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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 118:1, 4

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

In Christ Alone

Text & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend • ©2001 Thankyou Music

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 power of Christ's sacrifice and the hope it brings to the believer.

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 • Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

CONFESSION OF SIN

My Lord and my God, fearing you is the foundation of wisdom. I have been a fool to fear anything or anyone else. You have told me not to be afraid, unless it is the fear of you. I have neglected this comfort, ignored your command, and disregarded your majestic splendor. Essentially, I have demanded your crucifixion with my own mouth, and nailed you to the cross with my own hands—just to be able to fear anything but you. “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” Teach me your great works and grant to me your Spirit of wisdom, so that I may know how to live with you, free of all worldly fears, to the glory of your holy and awesome name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Philippians 4:11-13, 19-20

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me... And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

GOSPEL READING • Luke 7:11–16

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,
that we all may be one.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Grant that every member of the church may joyfully and humbly serve you,
that your Name would be honored by all people.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who lead and guide your church,
that they may be faithful and diligent servants of you.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,
that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake,
that we may know the joy of living for you.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble,
that they may be delivered from their distress.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to 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 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.

You Are Before Me, Lord

Text: Psalm 139, Ian Pitt-Watson • Music: Trad. Scottish Melody • Public Domain



1.You are be - fore me, Lord, You are be - hind,
2.Then from Your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go;
3.If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,
4.If I should say, "Let dark - ness cov - er me,
5.Search me, O God, search me and know my heart;



And o - ver me You have spread out Your hand;
And from Your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,
And I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"
Try me, O God, my mind and spir - it try;



Such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,
If I as - cend to heav - en You are there,
Your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,
Sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to You:
Keep me from an - y path that gives You pain,



Too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.
And still are with me if in hell I lie.
And Your right hand will guard me ev - er - more.
The night is as the day, the dark - ness light.
And lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

Only In God (Psalm 62)

Text & Music: John Michael Talbot • © 1980 Birdwing Music / BMI Songs

1. On ly in God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal -
2. On - ly in God is found safe - - ty when my en - e - my pur -

7 C G/B Am G F G
- va - tion He on - ly is my rock, my
- sues me On - ly in God is found glo - - ry, when

13 F G C F
strength, and my sal - va - tion My strong - hold, my
I am found meek and found low - ly.

19 Am F G Am F
sav - ior, I shall not be a - fraid at all, my strong - hold,

26 Am F G C C
my sav - ior, I shall not be moved. 3. On - ly in

34 G/B Am G F G C
God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal - va - tion.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Ecclesiastes 12:8-13*

Vapor of vapors, says the Preacher; all is vapor.

⁹ Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³ The last word, all has been heard: fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole of being human. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Fear God” (Rev. Eric Costa)

¹⁰ “You are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.

¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.” (Psalm 86:10-13)

“They shall be my people, and I will be their God. ³⁹ I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. ⁴⁰ I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. ⁴¹ I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.” (Jeremiah 32:38–41)

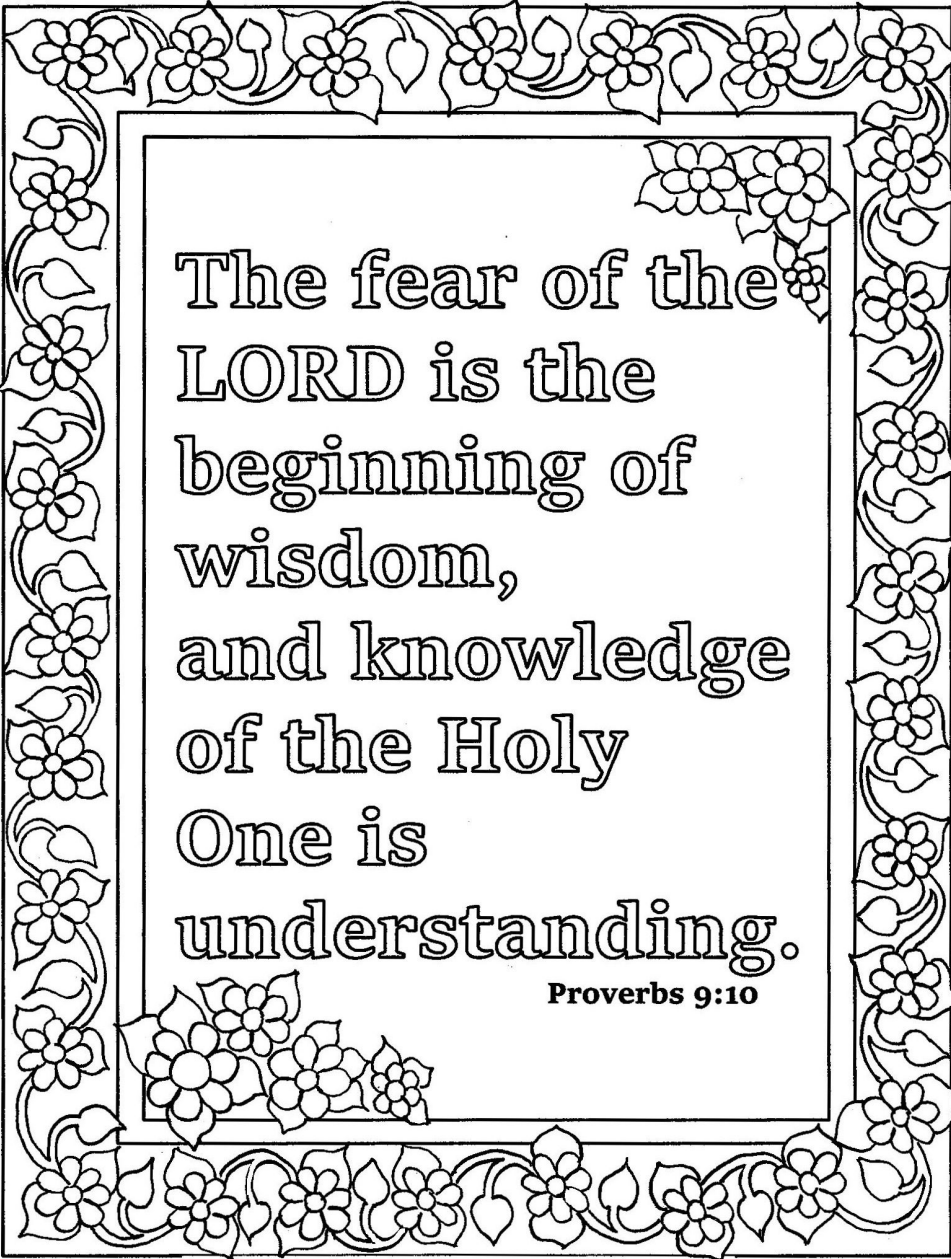
“True fear of God is true love for God defined: it is the right response to God’s full-orbed revelation of himself in all his grace and glory... He is not a truth to be known unaffectedly, or a good to be received listlessly. Seen clearly, the dazzling beauty and splendor of God must cause our hearts to quake... He is inexpressibly tremendous and fascinating... The living God is so wonderful that he is not truly known where he is not worshiped and heartily adored.” (Michael Reeves)

“Here is truth for every Christian who needs strength to rise above his or her anxieties, or who needs the strength to pursue an unpopular but righteous course. The fear of the Lord is the only fear that *imparts* strength. This is an especially vital truth for any who are called to some form of leadership, for the strength this fear gives is—uniquely—a *humble* strength.” (Michael Reeves)

“If there is no God, then there is no Judge. If there is no Judge, then there will be no Final Judgment. If there is no Final Judgment, there is no ultimate meaning to life. Nothing matters... But if there is a God who will judge the world, then *everything* matters.” (Philip Ryken)

“Nothing goes unnoticed or unassessed, not even the things that we disguise from ourselves... If God cares as much as this, nothing can be pointless.” (Derek Kidner)

* With some differences in translation from the ESV.



The fear of the
LORD is the
beginning of
wisdom,
and knowledge
of the Holy
One is
understanding.

Proverbs 9:10



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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].)

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Text: Isaac Watts • Music: Michael James • ©1986 Word Music, LLC



When I sur - vey _____ the won - drous
For - bid it Lord, _____ that I should
See, from His head, _____ His hands, His
Were the whole realm _____ of na - ture



cross _____ on which the Prince _____
boast, _____ save in the death _____
feet, _____ sor - row and love _____
mine, _____ that were a pre -



— of glo - ry _____ died, _____ my rich - est
— of Christ my God; _____ All the vain
— flow ming - led down. _____ Did e'er such
- sent far too small; _____ Love so a -



gain _____ I count but _____ loss, _____
things _____ that charm me _____ most, _____
love _____ and sor - row _____ meet, _____
maz - - - ing, so di - vine, _____



— and pour con - tempt _____ on all my _____ pride.
— I sac - ri - rice _____ them to His _____ blood.
— or thorns com - pose _____ so rich a _____ crown?
— de - mands my soul, _____ my life, my _____ all.

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore • © 2015 Drink Your Tea Music

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther We will feast and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not consumed by the flood Up-held pro-tect - ed, ga - thered up". The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our
4 hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther
7 We will feast and weep no more. We will not be
11 burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -
sumed by the flood Up-held pro-tect - ed, ga - thered up

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things!" we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more!*

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
my soul, be not afraid;
for the promised morning— oh, how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed.
You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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For Those Joining Us On Zoom... Please remain “muted” throughout the service, but feel free to “unmute” afterwards and catch up with each other. (You can find each Sunday’s liturgy posted online at ascensionpc.org/worship.)

Music & Choir Practice • Thu., Aug. 5 at the home of Tim and Shirley Sauerwein (5450 NW Innsbrook Place, Portland, 97229). Music practice for Sunday Worship will begin at 7pm, choir practice will start afterward, around 7:30. Anyone interested is welcome to join us! Come and practice an easy choral arrangement, to be sung for the offertory on Sun., Aug. 8. Contact Tim (tim@xyzyzy2.com).

Coffee Hospitality • We would like more volunteers to help serve refreshments after Worship on Sundays, the goal being a larger rotation where people would only need to volunteer once a quarter. This would be a great opportunity for young people (age 12 and up) to participate in simple service, supervised by Holly! Contact Holly Elliott if you’d like to help (nerdymomma@gmail.com).

Women’s Study • Connect on Zoom at 7pm on Mondays to study Paul Miller’s book, *A Praying Life*, together. Contact Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Summer Campout • Fri., Aug. 20 - Sun., Aug. 22 at Beverly Beach State Park. Contact Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

Women’s Retreat • Fri. - Sun., Oct. 22-24, in Lincoln City. The cost will be \$90 per person. For more details, and to register, contact Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com).

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