

Welcome

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

Thanksgiving Prayer

Today, let us give thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives. Isaiah wrote that God is like a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms: 'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you'. (Isaiah 66.13)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children: 'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you.' (Isaiah 49.15)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Jesus spoke of himself like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings: 'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.' (Lk 13.34)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Confession

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us. We have failed to nurture the needy, **Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted. **Christ, have mercy.**

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us. **Lord, have mercy.**

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Special Prayer for Today

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Ephesians 4.1-6 (Church Bible p977)

John 13.31-35 (Church Bible p900)

Sermon

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May the peace of God our heavenly Father
And the grace of Christ the risen Son
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love

And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of kings

May this peace which passes understanding
And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of his communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart

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Come set your rule and reign, in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are your church, we need your power in us

We seek your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are your church, we pray revive this earth

Build your kingdom here, let the darkness fear
Show your mighty hand, heal our streets and land
Set your church on fire, win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build your kingdom here we pray

Unleash your kingdom's power reaching the
near and far
No force of hell can stop your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are your church, we are the hope on earth

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.

A Prayer for mothers

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:
thank you God for their care and concern; thank
you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for
us; thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

Video - Bishop Philip

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He offered up his life for us
with a love beyond imagining; with a love
which dispels fear; with a love which holds and
guides us through life's trials and joys.

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

Worship in Song

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so, he will hold me fast

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

Offertory Prayer

**Everything in heaven and earth comes from you,
Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you
be praised forever and ever. 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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

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

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As God's children, and heirs with Christ, we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.

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

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You called my name, before you formed the earth
You saw my frame
Knit me together with a word
You designed my heart to know you
Breathing life into my bones
Forever you have loved me as your own

You are my Father, I am your child
Loved and accepted
Nothing could separate us now
Adopted forever, purchased with blood
You are my Father, and I am a child of God

You know my need, before I ever call
You guide my feet
Teach me to plant my steps in yours
And you comfort and protect me
With new mercies day by day
You know my weakness yet your love remains

And when I fall, and wander from your ways
Ashamed by it all
Fearing I've squandered all your grace
Then I turn and see you running
With forgiveness in your gaze
Still I'm welcome in my Father's embrace

Worship in Song

Sister let me wipe your tears
Brother let me bear your fears
Come on every daughter every son
Let us walk in love for we are one

Though we walk a long and broken road
We are here to bear each other's load
And forgive as you've forgiven us
Let us walk in love for we are one

We are one in the Father's love
We of every tribe and every tongue
We are found in the risen Son
We are bound together by his blood
Let us walk in love for we are one

There's a love that conquers all divides
There's a love that paid the greatest price
For the battle over death is won
Now alive in Christ we live as one

On the day you come to call us home
With the multitude before the throne
Now with all the saints who've overcome
For eternity we'll sing as one

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children,
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life: help us who have
tasted your goodness to grow in grace within
the household of faith; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

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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

Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,
strengthen us for daily life. May the Lord who
provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.
May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all,
send us out to live and work for others. And 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.

Giving of Flowers