mercy to forgive
We join with angels to sing his praises
He does not treat us as our sins deserve

High as the heavens reach above the earth
Is your unfailing love, is your unfailing love
Far as the east is banished from the west
You took our sins from us
removed our sins from us
How wide how high is your unfailing love

Our King delights to show compassion to the weak
Their deepest needs he loves to satisfy
Throughout the earth
His justice and his mercy speak
And he will run to meet the victim's cry
From everlasting to everlasting
Our youth renewed with every step we take

Though we are dust a moment in eternity
As flowers bloom today and then are gone
He crowns our lives with beauty and with dignity
His patience smiles on all who turn to him
From generation to generation
We'll tell the story of his faithfulness

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 is here. His Spirit is with.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and 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.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

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

Worship in Song - during communion

We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere
We long for heaven's demonstration here
Jesus your light shine bright for all to see
Transform, revive, and heal society

Before all things, in him were all things made
Inspiring culture, media, and trade
May all our work serve your economy
Transform, revive, and heal society

Peace, truth, and justice reigning everywhere
With us be present in our public square
Fill all who lead with your integrity
Transform, revive, and heal society

Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page
Make us again what we were made to be
Transform, revive, and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be
Selfless in service, loving constantly
In everything may your authority
Transform, revive, and heal society

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ. Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us
out in the power of your Spirit to live and
work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer

Heavenly Father, in this, our Centenary year,
we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to
you. Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence
in our witness, generosity in our service, and
love for our neighbours, that your Church may
be renewed and many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Worship in Song (suggested by Whole Life Worship)

You have called us out of darkest night
Into your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

May the peoples praise you,
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes that we may praise
May praise the name of Jesus

All the earth is yours and all within
Each harvest is your own
And from your hand we give to you
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread your Word

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaim

Holy holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise your glorious name

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the
Lord make his face shine upon you and be
gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and
give you peace 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.