

Welcome & Introduction

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

You have called us to be your people, to follow
where you lead, to be obedient to your word and
to proclaim your good news wherever we might
go. Forgive the impatience and lack of faith which
causes us to stumble, preferring our way to yours,
relying on human wisdom rather than the truth

which comes from you. Draw us back into your
arms, as prodigals to you, our Father, and grant us
patience, perseverance, and a child-like faith in our
journeying with you. Amen.

May almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given
us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us
our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen
us to do God's will and give us the joy of his
kingdom, 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 Readings

1 Peter 1.13-25 (*Bible page 1014*)

Mark 1.14-20 (*Bible page 836*)

Sermon

Worship in Song

Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let his song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in his unfailling grace

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ
Walking justly before him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in him

For Strength to Follow Jesus

Jesus said: 'If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest'
Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the Kingdom of heaven'
Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised.'
Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Be merciful just as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them.'
Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Love one another, just as I love you; the greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them'
Master we hear your call: help us to follow

Jesus said: 'Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples, and I will be with you always, to the end of the world'
Master we hear your call: help us to follow

Lord, you have redeemed us and called us to your service: give us grace to hear your word and to obey your commandment; for your mercy's sake. 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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I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold him
The more he satisfies
When I gaze upon his beauty
When I see him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For his glory and my good

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that he is working
For his glory and my good

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know his glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that he has saved me
For his glory and my good

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise him
For his glory and my good

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 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

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

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' unfailling 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.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ: you humbled yourself in taking the
form of a servant, and in obedience died on the
cross for our salvation; give us the mind to follow
you and to proclaim you as Lord and King to the
glory of God the Father. Amen.

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How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon he has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes he rose that we would be free indeed
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that cross

Blessing

Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord and follow
wherever it leads. Allow no room for deceit
within yourself, but offer yourself as a temple for
the Holy Spirit. And may God be with you and
speak through you; may Christ Jesus be one with
you and raise you to life; and may the Holy Spirit
dwell within you and make you holy. 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.