

Song before Service

My soul will sing with all the strength

Countdown

Welcome - Theme - Living by Faith

Introduction to Worship

Today we shall be hearing about how God called Abraham from his home in Ur, in modern day Iraq, to live in the land of Canaan, modern day Israel; how he made a promise to bless Abraham, to be his God, to make him the father of many nations, with descendants as many as the stars in the sky, and to give his descendants the land to which God had called him.

Opening Prayer

Worship in Song

Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord;
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His Name
Make known His might the deeds His arm has done
His mercy sure, from age to age the same
His Holy Name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might,
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure,
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

Confession

Abraham obeyed when you called him to
leave the land of his ancestors and follow you
into an uncertain future and believed in your
promises.

Forgive us, O God, when we do not follow when you call us. Forgive us O God for our lack of trust in your promises. Help us when we hesitate and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds so that we have the courage live by faith and to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.

Bible Reading

Genesis 12.1-7; 15.1-7 & 17.1-8
(Church Bible page 8, 10 & 11)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Prayer for Today

O Lord, we give you thanks for the example of Abraham who waited in patience for your promises to come to pass. Help us today, O God, to examine the level of our faith; and, like Abraham, to be prepared to give up our comforts, our reputations and our security in this world for the sake of following you.

Amen.

Sermon

Worship in Song

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

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

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

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

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

The Apostles Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator
of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he
descended to the dead. On the third day he
rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is
seated at the right hand of the Father, and he
will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

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

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to
him through faith, heirs of the promise of the
Spirit of peace.

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

Offertory Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking
the form of a servant. Through your love, make
us servants of one another. Lord Jesus Christ,
for our sake you became poor. May our lives
and gifts enrich the life of your world. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise,
O God, for in an everlasting covenant you have
promised to be our God through all generations.
You called into existence things that did not exist:
the universe and all that inhabits it. From Abraham
and Sarah you brought forth nations, calling them
to walk before you in the righteousness that
comes from faith.

In your Son, Jesus, you showed your compassion
for the afflicted and taught us that real life is found
by those who lose their life for your sake and for
your gospel. He was rejected by the religious
leaders, and killed, but three days later, you raised
him from the dead as Lord. Now you justify all
who put their faith in you, through him, counting it
to us as righteousness, and promising us the full
riches of your grace when Christ comes in glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and
with all the company of heaven, we proclaim
your great and glorious name, for ever
praising you and saying:

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all
holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit, and according to your holy will, these
gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body
and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

So with this bread and this cup we remember that your mercy endures from age to age on all who seek you. We proclaim your greatness and might and the strength of your arm, as you scatter the proud and raise the lowly. Fill us and all who hunger with good things and remember with your saving help all in need of your mercy.

For you are the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the saints of every age; the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you gracious and holy God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We receive communion

Song during Communion

There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for every passing day
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
Yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair,
That when the world has plunged me in its
deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
And every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home

Song during Communion

For all the saints who from their labours rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name O Jesus be forever blest. Alleluia

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might
Thou Lord their Captain in the well fought fight
Thou in the darkness still their one true Light.
Alleluia

O may Thy soldiers faithful true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold
Alleluia

O blest communion, fellowship divine
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong
Alleluia

The golden evening brightens in the west
Soon soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia

But lo there breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia

From earth's wide bounds from ocean's
farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Worship in Song

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
In perfect harmony, the man who is God.
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

Oh, what a mystery, meekness and majesty,
Bow down and worship,
For this is your God, this is your God.

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life, conquering through
sacrifice;
And as they crucify prays Father forgive.

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible;
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

Blessing

God's promises endure from generation to generation. May the God of Abraham and Sarah, the God who sent Jesus to redeem us, the God whose covenant is eternal, bless you and make you fruitful; and the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music as we leave

Fill thou my life O Lord my God