

Welcome

Worship in Song

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of his promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon his name.

Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon
gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open
ears, and a new community of faith. We confess
that we hold back the power of your Spirit among
us. We do not listen for your word of truth, we do
not speak the good news of your love, nor do we
live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy
on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of
your Spirit, and fill us with the desire to be your
faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of
God's amazing love is that while we were
sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith
in him, our sins are forgiven and we can
approach the throne of God in confidence.
Thanks be to God. 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

Romans 10.5-15 (*Church Bible page 946*)
John 1.35-51 (*Church Bible page 886*)

Sermon

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Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let his song rise within you as a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in his unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ
Walking justly before him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in him

An Affirmation of Faith

We believe the grace of God has dawned upon us with healing for all the world, and so we rejoice to declare our faith in him:

We trust in God the Father, who has revealed his love and kindness to us, and in his mercy saved us, not for any good deed of our own, but because he is merciful.

We trust in Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us to free us from our sin, and set us apart for himself a people eager to do good.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, whom God poured out on us generously through Christ our Saviour so that justified by grace we might become heirs with the hope of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers

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

Notices

The Peace

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. So let us offer the peace of God to all.

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

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There is good news for the captive
Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter
The one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

He's our rescuer, he's our rescuer
We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound
Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our rescuer

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary
Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

So come and be chainless
Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary

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

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 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

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your
Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm
us in this mission, and help us to live the good
news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

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O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

Jesus. The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ:
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honours of thy name.

Blessing

Go from here as witnesses of what you have
seen and heard. Share God's love with those
you meet. Bring hope to those who are in
despair. Live lives of gratitude and praise. 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.