

Welcome

Worship in Song

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord;
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name.
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might.
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul the glories of his word.
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure,
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

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.**

Prayer for Today

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in times of change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will, we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

Genesis 11.1-9 (*Church Bible page 8*)

John 17.1-12 (*Church Bible page 903*)

Video & Sermon

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

Thanksgiving for God's Word

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Bible and pray for all who enable it to be studied, understood, and loved.

Almighty God, in your goodness you have given us the Scriptures to equip us for every kind of good deed. We give thanks for all who translate the Bible, and pray that, through their work and skill, your word may go forth to the ends of the earth.

We give thanks for all who distribute the Scriptures, and pray that, through the written text, your people may be built up in faith and love.

We give thanks for all whose learning interprets the Scriptures, that more light and truth may break forth from your word.

We give thanks for all preachers and teachers, and pray that, through the word proclaimed and shared, your Church may grow in holiness and discipleship.

We give thanks for all who read the Bible in public worship, for all study groups and training courses, and pray that, through the study of the Scriptures, your word may find a home in the hearts of your people.

Gracious Lord, grant to us that loving your holy word, we may adorn it with obedient and Christlike lives; to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Prayers

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

Notices

The Peace

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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

Worship in Song

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of your voice
Let the skies declare your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

You're the Author of creation
You're the Lord of every man
And your cry of love rings out across the lands

Yet you left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer you fed the hungry
With a word you stilled the sea
Yet how silently you suffered
That the guilty may go free

With a shout you rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in your wake
Now you stand before the Father
Interceding for your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

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.

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

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that is finished.

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Worship in Song - during communion

I am alive saved by your sacrifice
Death overcome glory dispels the night
You call the lifeless to wake from death to life
Out of darkness arise

I am set free saved from the power of sin
Guilt overcome your Spirit at work within
You break the chains of the law I am released
From the burden of sin

Now we cry Father we are your children
We are adopted as your own
No condemnation we are forgiven
Nothing can take us from your love

I am redeemed raised with my Saviour Christ
Fear overcome I will be glorified
You will forever defend and stand beside
I am safe in your love

Bridge

Creation awaits the glorious day
When Jesus returns and trials will fade

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Worship in Song

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley with you by our side
You will go before us, you will lead the way
We have found a refuge only you can save

Sing with joy now our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back still your love is sure
You will not abandon, you will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave his Son to free us
Holds me in his love

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.