

Welcome

Worship in Song

Praise my soul the King of heaven
To His feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
Who like thee his praise should sing
Praise him, praise him
Praise him, praise him
Praise the everlasting King

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress
Praise him still the same forever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise him, praise him
Praise him, praise him
Glorious in his faithfulness

Father-like he tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame he knows
In his hands he gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Praise him, praise him
Praise him, praise him
Widely as his mercy flows

Angels in the height adore him
Ye behold him face to face
Sun and moon bow down before him
Dwellers all in time and space
Praise him, praise him
Praise him, praise him
Praise with us the God of grace

Confession

Almighty God, our Father, we come to you
with humble hearts, to confess our sins:

For turning away from you, and ignoring your
will for our lives:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish without thinking of you:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For failing you - not only by what we do, but also
by our thoughts and words:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by
temptations in the world about us:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For acting as if we were ashamed to belong to
your dear Son Jesus:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

**Father, we have failed you often, and humbly ask
your forgiveness: help us so to live that others may
see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the
world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and
peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Today

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear
witness that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good
news of your love, that all who hear it may be
drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on
the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 10.1-13 (*Church Bible page 957*)

Matthew 18.21-35 (*Church Bible page 823*)

Sermon

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There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for every passing day
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
Yet drives all doubt away:

I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven.
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
To make his will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair,
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit
I find the Saviour there.

Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold his face.

When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
And every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

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

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Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

This the power of the cross,
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows his head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the victory cry

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love

This the power of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. 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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our saviour, Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ

As His body here on earth
As we share in his suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Worship in Song - during communion

O Lord my rock and my redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like you there is no other
True delight is found in you alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my rock and my redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my rock and my redeemer
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on your shoulders
In my place you suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my rock and my redeemer
May all my days bring glory to your name

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to
withstand the temptations of the world, the
flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and
minds to follow you, the only God; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in
him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for
hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and
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.