

## **Welcome**

### **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

### **Confession**

**Father, we confess that we have often sought  
our own kingdoms, our own will, our own  
desires rather than your own. We have not  
loved you with our whole hearts, nor loved  
our neighbours as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord.  
Restore us as citizens of your kingdom,  
shaped by your righteousness, led by your  
Spirit, and anchored in your grace.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news: the Lord has rescued us  
from the dominion of darkness, and brought us  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom  
we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. In  
Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. We are children of the kingdom.**

### **Prayer for Today**

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us  
to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking  
your kingdom, and to give all that we have to  
gain the pearl beyond all price, through our  
Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Bible Readings**

Revelation 11.15-19 (*Church Bible page 1034*)  
Matthew 4.1-25 (*Church Bible page 809*)

### **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***

Using the words from Colossians 1, let us  
confess our faith in the Son of God:

**Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. By him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, thrones, powers, rulers, and authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning and the firstborn 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***

The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of peace,  
where justice and mercy meet and where  
Christ, our Prince of Peace, reigns. As citizens  
of this kingdom, let us share his peace with  
one another.

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

#### ***Worship in Song***

If Christ is mine I need no more  
He is the greatest gift of all  
The one who angel hosts adore  
Now has me safely in his hold  
His life my life His death my death  
All mine his every righteous breath  
My precious child the Father cries  
When all of Christ is all of mine

If Christ is mine my guilt is gone

It died with him upon the tree  
The weight of sin I held so long  
Was laid on Jesus there for me  
O sweet forgiveness precious peace  
Condemned no more my soul is free  
My weary burden cast aside  
When all of Christ is all of mine

If Christ is mine I will not fear  
Though many stand against his name  
Above their noise his voice is clear  
Behold I've overcome the grave  
My living Lord my risen king  
What's left to fear if I'm with him  
For death is swallowed up in life  
When all of Christ is all of mine

What joy to know that Christ is mine  
Who holds me ever in his love  
The sure foundation of my life  
Whose grace will always be enough  
Though all I have is stripped away  
Still I rejoice for Christ remains  
And when he comes he'll lift me high  
For all of Christ is all of mine

#### ***Offertory Prayer***

**Everything in heaven and earth comes from you,  
Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you  
be praised forever and ever. 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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is  
turned towards your world. In love you gave us  
Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home to the city  
where angels sing your praise. We join with  
them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story:

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story:

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**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***

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***

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I find a place to stand  
And wonder at such mercy  
That calls me as I am  
For hands that should discard me  
Hold wounds which tell me come  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
His family is my own  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams  
Now one through grace alone  
How could I now dishonour  
The ones that you have loved  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
See the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
The path before the crown  
We follow in his footsteps  
Where promised hope is found

How great the joy before us  
To be his perfect bride  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
We will gladly live our lives

***Worship in Song*** - during communion

We are his kingdom we are his bride  
For us he paid the price, for us he bled and died  
We are his people his treasured prize  
For us he conquered sin for he is risen

With thankfulness we will sing (*repeat*)  
So we declare the praises  
Of Jesus Saviour and King  
He is the cornerstone Hallelujah  
And now we stand as his church  
Until the day when he comes in glory, hallelujah

We are a priesthood beloved ones  
He draws the scattered near  
He builds his kingdom here  
A holy nation now set apart  
To be his hands and feet  
To speak his mercy

With thankfulness we will sing  
Adopted now we are his

***Prayer after Communion***

Gracious God, we thank you for the reminder  
of the death and sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus  
Christ and of our salvation through his shed  
blood. As we have received Christ's body and  
blood, may we be strengthened to live as  
citizens of your eternal kingdom. Help us to  
share your love and grace with the world,  
proclaiming that your kingdom will have no  
end. **Amen.**

***Worship in Song***

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

***Blessing***

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world.  
May the lips that have sung your praises always  
speak the truth; may the ears which have heard  
your Word listen only to what is good and may  
our lives as well as our worship be always  
pleasing in your sight, for the glory of 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.**