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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 30:4-5**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

# In Christ Alone

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Christ Alone'. It consists of ten staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score includes measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 14. The lyrics describe the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the power of His blood.

In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of  
3 There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the  
light, my strength, — my song; — This Cor - ner -  
God in help - less babe! — This gift of  
5 world by dark - ness slain: — Then burst - ing  
stone, this so - lid ground. firm through the  
love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the  
7 forth in glor - ious day up from the  
fier - cest drought — and storm. — What heights of  
ones he came — to save: — 'Till on that  
9 grave He rose — a - gain! — And as He  
love, what depths of peace — when fears are  
cross as Je - sus died, — the wrath of  
11 stands in vic - to - ry — sin's curse has  
stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in  
God was sa - tis - fied. — For ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
14 lost its grip on me, — for I am His and He is  
all, here in the love of Christ — I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ — I live.  
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
'till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 50:7-9a**

The Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Romans 8:31, 33-34**

If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who is interceding for us.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Luke 6:38**

*"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."*

## **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

*Praise him, all creatures here below!*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host!*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING • Daniel 7:1-14**

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray...

Jesus, remember us when you come in your kingdom,

*Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.*

For all who carry out your ministries within your church,

*We ask for grace and wisdom.*

For those who don't yet believe the gospel,

*We ask for your faithful love.*

For governors and rulers in every land,

*We ask for your guidance.*

For people who suffer and grieve,

*We ask for your healing peace.*

Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ has spoken to us the word of reconciliation. We come to you now in the words he taught us, saying:

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • Revelation 13

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup> And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. <sup>9</sup> If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

<sup>10</sup> If anyone is to be taken captive,  
to captivity he goes;  
if anyone is to be slain with the sword,  
with the sword must he be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, <sup>14</sup> and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup> And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. <sup>16</sup> Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • "Beware of Counterfeits" (Rev. Eric Costa)**



THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11**

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

*I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, “*The peace of Christ be with you.*”)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

# Put Not Your Hope In The Nation (Psalm 146)

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Put not your hope in the na-tion; Put not your hope in a king. He is the hope of the hun-gry; He is the Lord of the feast. Trust in the on-ly one who o-pens eyes and sets the pris-nor free. Our Fa-ther's house al-ways o-pens wide to wel-come ref-u-gees. He is the mak-er of heav-en;— He formed the earth and the sea. The fa-ther-less find a fa-ther; The wid-ow rests in His strength. Our help will come from the Lord our God, our gra-cious king of peace. Praise the The heart of God is for-ev-er home to all the poor and weak. Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!"

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He is the hope of the hun-gry; He is the Lord of the feast.

Trust in the on-ly one who o-pens eyes and sets the pris-nor free.  
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Our help will come from the Lord our God, our gra-cious king of peace. Praise the  
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Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the  
Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

## BENEDICTION • Colossians 1:11-12

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.



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