

Welcome

Worship in Song

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing your majesty
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus 1: Indescribable uncontainable

You placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name, you are amazing God,
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim you are amazing God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Chorus 2: Indescribable uncontainable

You placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name, you are amazing God
Incomparable unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same, you are amazing God

Confession

Almighty God, creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and 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

1 Samuel 8.1-22 (*Church Bible p230*)

John 18.29-38 & 19.16-22 (*Church Bible p904*)

Sermon

Worship in Song

Though the nations rage kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above him none before him
All of time in his hands
For his throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory I will trust in his name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O his love is sure and he knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

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.

Notices

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Worship in Song

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from every tongue
Will one day come.

Before the Son we'll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace:
Salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing,
Their thunderous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies,
Their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, power,
Strength, thanks and honour are
To God, our King who reigns on high forevermore

And there we'll find our home,
Our life before the throne;
We'll honour him in perfect song
Where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,
As thirst and hunger die;
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King:
We'll reign with him.

Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. 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

O sov'reign God O matchless King
The saints adore the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To you belongs the highest praise

These sufferings this passing tide
Under your wings I will abide
And every enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

To the valley for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

Worship in Song - during communion

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

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be
for us the bread of life, that those who come to
him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord
in faith and love, that we may eat and drink
with him at his table in the kingdom, where he
is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Blessing

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all
wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father through him. And may
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.