

Welcome

Easter Greeting

Hallelujah. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Worship in Song

Blessing and honour, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare your glory,
Every knee shall bow at your throne in worship
You will be exalted, O God,
And your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to your matchless worth:
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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.**

Special Prayer for Today

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from
the power of darkness and brought us into the

kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death
he has recalled us to life, so by his continual
presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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 Readings

Romans 12.1-21 (*Church Bible page 947*)
Matthew 18.21-35 (*Church Bible page 823*)

Sermon

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

Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God:

We believe in Christ, the image of God the invisible, first-born of all creation; in whom were created all things in heaven and earth seen and unseen, states, power, rulers and authorities; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the first-born from the dead. Amen.

Prayers

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

Banns of Marriage & Notices

including Video on Walk through the Bible

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

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

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. 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

Hear me Lord out of the depths I call
Comfort and guard my heart shelter me in this storm
Turn to me see my distress and need
Weary and poor I come calling upon your name

You are forgiving and good
Abounding in love to the faithful who call
No other god can compare to you
Great is your mercy and grace
With all of my heart I will sing of your name
No other power can save but you

Teach me God show me the righteous path
Lead me to walk with you trusting you all my days
Hear my cry with terror on every side
Justice will soon prevail you are the God who saves

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' unfailing 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

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in
your Son and brought us home. Dying and
living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen
life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the
world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so we and all your children shall be
free, and the whole earth live to praise your
name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Worship in Song

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good
courage; hold fast that which is good; render
to no one evil for evil; strengthen the
fainthearted; support the weak; help the
afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the
Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and 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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