



GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sheridan, Wyoming

Thus says the LORD:

“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practice steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, says the LORD.”

Jeremiah 9.23–24

Meditations Before Worship

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Colossians 3.1

“If any one thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believe in Him were to receive.
John 7.37–39

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19.14*

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Heavenly Father, so draw our hearts to You, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly Yours, utterly dedicated to You; and then use us, we pray, as You will, and always to Your glory and the welfare of Your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Before Worship

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship You in spirit and in truth: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Grace

Heavenly Father, You have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with Your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Welcome to Grace Anglican Church! We're delighted to have you join us in worship today and are hopeful that your experience here is meaningful. For many, liturgical worship is a new experience. We are hoping that this introduction to the flow of our liturgical worship service will help orient you today.

First, a word about worship. Webster's defines worship as an act expressing reverence offered to a divine being. The first thing to note is that worship is about us offering our reverence to God. Let's be honest, our culture is centered around ourselves. We may have even come to worship this morning prepared to use the litmus test of "What am I getting out of this?" as a means of evaluating our worship time together. Paul contrasts this self-focused perspective on worship in Romans 12:1 when he writes, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." From this text it is clear that Paul's understanding is that we are here for him, and not the other way around. However difficult it may be in our cultural climate to gain this sense that we are here to worship and offer ourselves to God, this is nonetheless the proper way to approach God. Instead of "what did I get out of this?", the better question is "What have I offered to God today?"

Liturgy means "the work of the people". You will notice in today's service that there are responses expected out of you. As the leader prompts, the people respond. Together we find ourselves offering ourselves (corporately) to God in liturgical worship.

The way our service is structured, there is no initial introductory welcome. We begin with the Acclamation which addresses our intention (to bless), the object of our worship (the Trinitarian God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), and the object of his great affection (His Kingdom) for all eternity.

Following this we acknowledge that God knows all and ask him to prepare our hearts with the Collect for Purity. From there we hear God's Law summarized (in Jesus' words) and then proclaim God's Glory through the ancient prayer the Gloria in Excelsis Deo, which dates back to around the third century. You'll notice lots of scripture passages in the Gloria. From there we move to the Scriptures read aloud, prefaced by the collect of the day. Each week we have a passage from the Old Testament, a Psalm (which we pray as a body), a New Testament reading, as well as a reading from one of the Gospels. After the public hearing of God's word comes the sermon which is designed to exposit, or open, the meaning of the word we have just listened to. From there, we affirm the truths of the scripture by affirming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. This basic statement of the Christian faith was originally developed at the council of Nicea in 325 A.D. and modified in 381 in Constantinople.

At this point, we offer our prayers to God via the Prayers of the People. You will notice several themes (pray for the church, prayers for the world (including our governmental leaders), prayers for our community, etc. This is designed to help us respond to God's word and however he has been moving in our hearts as we offer ourselves to him. Next we confess our sins to God and having heard the proclamation of forgiveness for our sins when we repent and put our trust in God, we hear the confirmation of our position in Christ through the comfortable words. Having made peace with God through our being forgiven, we then extend that same peace to one another (MT 5:23-24) prior to presenting God our tithes and offerings.

We sing the Doxology ("Praise God from whom all blessings flow...") as our gifts are received and we turn to the Eucharist. At Grace, we celebrate the Lord's Supper most Sundays. Eucharist means "to give thanks", and the ancient Eucharistic prayer that we say begins with our lifting our hearts to God and offering him thanks for his creation of the world, his salvation through his son Jesus Christ, and his call upon the church to go into the world and make disciples. Anglicans believe in the "Real Presence" of Christ in communion. This does not mean that the elements of bread and wine are transformed into something other than bread and wine.

But for us communion isn't merely symbolic either. The doctrine of the real presence is that Christ is very literally present in the life of each believer and he meets us in a real way in our hearts as we engage in the fulfillment of his command to remember him whenever the bread or the cup are shared by the people. For us, Communion is a very special time as it gets at the heart of the gospel message, that Christ died in order to forgive our sins and that when we eat the bread and drink of the cup we acknowledge that we believe we are forgiven by his gracious act of sacrificial love. Any Christian who has been baptized into the body of Christ is welcome to share in the Lord's supper with us. However, if you have not been baptized, please refrain from taking the bread and wine. (You may still come forward to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of your chest when you get to the front of the line.)

After the body of believers has celebrated the reason we are a family through communion we pray, thanking God for his presence with us and asking him to equip us and send us out into the world on his behalf.

Thanks again for joining us. If you have any further questions about anything you experience in the service, please don't hesitate to ask.

Holy Communion

The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy [upon us]. *or* Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy [upon us]. *Christe eleison.*
Lord, have mercy [upon us]. Kyrie eleison.

Or this

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

HOLY EUCHARIST
Eucharist is another name for communion, it means to give thanks. We begin our Eucharist by singing praises to God. We commit all our worship to Him, in the name of the Trinity, and greet each other in the name of God recognizing His presence here among us

COLLECT FOR PURITY

A collect (CAH-lekt) is a gathering prayer. We pray this prayer to ask God for His mercy in opening our hearts to Him so we may come to worship Him with purity.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Each week we are reminded of the two-fold nature of God's call on us: to love Him and to love our neighbor. The Summary of the Law confronts us at once with the basic and insistent claim of God upon His creatures for entire obedience to His righteous will, in both complete devotion to Him as our final sovereign Lord and our unselfish community as equal subjects of His purposeful and gracious love.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Throughout the church year (excluding Advent & Lent), we say the Gloria. It is a celebratory hymn in which we praise God for what He has done, remind ourselves of our redemption in Christ and proclaim God's worthiness of worship.

COLLECT OF THE

DAY The Collect, an ancient prayer of the Church, changes weekly. It unites and focuses our prayers through the words of Scripture, summarizing the Scripture, theme and time of the liturgical year.

THE LITURGY OF

THE WORD We sit to hear the Scriptures read. In the Anglican tradition we read a passage from the Old Testament, a Psalm, the New Testament, and one of the Gospels.

THE GOSPEL

We stand to hear the Gospel read because it retells the life of Jesus incarnate on Earth. As you would stand for a king when he enters a room, we stand when the Gospel is read to remind us that Christ, the King of kings, is truly here among us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | The Lord be with you. |
| <i>People</i> | And with your spirit. |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us pray. |

The Lessons

The Gospel Hymn

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE CREED
Early Christians
labored prayerfully
to clearly state
‘the faith once
delivered to all the
saints’ in light of
Jesus’ life and
work. The Creed
declares the essential
beliefs of Christianity
as well as protecting
the mystery of the
relationship among
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
We use the Nicene
Creed in worship to
continually root us
in God’s
transcendent reality
and truth.

THE PRAYERS
OF THE PEOPLE
God hears the
Prayers of His
people. We pray
not only for our
needs, but for the
Church, our
government, others
in need, and the
world. The
congregation is
invited to participate
by lifting up their
own prayers either
silently or aloud
when directed.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and requests, and to give thanks for all whom you have made. We appeal to your mercy, Gracious Lord, that you might hear our prayers.

Reader Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Inspire your universal Church by your Spirit, granting that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servant(s) N, our Archbishop/Bishop/Priest/Deacon etc., that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly administer your holy Sacraments.

Reader Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Help us to fulfill your great commission; making disciples of all nations; teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Reader Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

We ask you to rule the hearts of all who govern us, especially N, our President. May they administer justice, govern wisely, and strive for the welfare and peace of the whole world.

Reader Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Grant your heavenly grace to all people, especially these gathered here, that with meek and reverent hearts, we may hear and trust your holy Word, devoting our lives to your righteous service.

Reader Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

We humbly ask you, gracious Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who, in this earthly life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

Reader I invite you to add your own requests at this time.

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who departed this life in your faith and fear, praying you would grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

CONFESSION

Because God is kind toward His people, we are compelled to be honest about our failures and sins. It also reminds us of our common disposition with all humanity: “for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23)

THE ABSOLUTION

The priest, as Christ's representative, stands and declares the reality of forgiveness. Jesus promises to all who seek this forgiveness in His name.

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Once reminded by the priest of God's forgiveness, we hear directly from Scripture God's promises to those who seek forgiveness.

THE PEACE

The peace we extend is the peace we have through Christ in His death and resurrection.

THE OFFERTORY

Knowing that all we have comes from God, we give generously as He has been generous toward us. We bring not only ourselves, but our finances and the bread and wine to offer them back to God from whom every good and perfect gift comes.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that Whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

The Offertory

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye Heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sursum Corda

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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| | The Lord be with you. |
| <i>People</i> | And with your spirit. |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Lift up your hearts. |
| <i>People</i> | We lift them to the Lord. |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| <i>People</i> | It is just and right so to do. |

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Rev 4:8, Psalm 118:25-26

THE GREAT
THANKSGIVING
At this point we turn our attention to the Lord's Table. We approach the table in celebration for what Jesus has done for us and reverence as Jesus, the host, welcomes us.

Here the priest recounts the mighty deeds of God in Jesus. This "preface" changes depending on the time of the church year. In Advent, it focuses on the birth of Jesus. In Lent, it focuses on Christ's death and resurrection. Other times of year connect to the relevant liturgical theme.

We join the song sung by the angels gathered around God's throne, declaring Him 'holy, holy, holy' which in Latin is sanctus. In joining this song we acknowledge Him to be the Sovereign Lord who reigns over all things.

In the Lord's Supper, we are drawn into the past memory of Jesus's victory on the cross over sin and death. And we are drawn toward a future hope knowing that the great wedding feast of the Lamb awaits all who hope in Christ.

We proclaim the Lord's death because His sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection are the only hope for those who would know forgiveness and life. In proclaiming Jesus' death and resurrection, we celebrate His ransoming us from sin and death. But we also await His coming in glory where He will fully institute His kingdom, of which the Eucharist is a foretaste. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are nourished by the bread and wine which become to us the Body and Blood of Christ.

At this meal, Jesus commands those who follow Him to participate in the Lord's Table so that they may be shaped by the truth that we enter the Christian life and persevere in faith by the grace imparted to us in this holy meal.

The Prayer of Consecration

The People Stand or kneel

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He offered himself and made, once for all time, a perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He instituted this remembrance of his passion and death, which he commanded us to continue until he comes again. So now, Father, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine that we may partake of his most blessed Body and Blood.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Lord and heavenly Father, with these holy gifts we celebrate the Memorial instituted by your beloved Son, remembering his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion, making us one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And here we offer to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

Celebrant and People together pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

or this

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People together

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and
great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always
delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his
blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He taught them this prayer. As we prepare to receive communion, the Lord's Prayer is the culmination of the Eucharistic prayer - in heaven and on earth. It is the proclamation of God's kingdom now and in the future.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

In the prayer of humble access we declare that the only way we are able to enter God's presence is because of His mercy toward us, not because of our ability or worthiness. Yet, in his love, He gives us access to every good thing in Jesus by calling us near and uniting us with His Son.

PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION

We acknowledge our
thankfulness to the
Lord for caring for us
and tending to us in
Word and Sacrament,
and having been
reconciled to God we
go out to join Him in
His mission in the
world.

THE DISMISSAL

We are dismissed to
go into the world to
share God's peace
and love, in Christ,
with others.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Order for Holy Baptism

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.
(*Ephesians 4:4-6*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

People Amen.

After the Sermon

The Exhortation

The Celebrant then says to the People

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God," and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Therefore we will ask our heavenly Father that these candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received as living members of Christ's holy Church.

(*John 3:5*) (*Matthew 28:19*) (*Mark 16:15*)

The Presentation

Celebrant The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present N.N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Adults and Older Children

Celebrant Have you already been baptized?

Candidate No.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharist is another name for communion, it means to give thanks. We begin our Eucharist by singing praises to God. We commit all our worship to Him, in the name of the Trinity, and greet each other in the name of God recognizing His presence here among us.

THE EXHORTATION

The Priest recounts the meaning of baptism and its purpose. The Church has understood baptism in two ways: tomb and womb. Baptism as tomb is a reminder that in baptism we die to our old selves and rise to new life in Christ. Baptism as womb reminds us that we are born again in new life.

PARENTS' PROMISES

The Church has traditionally baptized infants and small children. This is an understanding of the covenant of God being extended to the entire family, through the parents' and godparents' promises made on the child's behalf. Just as circumcision is an extension of the covenant to boys of the Jewish religion, so too baptism is the promise and sign of the covenant to Christian children. However, when the child reaches an age where they can appropriate these promises made on their behalf, the child will undergo confirmation. This section of the service is a reminder to the parents and godparents of the solemn promises and duties they undertake when presenting their child for baptism.

When the promises are made by Godparents/ Sponsors of infant/ children, Celebrant addresses them

Today, on behalf of *this child*, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that *this child* is taught, as soon as *he* is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *He* must come to put *his* trust in Jesus, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *his soul*. When *he has* embraced all these, having become a disciple of Jesus, *he is* to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *he* may claim the Faith for *his* own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his Kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents/ Parents I am, the Lord being my helper.

Profession of Faith

Question Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

The Celebrant shall pray over the Candidate(s) and may anoint each candidate with the Oil

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil,
and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as
Your Lord and Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed
in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer I do.

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and
commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, in your
great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the
destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Look mercifully upon *this* your *servant*. Wash and sanctify *him* through
your Holy Spirit, that *he* may be delivered from destruction and
received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith,
joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *he* may pass through the
turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of
everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

There are several ways baptism is foreshadowed in the Bible: first, Noah's and his families' deliverance from the flood; second, Israel's deliverance through the Red Sea; lastly Christ's call to be baptized through his own baptism and the call to the disciples to go and baptize. (Matthew 28:19-20) These are just a few places in Scripture baptism is mentioned.

Lastly, the Church is asked to affirm their role to support and encourage the life of faith in the child.

THE CREED

From the earliest times of the Church, the Apostles' creed was a declaration of the essential beliefs of the Christian Faith and the sign of baptismal confession. Baptism is for the individual, but baptism is administered in community. Therefore the entire community is asked to renew their baptismal vows, joining with those being baptized in this traditional proclamation of faith.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

Congregation We will.

Celebrant Let us join with these candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People I do.
I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People I do.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People I do.
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

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is just and right so to do.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried With Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

BLESSING
OF THE WATER
Throughout Scripture
we see blessing
taking place —
of people, objects,
of God's creation.
Blessing is not just
a setting apart of
a particular item or
person for a specific
act of service, but a
recognition, or rather
a revelation, of the
objects intended
purpose. Through
blessing, we are
reminded of God's
original intent and
purpose for all of
creation .

THE BAPTISM

There are three symbols used in baptism. First, the main symbol of water represents and effects a washing away of sins and restoration of proper relationship with God. Second, holy oil is used to mark a cross on the forehead of the newly baptized person showing the sign, seal and promise accorded to God's people. Last, the newly baptized person is given a candle symbolizing the light of Christ now within the newly baptized. Their commission and call is to now take this light into all the world .

The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Celebrant anoints the baptized saying:

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. *Amen.*

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, received *them* as your own *children* by adoption, made *them members* of your Church, and raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that *they* may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Preface to Confirmation

Anglicanism requires a public and personal profession of the Faith from every adult believer in Jesus Christ. Confirmation by a bishop is its liturgical expression. Confirmation is evident in Scripture: the Apostles prayed for, and laid their hands on those who had already been baptized (2 Timothy 1:6-7; Acts 8:14-17; 19:6).

In Confirmation, God, through the bishop's prayer for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, strengthens the believer for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Grace is God's gift, and we pray that he will pour out his Holy Spirit on those who have already been made his children by adoption and grace in Baptism.

At the direction of the Bishop, and after public reaffirmation of their baptismal promises, those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions (including those confirmed in other traditions) are received into the Anglican Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

Confirmed believers who are already members of this Church (including those received from other traditions as above, those returning to active Christian discipleship after lapse, and those experiencing a renewal of Christian commitment or significant life transition) may also reaffirm the pledges made to Christ and his Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

THE
PRESENTATION,
EXHORTATION
AND

EXAMINATION

From the earliest times persons who wished to be members of Christ's Church were presented to the Bishop, who as Christ's representative and inheritor of the apostles, made clear the gravity of such a commitment. The exhortation which follows lays out the full implications of what such a commitment entails.

The Order for Confirmation, or Laying on of Hands by the Bishop

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people stand, and the Celebrant says the following, or the appointed seasonal greeting.

Bishop The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
People and your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,
People and your young men shall see visions.
Joel 2:28

Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of
his people,
People that he is the Lord and there is none else.
Joel 2:27

Bishop And it shall come to pass
People that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.
Joel 2:32

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And with your Spirit.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

People Amen.

The liturgy continues with the lessons as directed in the Eucharist. Following the Nicene Creed, the candidates are presented.

The Presentation, Exhortation and Examination

Only a bishop may confirm. The Bishop customarily sits in a chair in front of the Altar Table.

The candidates and presenters stand facing the Bishop as their presenters say

Presenters *Right Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.*

Bishop *Have they been adequately prepared?*

Presenters *They have.*

The Bishop then shall say

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed in this Church must publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciple; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in baptism where we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. Through the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, *these candidates* here *desire* publicly to confess *their* faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and *their* commitment to follow him as Lord. *They* also *desire* the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands that the Holy Spirit may fill *them* more and more for *their* ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Renunciations and Affirmations
When we commit our lives to fully following God, we embrace some things and turn away from others. These questions are a vocalisation of the reality of what it means to follow Christ as members in his One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

Picture the three renunciations as three concentric circles of a bullseye. The outermost circle, the entire target, being the renunciation of the devil, the second circle as the deceits of this world, and the innermost circle, the center of the target, being the sinful desires of our own flesh.



Similarly, the three affirmations can be pictured with “the bullseye” being the confession of Jesus as Lord and Savior, the receiving of the scriptures in the middle, and whole target being the pledge to obey God’s holy will and commandments.

The Bishop then addresses the candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Will you obediently keep God’s holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

The Bishop stands and says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we ask you to strengthen *these* your *servants* for witness and ministry, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in *them* the gift of your grace and the fruit of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

Each confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, shall pray

Defend, O Lord, this your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until *he* comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People Amen.

For Reception

Those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions are Received with the laying on of hands as follows:

N., we recognize you as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and empower you.

People Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS The Church since its inception, through prayer and the laying on of hands, has recognized the call of and commissioned its members.

THE CONFIRMATION As the symbol of Christ's authority in His Church, each confirmand kneels before the Bishop, and through the laying on of hands is confirmed in the apostolic Church. The posture and actions of each Confirmand and the Bishop is not to the particular Bishop confirming, but rather to the authority of Christ entrusted to Bishops as successor to the Apostles.

THE RECEPTION There is one Body and one Lord, and one hope to which we are called. As such, those persons who have been confirmed previously in an apostolic tradition, but are recognising the Anglican expression of the faith as their ecclesial home are received rather than confirmed again.

THE
REAFFIRMATION
We all follow Christ well, and sometimes not so well. Yet God is gracious and compassionate. God is always willing to receive those who desire to return to Him, just as a gracious father does his children. For those who are reaffirming their desire to return and follow Christ once again, the candidates reaffirm their commitment made at Confirmation

THE PEACE The peace we extend is the peace we have through Christ in His death and resurrection.

THE BLESSING
Blessing is an ancient practice found throughout Scripture. Here we are reminded of God's commission to us as disciples and followers of Jesus.

For Reaffirmation

The Bishop may also accept with the laying on of hands the Reaffirmation of vows by a Person who has previously been Confirmed or Received in this Church.

N., the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and empower you by his grace, that you may continue in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ all the days of your life.

People Amen.

The Bishop may make the sign of the Cross with the Oil of Chrism on the forehead of any receiving the laying on of hands, and may say

N., I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop then says, with all the People standing

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand be upon these Your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace is now exchanged

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with your spirit.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the following blessing may be used.

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; fight the good fight of faith; that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

1

Adoration

By Brenton Brown

We bow our hearts, we lift our hands we turn our eyes to you again
And we surrender to the truth that all we need is found in You

Receive our adoration Jesus, Lamb of God

Receive our adoration How wonderful you are

We choose to leave it all behind and turn our eyes towards the prize
The upward call of God in Christ; You have our hearts, Lord take our lives (Chorus)

Every soul You've saved sings out, everything you've made resounds
All creation's standing now lifting up your name
We're joining in the angel's song, we're gathered to your ancient throne
Children in our Father's arms, shouting out your praise

2

All Bow Down

Chris Tomlin

You're arriving with the sound of thunder and rain
You're arriving in the calm of the wind and the waves
You're arriving in the glow of a burning flame, A burning flame
Praise awaits You at the dawn when the world comes alive
Praise awaits You in the darkness and shines in the light
Praise awaits You with a song of love and desire
Love and desire

Here comes the King, All bow down

Lift up your voices unto the Lamb

He is the King, All bow down, All bow down

You are coming again like a thief in the night
You are coming again with a shout from the sky
You are coming again to take away Your bride
To take away Your bride

Yeah, You are the King (x2)

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

3

All the way my savior leads me, What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, Divinest comfort, E're by faith in him to dwell
For I know whate'er befall me Jesus doeth all things well.

**All the way my savior leads me,
Oh the fullness of His love
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above
When my spirit clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of the day;
This my song through endless ages-
Jesus led me all the way.**

All the way my Savior leads me, and he cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me strength for every trial, and He feeds me with the living bread
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a thirst may be
Gushing from the rock before me, Lo, a spring of joy I see.

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

John Newton, John P. Rees and Edwin Othello Excell Arrangement and additional chorus by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

4

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 Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
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. (chorus)

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.

5

And Can It Be

And Can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain for me who scorned his perfect love
Amazing love, how can it be that you, my God, should die for me
Amazing love, how can it be that you, my God, should die for me?
You left the Father's throne above so free and infinite your grace
Emptied yourself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race (chorus)

Boldly I come before your throne to claim your mercy immense and free
No greater love will e'er be known for oh, my God it found out me (chorus)

6

Before the Throne of God Above

Words and Music by Charitie L. Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written in His heart.
I know that while in Heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I am, the king of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Born That We May Have Life

Chris Tomlin

7

No reputation, no stately bearing
No palace bed for royalty
But a star in the heavens
A sign full of wonder
Announcing the coming of the King of kings
**Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life**
A throne in a manger, the cross in a cradle
The hidden revealing this glorious plan
Of a child who would suffer
A child who would conquer
The sin of every woman, the sin of every man

Christ Is Risen, He's Risen Indeed!

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8

How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.
For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.
Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, Yet, sing hallelujah.
Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained Life, life everlasting. (Chorus)

The power that raised Him from the grave, Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go, tell of His goodness. (Chorus)

9

Come and Listen

By David Crowder

Come and listen, come to the water's edge all you
 Who know and fear the Lord
 Come and listen, Come to the water's edge all you
 Who are thirsty come
 Let me tell you what he has done for me
 Let me tell you what he has done for me
 He has done for you, he has done for us
 Come and listen, Come and listen to what he's done
 Come and listen, come and listen to what he's done
 Praise our God, for he is good (4X)
 He has done for me, He has done for you
 He has done for us
 Come and listen, Come and listen to what he's done
 Come and listen, come and listen to what he's done

10

Enough

By Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

All of you is more than enough for all of me for every thirst and every need.
You satisfy me with your love, and all I have in You is more than enough
 You're my supply, my breath of life, still more awesome than I know.
 You're my reward worth living for still more awesome than I know, and

You're my sacrifice of greatest price, still more awesome than I know.
 You're my coming King; You are everything, still more awesome than I know, and

More than all I want, more than all I need, you are more than enough for me.
 More than all I know, more than all I can say, you are more than enough, and
 (chorus)

Come People of the Risen King

By Keith and Kristyn Getty

11

Come people of the risen King who delight to bring him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

**Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart one voice, O church of Christ rejoice**

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from every land Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age Our God is all in all

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

12

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above

13

Unfailing Love

By Chris Tomlin

You have my heart And I am Yours forever
 You are my strength God of grace and power
And everything You hold in Your hand
Still You make time for me, I can't understand
Praise You God of earth and sky
How beautiful is Your unfailing love, Unfailing love
You never change, God, You remain
The Holy One and my unfailing love Unfailing love
 You are my rock The One I hold on to
 You are my Song And I sing for You

14

Kindness

By Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio and Jesse Reeves

Open up the skies of mercy, and rain down the cleansing flood,
 healing waters rise around us, and hear our cries, Lord, let 'em rise (2X)
And it's your kindness Lord, that leads us to repentance
Your favor Lord, is our desire. And it's Your beauty, Lord,
that makes us stand in silence,
And Your love, Your love Is better than life.
 We can feel Your mercy falling, You are turning our hearts back again.
 Hear our praises rise to heaven, And draw us near, Lord; Meet us here

Everything Glorious

David Crowder

15

The day is brighter here with You,
The night is lighter than its hue
Would lead me to believe, Which leads me to believe
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious, And I am Yours
My eyes are small but they have seen
The beauty of enormous things
Which leads me to believe, There's light enough to see that (chorus)

From glory to glory You are glorious You are glorious
From glory to glory You are glorious. You are glorious
Which leads me to believe, Why I can believe that

Fairest Lord Jesus

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16

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Oh, thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I Cherish, Thee will I honor
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast

All fairest beauty, Heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus is found in Thee
None can be nearer, fairer, or dearer,
Than thou my savior art to me.

Faithful

By Chris Tomlin

Faithful, forever You are faithful, Father to the fatherless
 You uphold the one who feels forsaken
 You are faithful, God
 Faithful, forever You are faithful, Lover of the wounded heart
 You defend the poor and the forgotten, You are faithful, God
And I will sing to the maker of Heaven and Earth
God, You reign forever and Your love will endure
Faithful and true is the name of the Lord
You are faithful, God
 Faithful, forever You are faithful. Shelter for the fragile soul
 You lift us up, You hold us all together, You are faithful, God

You are there in every season of my soul
 You are there, You're the anchor that will hold
 You are there, in the valley of the shadows
 You are faithful, God

Famous One

By Chris Tomlin

And for all You've done and yet to do
 With every breath I'm praising You
 Desire of nations and every heart
 You alone are God, You alone are God
You are the Lord the famous One, famous One
Great is Your name in all the earth
The heavens declare You're glorious, glorious
Great is Your fame beyond the earth
 The morning star is shining through
 And every eye is watching You
 Revealed by nature and miracles
 You are beautiful, You are beautiful

Forever

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin

19

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, Sing praise!
With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise!
Sing praise, sing praise!
**Forever God is Faithful, Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, Forever, Forever**
From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise! Sing praise, sing praise!

Gaze Into Your Holiness

Words and Music by Bryan Jones

20

**I want to gaze into your holiness
I want to run into your arms
I want to hope in all your promises
I want to hide deep in your love**
Deep in your love, I'll find my way
Comfort for a heartache hurting in me
And when I run to you I am sure
Your love will always endure (chorus)
Deep in your love I'll find my place
A fountain of hope and a river of grace
And when I run to you I can say
Your love washes my fears away (chorus)

21

Glorified in Me

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Jesus (echo)
Be glorified in me (echo)
(repeat)

Let me fall that You might rise
Be my strength in weakness
Lift my head up to the skies
Cover me with meekness

And I cry Holy Maker of the stars
Fill me, Use me.
Draw me near to where You are,
Be glorified in me.

22

God Almighty

By Chris Tomlin

Like the water's roar is your voice Oh Lord
There is none before and none beside
You are set apart, You alone are God
Your glory reaches far from sky to sky
Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning we will sing
Holy, Holy, we bow down before Thee
All Your children love to sing Your Name
God Almighty
You're the breath of life You're the God on high
Your song shall rise and never pass away
O, Your Majesty evermore shall be
The earth, the skies, the sea shall bring you praise

And I hide my eyes with my face to the ground
In the presence of Your Majesty
And I clap my hands and I lay my crowns
In the presence of Your Majesty

Here I am to Worship

by Tim Hughes

23

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that you're my God.

**And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me**

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly you came to the Earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor. (chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross (chorus)

Holy Heart

Words and Music by Charlie Hall

24

Oh my heart longs to be purified,
Oh my heart longs to be refined

A Holy heart is what I long for

What I cry for, what I need

A heart that loves you, a heart that hears you, fears you

And sees you as you are

Search my heart o God and see in me,
All offenses God that there may be

Refined in your love, refined by your blood,
and the pure in heart will see you

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
 Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see
 Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons blessed trinity!

How Can I Keep From Singing

By Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, and Ed Cash

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.
 And though the storms may come, I am holding on, to the rock I cling.
How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, How amazing is Your love!
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, And it makes my heart want to sing
 I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.
 And I will walk with You knowing You see me through,
 And sing the songs You give. (chorus)

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.
 I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again.
 I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.
 I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord, when I call to you in prayer.
 I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know
 That I'll sing with the angels, and the saints around the throne.
 (chorus)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music by Stuart Townend

27

How Deep the Father's love for us; How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

How Great Is Our God

By Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

28

The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice
How great is our God! Sing with me,
How great is our God! And all will see
How great, how great is our God!
And age to age he stands and time is in his hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead, three in one. Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)

(bridge)
Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing: How great is our God (repeat)

In Christ Alone

By Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found! He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Indescribable

By Chris Tomlin

30

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming

Indescribable, Uncontainable

You placed the stars in the sky and you now 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 every 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

Indescribable, Uncontainable

You placed the stars in the sky and you now them by name

You are amazing God

All powerful, Untamable

You know the depths of our hearts, and you love us the same,

You are amazing God

31

King of Glory

By Chris Tomlin

Lift up your gaze, be lifted up,
 Tell everyone how great the love
 The love come down from heaven's gate
 To kiss the earth with hope and grace, sing:
Who is this King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty
Who is this King of Glory The Lord, strong and mighty
 Lift up your hands, be lifted up.
 Let the redeemed declare the love.
 And we bow down at heaven's gate
 To kiss the feet of hope and grace,
 Sing: (Chorus)
 There is one God; He is Holy.
 There is one Lord over everything
 There is one King, He is Jesus.
 King of glory, strong and mighty (2x)

32

Light of the World

By Chris Tomlin

O Jesus son of God, so full of grace and truth
 The Father's saving Word, so wonderful are you
 The Angels longed to see, and prophets searched to find
 The glory we have seen revealed
 You shone upon the earth, but who will understand?
 You came unto Your own, but who will recognise?
 Your birth was prophesied, for You were the Messiah
 Who came and walked upon the Earth
 Your glory we have seen, the one and only King
 And now You're living in our hearts
Light of the world, light of the world
Light of the world, You shine upon us (2 X)

In You all things were made and nothing without You
 In heaven and on earth all things are held in You
 And yet You became flesh, living as one of us
 Under the shadow of the cross
 Where, through the blood you shed, You have made peace again
 Peace for a world that God so loves

Like You

Words and Music by Bryan Jones

33

I want to laugh like you, Cry like you
See the joy in the eyes of a child, like you
I want to love too deep, go too far
Point the way to find who you are
I want to go the extra mile
Rest on your shoulder for a while.

**I want to be like you Love the way you love
Trust everything you do I want to be like you
Know your holy presence deep in me
Feel your gentle Spirit set me free
Lord, with all my heart I want to be...Like You**

I want to love like you, Care like you
Give somebody hope in their heart Like you
Want to hold on tight, Not let go
Feel you changing me in my soul
I want to go the extra mile
Rest on your shoulder for a while.

Made to Worship

By Chris Tomlin, Stephan Sharp and Ed Cash

34

Before the day, before the light, before the world revolved around the sun.
God on high stepped down into time, and wrote the story of his love for everyone.

He has filled our hearts with wonder, so that we always remember:

**You and I were made to worship, You and I are called to love,
You and I are forgiven and free.**

**When you and I embrace surrender, when you and I chose to believe,
Then you and I will see who we were meant to be.**

All we are and all we have, Is all a gift from God that we receive.

Brought to life we open up our eyes, to see the majesty and glory of the King.

Even the rocks cry out, even the heavens shout, at the sound of His Holy name.
So let every voice sing out, let every knee bow down,
He is worthy of all our praise.

35

Mighty Is the Power of the Cross

By Chris Tomlin

What can take a dying man and raise him up to life again?
 What can heal the wounded soul? What can make us white as snow?
 What can fill the emptiness? What can mend our brokenness? Brokenness?
And mighty, awesome, wonderful is the holy Cross
Where the Lamb laid down his life to lift us from the fall
Mighty is the power of the Cross.

What restores our faith in God? What reveals the Father's love?
 What can lead the wayward home? What can melt a heart of stone?
 What can free the guilty ones? What can't Satan overcome? Overcome

It's a miracle to me and still a mystery
 It's a miracle to me the power of God to those who believe

36

O Praise Him

By David Crowder

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside
 The sound of angels' awe the sound of angels' songs
 And all this for a King, We could join and sing, All to Christ the King
 How constant, how divine, this song of ours will rise
 Oh how constant, how divine this song of ours will rise, will rise
O praise him, O praise him, He is holy, He is holy
 Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise
 The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones
 And all this for a King, Angels join to sing all for Christ our King
 (chorus)
 How infinite and sweet, this love so rescuing
 O how infinitely sweet this great love that has redeemed
 As one we sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, he is holy, he is holy

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame bow'd down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain:
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; And should I fainting be
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for Thee.

Be near me when I'm dying, O show Thy cross to me;
And to my succor flying Come, Lord, and set me free.
These eyes new faith receiving, From Jesus shall not move;
For he, who dies believing, Dies safely through Thy love.

O Worship the King

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O worship the King, all glorious above and gratefully sing his wonderful love
Our shield and defender the ancient of days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might, o sing of his grace whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form and dark is his path on the wings
of the storm

You alone are the matchless king to you alone be all majesty

Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite

You breathe in the air, you shine in the light

O measureless might ineffable love while angels delight to worship above

Thou mercies how tender how firm to the end

Our maker defender redeemer and friend

Offering

Words by Mac Powell Music by Third Day

Magnificent Holy Father
 I stand in awe of all I see
 Of all the things You have created
 But still You choose to think of me
 Who am I that You should suffer
 Your very life to set me free
 The only thing that I can give You
 is the life you gave to me
This is my offering, dear Lord
This is my offering to You, God
And I will give You my life
For it's all I have to give
Because You gave Your life for me
 I stand before You at this altar
 So many have given You more
 I may not have much I can offer
 Yet what I have is truly Yours

Oh the Deep, Deep

O the deep, deep love of Jesus vast unmeasured boundless free
 Rolling as a mighty ocean, In its fullness over me
 Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy Love,
 Leading onward, leading homeward, To my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore
 How He loveth, ever loveth, Changeth never, nevermore;
 How He watches o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;
 How for them He intercedeth, Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Love of every love the best;
 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest,
 O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'Tis a Heav'n of Heav'ns to me;
 And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to Thee.

Oh For a Thousand Tongues

Charles Wesley

41

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemers praise
the glories of my God and King the triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

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 pow'r of canceled sin he sets the pris'ners 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 you deaf his praise, you dumb
your loosened tongues employ
you blind behold your savior comes and leap you lame for joy

Only You

Words by David Crowder, Mike Dodson Jason Solley, Mike Hogan, Music by David Crowder

Take my heart, I lay it down
At the feet of you who's crowned
And take my life, I'm letting go
I lift it up, to you who's throned
And I will worship You, Lord Only You, Lord
And I will bow down before You only you, Lord
Take my fret, take my fear
All I have I'm leaving here
Be all my hopes, be all my dreams
Be all my delights, be my everything

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Open the Eyes of my Heart

Words and music by Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see you, I want to see you
 Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see you, I want to see you

To see you High and lifted up
 Shining in the light of your glory
 Pour out your power and love
 As we sing holy, holy, holy
 Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy,
 holy, holy, holy,
 I want to see you.

Rejoice

By Chris Tomlin

See the morning, see it rising over the mountains high.
 See the mercy in the mighty hand of God
 Living water, come and fill us. Only you can satisfy
 Turn our sorrow into singing, the song of life
 Rejoice, Rejoice, and sing with the angel voices
 Rejoice, rejoice all heaven and earth rejoice
 Lord your strength is a tower your righteous run into
 Lord your love is a banner over us
 And we hold on to the promise that your hold on us is true
 There's no other like you Jesus, no one like you.
Rejoice! Rejoice and sing with the angel voices
Rejoice! Rejoice! All heaven and earth rejoice
Rejoice! Rejoice and sing with the angel voices
Rejoice! Rejoice! All heaven and earth rejoice
 Always, again I say rejoice, Always
 Again I say rejoice, Always
 Again I say rejoice, Always, Always

Stillness (Speak to Me)

Words and Music by Aaron Shust

45

I come to You, oh God, in the stillness of my heart.
I need Your healing and Your voice in the stillness of my heart.
So speak to me and show me who You are.
Rescue me with Your unfailing love and mercy
Speak to me and show me who You are.
Hold me tightly in Your arms and never let me go.
I hear You calling out my name in the stillness of my heart.
Your grace is given me again, now I open up my heart. (chorus)

I remember singing praises to Your name
Every day with all my might.
How I long to sing to You again.

Surrender

Marc James

46

I'm giving You my heart All that is within
I lay it all down for the sake of You my King
I'm giving You my dreams, laying down my rights
I'm giving up my pride for the promise of new life
And I surrender all to You, all to You
And I surrender all to You, all to You

I offer You my life, I'm waiting at the Cross
All the world holds dear, I count it all as loss
For the sake of knowing You, for the glory of Your name
To know the lasting joy, even sharing in Your pain

Sweetly Broken

By Jeremy Riddle

To the cross I look, to the cross I cling
 Of it's suffering I do drink, of it's work I do sing
 For on it my Savior, both bruised and crushed
 Showed that God is love and God is just
At the cross You beckon me
You draw me gently to my knees, and I am
Lost for words, so lost in love, I'm
sweetly broken, wholly surrendered
 What a priceless gift, undeserved life
 Have I been given through Christ crucified
 You've called me out of death, You've called me into life
 And I was under Your wrath,
 now through the cross I'm reconciled

In awe of the cross I must confess
 How wondrous Your redeeming love and
 How great is Your faithfulness

Take My Life

by Frances R. Havergal, adapted by Chris Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
 Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
 Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.
 Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
 Take my silver and my gold not a mite would I withhold.
 Take my intellect and use every power as You choose.
Here am I, all of me.
Take my life, it's all for Thee.
 Take my will and make it Thine it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart it is Thine own it shall be Thy royal throne.
 Take my love, my Lord I pour at Your feet its treasure store
 Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
 Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

The Power of the Cross

by Keith Getty

49

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 pow'r 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.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry 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 vict'ry 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 pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.

What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

This Is Our God

Chris Tomlin

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A Refuge for the poor A shelter from the Storm

This is our God

He will wipe away your tears And return your wasted years

This is our God

Just call upon his name He is mighty to save, this is our God

A father to the orphan, a healer to the broken

This is our God

He brings peace to our madness and comfort in our sadness

This is our God

So call upon his name he is mighty to save, this is our God

This is the one we have waited for, This is the one we have waited for

This is the one we have waited for, Jesus, the Lord and savior

This is our God

A fountain for the thirsty, a lover for the lonely, This is our God

He brings glory to the humble and crowns for the faithful

This is our God

So call upon his name he is mighty to save, this is our God

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To Every Generation

By Bill Batstone and Andy Crouch

You have been a shelter Lord
To every generation, to every generation
A sanctuary from the storm
To every generation, to every generation, Lord.

Though the mountains fall,
Though the earth should shake,
Though the sea should roar with all the heartache,
Though our hearts should pound,
Though our throats be dry,
We will lift Your name on high

52

Uncreated One

By Chris Tomlin

Holy Uncreated One Your beauty fills the skies
But the glory of Your majesty is the mercy in Your eyes
Worthy Uncreated One from heaven to earth come down
You laid aside Your royalty to wear the sinner's crown

O Great God, be glorified

Our lives laid down Yours magnified

O Great God, be lifted high

There is none like You

Jesus, Savior, God's own son risen, reigning Lord
Sustainer of the Universe by the power of Your word

And when we see Your matchless face
In speechless awe we'll stand
And there we'll bow with grateful hearts
Unto the Great I am

I am full of earth, you are heaven's worth
I am stained with dirt prone to depravity
You are everything that is right and clean
The antonym of me, you are divinity
What a certain sign of grace is this:
From the broken earth flowers come up pushing through the dirt

You are holy, holy, holy
All heaven cries holy holy God
You are holy, holy, holy
I want to be holy like you are

You are everything that is bright and clean
And you're coloring me with your majesty
And the truest sign of grace was this:
From wounded hands redemption filled us, liberating man (chorus)

But the harder I try the more clearly can I
Feel the depth of our fall and the weight of it all
And so this life could be the most impossible thing
Your grandness in me making me pray
Glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah

You are holy, holy, holy
All heaven cries holy holy God
You are holy, holy, holy
I want to be wholly, wholly God's

And so here I am all of me, finally, everything
Wholly, wholly, wholly
I am wholly, wholly, wholly
I am wholly, wholly, wholly yours

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You Are Holy

By Bryan Jones

Lord of all, who reigns on high I have come to testify
You are holy, You are holy
Everlasting prince of peace, Never let my praises cease
You are worthy, you are worthy
Let the earth be still before you
Let the heavens sing your praise
Let angels bow before you
And let the heart within me say that you are holy
You are holy and worthy of all praise
Lord of love, lord of light, let your joy be my delight
You are holy, you are holy
Lord almighty, king of grace, I bow down to seek your face
You are worthy, you are worthy

55

You Do All Things Well

By Chris Tomlin

Mountain Maker, Ocean Tamer,
Glimpses of You Burn in my eyes
The worship of heaven fills up the skies
You made it all said let there be
And there was all that we see
The sound of your voice the works of your hand
You do all things well, You do all things well,
You do all things well
Star Creator, Wind Breather,
The strokes of your beauty rush through the clouds
Light from the heavens touching the ground

Imagination runs wild and breathes the breath of life
Across the fields across the miles

Your Love Oh Lord

words by Mac Powell / music by Third Day

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Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains
And your justice flows like the ocean's tide
I will lift my voice to worship you, my king
I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul)

by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

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**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 even- ing 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!

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

By Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the king
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering
Neither trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

Build Your Kingdom Here

By Rend Collective Experiment

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Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your Church, We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released. The hurt; the sick; the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are Your church. We pray revive this earth

**Build Your kingdom here, Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand, Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire, Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere, Build Your kingdom here we pray**

Unleash Your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this. Awake the kingdom seed in us!
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth

I Would Do Anything

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King of Righteousness, Who is like you?
Lord of heaven and earth, there is none who can compare
Pearl of greatest price, Who is like you?
Precious sacrifice, there is none who can compare
Your unfailing grace still amazes me, sets the sinner free and makes my heart to sing
I would do anything, I would do anything to spend eternity with You
If I could have just one thing, If I could have just one thing
I would choose You, I would choose You

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall
 Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all
 Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall
 Hail Him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all
 Hail Him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
 To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all
 To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
 And the mountains in reply, Echo back their joyous strains

Glo. . . .ria
in excelsis Deo.
Glo. . . .ria
in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
 Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing
 Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King

See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Saviour's birth.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creations story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth

**Come and worship, come and worship
Worship; Christ, the newborn King.**

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen his natal star

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear:

I Sing the Mighty Pow'r of God

Isaac Watts

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I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassion's, they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!**Great is Thy faithfulness!****Morning by morning new mercies I see.****All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,****Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

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Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree

Were you there when they pierced his blessed side
Were you there when they pierced his blessed side
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they pierced his blessed side

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beams, thou silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Be Thou My Vision

Dallan Forgaill

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Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

I Have Decided

S. Sundar Singh

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

Ain't No Rock

LeMarquis Jefferson

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Ain't no rock gonna cry in my place,
As long as I'm alive I'll glorify His holy name. (2x)

**Praise His holy name,
As long as I'm alive I'll glorify His holy name. (2x)**

Ain't no bird gonna sing in my place,
I'll lift my voice and glorify His holy name. (2x)

Ain't no tree gonna wave its branches,
I'll lift my hands and glorify His holy name. (2x)

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Robert Lowery 1876

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What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

We Rest on Thee

Edith G. Cherry 1895

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
 We go not forth alone against the foe;
 Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
 We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.

Yes, in Thy Name, O Captain of salvation!
 In Thy dear Name, all other names above;
 Jesus our Righteousness, our sure Foundation,
 Our Prince of glory and our King of love.

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
 And needing more each day Thy grace to know:
 Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
 "We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
 Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
 When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
 Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.

Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon virgin, mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild
 Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight
 Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
 Christ the Savior is Born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, Love's pure light,
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross Hymn

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When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

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Crown Him with many crowns the Lamb upon His throne
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of Peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole that war may cease, and all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Those wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer, Hail, For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into thy haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head, With the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, Source of all true righteousness;
Thou art evermore the same, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; Rise to all eternity.

Speak, O Lord

By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

