

**Welcome**

**Easter Greeting**

Hallelujah. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!**

**Worship in Song**

Here we stand the church of the redeemed  
Ransomed by the blood that sets us free  
From the darkness brought into the light  
Enemies of God now his delight  
From the depths called to highest heights  
Here we stand the church of the redeemed  
We are his precious in his sight  
Here we stand the church of the redeemed

Here we stand contending for the faith  
Standing for the truth in every age  
We are weak but Jesus he is strong  
In the Spirit's power we labour on  
And we know victory will be won  
Here we stand contending for the faith  
And we know truth will overcome  
Here we stand the church of the redeemed

Here we stand but here we don't belong  
Journeying toward our lasting home  
Now we weep with weary saints who mourn  
Telling all the world the hope of dawn  
Christ will come all will be restored  
Here we stand but here we don't belong  
We will wait ready for our Lord  
Here we stand the church of the redeemed

Every heart overflows with praise  
When at last we stand before the throne  
With our King evermore we'll reign  
Here we stand the church of the redeemed

**Worship in Song**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a holy God

Come and behold him, the One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy, forever a holy God  
Come and worship the holy God

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer his only Son  
Who else invites me to call him Father  
Only a holy God, only my holy God

**Confession**

**Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and ascended for us: we have not loved you as our Redeemer, nor obeyed you as our Lord; we have not brought our prayers to you, nor heeded your tears shed over the world. Forgive us, we pray; breathe into us a new spirit of service, and make us joyfully obedient to your will: for your glory's sake. Amen**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Special Prayer for Today**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Bible Readings**

James 2.14-26 (*Church Bible page 1012*)

Matthew 5.13-16 (*Church Bible page 810*)

## **Sermon**

### **Worship in Song**

From the chaos of darkness  
Your word shaped the earth  
In your image a people made  
But we traded perfection the truth for a lie  
And your glory was veiled in shame  
But a promise made a blessing you gave  
To a people of your name  
For this broken world a Saviour foretold  
To bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly Saviour descended his throne  
All my sin on his shoulders laid  
And to win our redemption he suffered and died  
For the sake of my guilt and shame  
Oh the price he paid in taking my place  
So that death was overcome  
When the King of love burst forth from the grave  
Proclaiming the victory won

At the end of the ages the world passed away  
I will gaze on my Saviour's face  
When my heart is perfected and free from my sin  
I will rest in your glorious grace  
For the song we raise the works of our hands  
Are in service of the King  
When a thousand tongues cry glory to God  
Forever his praise we'll sing

### **Creed**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of  
our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the  
scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life  
on the third day in accordance with the  
scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his  
followers, and to all the apostles: this we  
have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

### **Prayers**

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

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his  
disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord

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

### **Worship in Song**

O great God of highest heaven  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear your voice  
Did not know your love within  
Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up your word to me  
Through the gospel of your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify your name through me

### **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 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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at  
all times and in all places to give you thanks  
and praise, holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ  
your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit,

inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs 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*

Your love, shining like the sun,  
Pouring like the rain, raging like the storm,  
Refreshing me again - Oooh  
I receive your love.

Pour over me, pour over me,  
Let your rain flood this thirsty soul.  
Pour over me your waves of love, pour over me

Your grace frees me from the past,  
It purges every sin, it purifies my heart  
And heals me from within - Oooh  
I receive your grace.

I come and lay my burden down  
Gladly at your feet, I'm opening my heart,  
Come make this joy complete - Oooh  
I receive your peace.

***Worship in Song*** *during communion*

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who bore my pain  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me with his light  
And wrote his law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who reigns above  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace  
Whose every thought is love  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King  
So I will give my life my all  
To love and follow him.

***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.**

***Worship in Song***

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

***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.**

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