

Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and He is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: So now, following Jesus' example and command, we take this bread and this wine, the ordinary things of the world which Christ will make special. And as he said a prayer before sharing, let us do so too.

Prayers of Gratitude

Leader: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful. These you deserve. For when we were nothing, you made us something; when we had no name and no faith and no future, you called us your children; When we lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us; when we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome. And look, you prepare a table for us offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self, so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise.

Prayer of Consecration

All: Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised; what have we to offer? Our hands are empty, our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. We are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But with you is mercy and the power to change us. So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us your body and blood, healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. Amen

Leader: The Lord Jesus, among friends, gathered round a table on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Look, here is your Lord coming to you in bread and wine. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Draw near with faith and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you and his blood which was shed for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Lord's Prayer

The bread and wine are shared

Prayer after Communion

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life in our hands, now we put our lives in yours. Take us, shake us, remake us. No longer is what we have been important. It is what, with you, we can be, starting now. Amen

Song 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The King of creation
O my soul, praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with His love doth befriend thee

Praise to the Lord,
who doth nourish thy life and restore thee
Fitting thee well for the tasks
That are ever before thee
Then to thy need He like a mother doth speed
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the 'amen' sound from His people again
Let the 'amen' sound from His people again
Let the 'amen' sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

Song 2

Bless the Lord oh my soul - Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before - Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
The sun comes up It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing When the evening comes
Bless the Lord oh my soul - Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before - Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

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
Bless the Lord oh my soul - Oh my soul

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 - Forevermore
Bless the Lord oh my soul - Oh my soul

Song 3 (Merciful)

At the cross where Jesus suffered
I lay down my bitter blame
Where He prayed Father forgive them
Lord I know that I must do the same
Laying down my pain my anger
Vengeful thoughts nailed to the cross
Take the sting of wrongs remembered
No more measuring my loss
For my Father in heaven showed mercy to me
How can I not be merciful
When God's been merciful to me,
God's been merciful to me

I'll not use my words as weapons
Or the past to gain control
On my tongue no trace of venom
Only grace to comfort and make whole
I am weak but God is with me
Past and future in His hand
Turns to good the ill we suffer
Works all things into Love's plan
For my Father in heaven showed mercy to me

Holy Dove, return and rest here
As I think and speak the best
Though it takes ten thousand choices
I'll press on to honour and to bless
For the love of Christ my Saviour
By the strength He daily gives
This will be the thanks I offer - I will totally forgive
For my Father in heaven showed mercy to me

Song 4

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Forgive our foolish ways
re-clothe us in our rightful mind
in purer lives Thy service find
in deeper reverence praise
in deeper reverence praise

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord
Let us like them without a word
rise up and follow Thee - rise up and follow Thee

O Sabbath rest by Galilee O calm of hills above
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love - interpreted by love

With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of Thy call
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall
As fell Thy manna down As fell Thy manna down

Drop Thy still dews of quietness
till all our strivings cease
take from our souls the strain and stress
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace the beauty of Thy peace

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm
let sense be dumb let flesh retire
speak through the earthquake wind and fire
O still small voice of calm
O still small voice of calm

Song 5

I know not why God's wondrous grace

To me hath been made known
Nor why - unworthy as I am -
He claimed me for His own

*But I know whom I have believed
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day*

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart
Or how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart

But I know whom I have believed

I know not how the Spirit moves
Convincing men of sin
Revealing Jesus thro' the Word
Creating faith in Him

But I know whom I have believed

I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me -
Of weary ways or golden days
Before His face I see

*But I know whom I have believed
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day*

(repeat chorus)

Song 6

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One,

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain:

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
til the work on earth is done.*

When I stand in Glory I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever
in that holy place.

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
til the work on earth is done.*

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One,

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
til the work on earth is done.*

(repeat chorus)

Song 7

It is a thing most wonderful

Almost too wonderful to be
That God's own Son
should come from heaven
And die to save a child like me

And yet I know that it is true
He chose a poor and humble lot
And wept and toiled
and mourned and died
for love of those who loved Him not

I cannot tell how He could love
A child so weak and full of sin
His love must be most wonderful
If He could die my love to win

I sometimes think about the cross
And shut my eyes and try and see
The cruel nails and crown of thorns
And Jesus crucified for me

But even could I see Him die
I could but see a little part
Of that great love which like a fire
Is always burning in His heart

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for Him so faint and poor

And yet I want to love Thee Lord
O light the flame within my heart
And I will love Thee more and more
Until I see Thee as thou art