

Welcome

Worship in Song

Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word
Take your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on your promises
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us
Speak O Lord till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory

Confession

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

2 Timothy 3.10-17 (*Church Bible page 996*)
John 5.36-40 (*Church Bible page 890*)

Sermon

Worship in Song

From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on every promise of your word
Words of power strong to save
That will never pass away
I will stand on every promise of your word
For your covenant is sure
And on this I am secure
I can stand on every promise from your word

When I stumble and I sin
Condemnation pressing in
I will stand on every promise of your word
You are faithful to forgive
That in freedom I might live
So I stand on every promise of your word
Guilt to innocence restored
You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on every promise of your word

When I'm faced with anguished choice
I will listen for your voice
And I'll stand on every promise of your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with your hand
As I stand on every promise of your word
And you've promised to complete
Every work begun in me
So I'll stand on every promise of your word

Hope that lifts me from despair
Love that casts out every fear
As I stand on every promise of your word
Not forsaken not alone
For the Comforter has come
And I stand on every promise of your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on every promise of your word

An Affirmation of Faith

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.

Notices

The Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel: peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

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

Worship in Song

God's saints of old through history told
Of the One who was to come
A Son a King a Lamb to be slain
For the sins of all the world

He's the Promise of the Ages
Lifted up to save us, Jesus Christ our sacrifice
He's the Fount of living water
King and Friend forever
Bow before the Promise of the Ages

In flesh he came yet chose to remain
With the outcast and the poor
He bled, he died was raised glorified
Now He lives forever more

Lift your hands and sing hallelujah
to the King of all the earth
Raise your voice and sing hallelujah
to the King of all the earth

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 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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. 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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanks-giving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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

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

I heard an old old story
How a Saviour came from glory
How he gave his life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about his groaning
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sin
Christ won the victory

Oh victory in Jesus
My Saviour forever
He sought me and bought me
With his redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew him
And all my love is due him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about his healing
All His miracles revealing
That he alone can save a soul
And set the captive free
I'm happy in his promise
How soon he's coming for us
And home with him I'll sing again
Christ won the victory

I'll tell the old old story
Till my Saviour comes from glory
I'll tell of all the Lord has done
To set this sinner free
That all who will believe him
By faith can still receive him
And share in that redemption song
Christ won the victory

Worship in Song - during communion

I know my Shepherd gives me peace
The Lord is by my side
For every day he walks with me
The Lord is by my side

The Lord is by my side,
Forever by my side
His hope his strength his peace is mine
The Lord is by my side

I know my Shepherd gives me strength
The Lord is by my side
For I am small and he is great
The Lord is by my side

I know my Shepherd gives me hope
The Lord is by my side
For he will lead me safely home
The Lord is by my side

Bridge

And when I look back I will surely see
Your goodness and love they have followed me
For when I look back I will surely see
My Shepherd has laid down his life for me

Prayer after Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor your word is true
That all my ways are known to you

No trial has come beyond your hand
No step I walk beyond your plan
The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to you

And O what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to you
Hallelujah they are known to you

I do not fear the final night
For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to you

Bridge

Open up my eyes so I may see
That you have made these ways for me
Open up my eyes so I may see
That you my God will walk with me

Blessing

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light upon our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve all people in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, 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.