

Welcome

Worship in Song

In the darkness there's a light before me
And it drives away my fear
In the silence there's a voice that calls me
And it tells me you are near

In the chaos there's a hand that holds me
And will never let me go
Yes I know that you are always for me
For your word has told me so

I will follow you, I will walk by faith
You have brought me near by your unrelenting grace
I will set my mind on the things above
You have won my heart with your everlasting love

I was lost but then you came and found me
And in love you brought me home
I was dead in sin but then you raised me
I am saved by grace alone

For no height no depth no life no death
No power on earth can take us from your love
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Confession

You have called us to be your people, to follow where you lead, to be obedient to your word and to proclaim your good news wherever we might go. Forgive the impatience and lack of faith which causes us to stumble, preferring our way to yours, relying on human wisdom rather than the truth which comes from you. Draw us back into your arms, as prodigals to you, our Father, and grant us patience, perseverance, and a child-like faith in our journeying with you. Amen.

May almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Today

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

2 Kings 25.1-30 (*Church Bible page 332*)

Luke 4.1-15 (*Church Bible page 859*)

Sermon

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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

Affirmation of Faith

Using words from Philippians chapter 2, let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:
Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers

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

Notices

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

Worship in Song

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Offertory Prayer

**God of life, Saviour of the poor, receive with
this money gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride and dedication to your
service in 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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you
come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising,
In my day of working, with me every hour.
Christ be in my resting, as the day is ending,
Calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking, and my understanding
Guarding me from evil, walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking, every word a blessing
Pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion:
All my life to know you,
Every day to walk with you.

Saviour, you're my deepest longing,
You're the One I live for,
Teach me, Lord, to walk with you.

Christ be in my gladness, for the joy of living,
Thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness,
Knowing that I follow in the steps he trod.

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to
Every pleasure jaded, every well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with his kindness
Leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

Worship in Song - during communion

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Prayer after Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Now when peace like a river attendeth my soul
And when sorrows like sea billows roll
Then whatever my lot you have taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

It is well with my soul
When the storms of winter blow
And the cares of this world take their toll
In the heat of the day there is grace enough to say
It is well it is well with my soul

And when Satan should tempt me
And trials should come
Let this blessed assurance control
For He sees every weakness and knows every fear
And has shed his own blood for my soul

Blessing

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more
than all we can ask or conceive, by the power
which is at work among us, to him be glory in the
Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages.
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.