

Welcome & Introduction

Worship in Song

Come people of the risen King
Who delight to bring him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the morning star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Rejoice rejoice let every tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For his perfect love will never change
And his mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of his grace
Over all the world his people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age
Our God is all in all

Confession

O God, you asked for my hands, that I might use them for your purpose; I gave them for a moment, and then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth, to speak out against injustice; I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes, to see the pain of poverty; I closed them, for I did not want to see.

O God, forgive me for my efforts to serve you only when it is convenient; only in those places where it is safe, and only with those who make it easy. O God, forgive me, renew me, and send me out as a servant following the example of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Video - Worshipping inspires our everyday speech

Special Prayer for Today

God listens. He is a God who hears our cry. He is a God who turns his face towards us, who gives us his full attention. Today, he invites you to speak. If you're in trouble - to pray. If you're happy - to praise him. If you're ill - to ask for help. If you're guilty - to confess. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Let us turn to the God who hears. Amen.

Bible Readings

James 5.13-18 (*Bible page 1013*)
Matthew 12.33-37 (*Bible page 817*)

Sermon

Worship in Song

How good it is to sing, to bring our praise to him
Whose love and mercy knows no end
He brings the sun and rain, he calls each star by name
The universe resounds with praise

O shout for joy to God and sing a new song
Extol the Lord of life for his provision
And he delights in those who love and fear him
All those who put their hope in God

He gathers families, orphans and refugees
And binds the wounds of those who mourn
The humble lifted high, the proud he casts aside
His justice faithful as the dawn

What friend or foe can last, before his icy blast
The winds and waves obey his voice
Yet mercy will prevail, his love will reconcile
The nations of the earth to him

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

The Peace

A word of peace can have awesome power. Let us share signs of this peace in the name of the One we follow.

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

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Blessèd be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessèd be your name
Blessèd be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessèd be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say
Blessèd be the name of the Lord
Blessèd be your name
Blessèd be the name of the Lord
Blessèd be your glorious name

Blessèd be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessèd be your name
Blessèd be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessèd be your name

You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessèd be your name

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 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

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

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising,
In my day of working, with me every hour.
Christ be in my resting, as the day is ending,
Calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking, and my understanding
Guarding me from evil, walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking, every word a blessing
Pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion:
All my life to know you,
Every day to walk with you.
Saviour, you're my deepest longing,
You're the One I live for,
Teach me, Lord, to walk with you.

Christ be in my gladness, for the joy of living,
Thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness,
Knowing that I follow in the steps he trod.

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to
Every pleasure jaded, every well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with his kindness
Leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

Worship in Song - during communion

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

Prayer after Communion

Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
A sacrifice through Jesus.
Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
a continual offering.
Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
the fruit of lips that confess Christ's name.
Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
doing good and sharing with others.
Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Amen.

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In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures you won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, you won't let go
In the questions, your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow you
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise.
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) *(twice)*
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Fire before us. You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms *(4 times)*

Blessing

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world.
May the lips that have sung your praises always
speak the truth; may the ears which have
heard your Word listen only to what is good
and may our lives as well as our worship be
always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of
Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.