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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 99:5

Exalt Yahweh our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

In Christ Alone

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Christ Alone'. It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The score consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with line numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 14 indicating the start of new lines of music. The lyrics are: 'In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, ful-ness of 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 world by dark-ness slain: Then burst-ing stone, this so-lid ground. firm through the love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the forth in glor-ious day up from the fier-cest drought and storm. What heights of ones he came to save: 'Till on that grave He rose a-gain! And as He love, what depths of peace when fears are cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of 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 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 • 1 Peter 1:18-19

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

CONFESSION OF SIN

*God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive.*

*We confess that we have sinned against you,
and have clung to evil rather than to Christ.*

Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin.

Restore us to newness of life,

and seat us at your table of grace,

*that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 Corinthians 6:13-20

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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...

(From the king's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13)

Blessed are you, O Yahweh, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

Yours, O Yahweh, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Yours is the kingdom, O Yahweh, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

And we join your Beloved Son in the prayer he taught us:

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.

Before The Throne Of God Above

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft

Music: Vikki Cook • ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Be-fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per-fect plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ev-er lives and pleads for me My name is gra-ven on His hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part No tongue can bid me thence de - part". The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, 11, 14, and 17.

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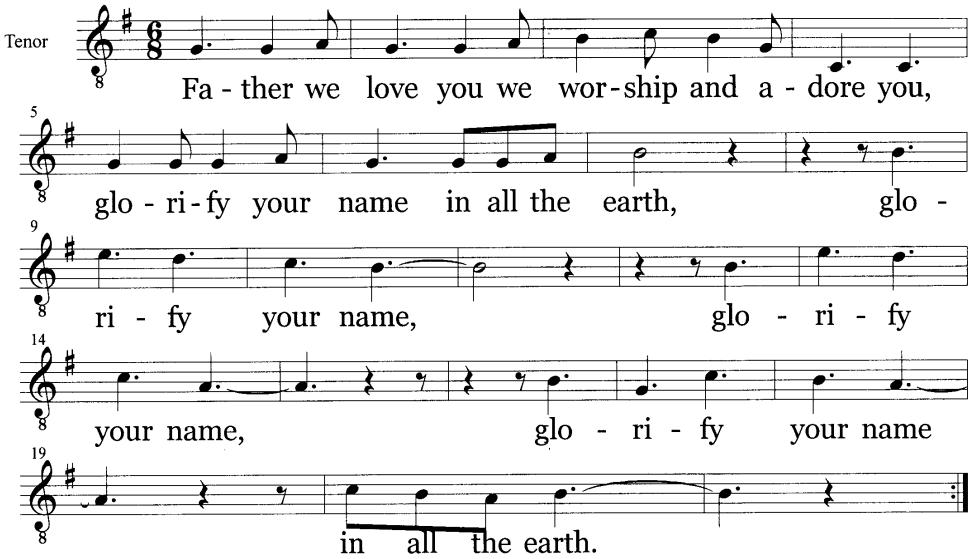
When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look to see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

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 by his blood,
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

Glorify Your Name

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Tenor



8 Fa - ther we love you we wor-ship and a - dore you,
5
8 glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth, glo -
9
8 ri - fy your name, glo - ri - fy
14
8 your name, glo - ri - fy your name
19
8 in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Exodus 20:14

¹ God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “You Are Not Your Own”

“A man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” (Genesis 2)

“Yahweh, Yahweh, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...” (Exodus 34)

“Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.” (Psalm 26)

“I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine.” (The Song of Solomon 6)

“I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know Yahweh.” (Hosea 2)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Matthew 5)

“The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.” (1 Corinthians 7)

“A man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.” (Ephesians 5)

“Even our bodies belong to Christ and have their part in the life of discipleship, for they are members of his Body. Jesus, the Son of God, bore a human body, and since we enjoy fellowship with that Body, infidelity is a sin against Christ’s own Body.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

“The members of Christ are more closely joined to him than to their own head... to whom else could one be more closely united than to oneself?” (Nicholas Cabasilas)

“As the divine Bridegroom, Jesus has transformed the seventh commandment. He has lifted us, through union with himself, to taste the heavenly passion of God’s love. The joy of being one flesh in sexual union fades with age, and will not endure through eternity. But the love of his bride, the church, centers on the Lord forever. Only that love will purify the hearts of his own.” (Edmund Clowney)

“Whenever we sin, we can think of it as marital unfaithfulness. And we should think of it that way, better to understand our radical need of forgiveness from our heavenly husband.” (John Frame)

“The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections, words, and behavior; and the preservation of it in ourselves and others; watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses; temperance, keeping of chaste company, modesty in apparel; marriage by those that have not the gift of continency, conjugal love, and cohabitation; diligent labor in all our callings; shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting temptations thereunto.” (Westminster Larger Catechism 138)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him. 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].)

Jesus Paid It All

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
 2. For noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to claim;
 3. And now com - plete in Him, My robe, His right - eous - ness,
 4. Lord, now in - deed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine a - lone,
 5. When from my dy - ing bed My ran - somed soul shall rise,
 6. And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,

Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."
 I'll wash my gar - ments white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
 Close shel - tered 'neath His side, I am di - vine - ly blest.
 Can change the lep - er's spots, And melt the heart of stone.
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," Shall rend the vault - ed skies.
 I'll lay my tro - phies down, All down at Je - sus' feet.

Refrain

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

O Lord, By Grace Delivered

Text: Psalm 30 (1912 Psalter)

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I
In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un -
now with songs ex - tol; my foes you have not
moved I shall re - main; for Lord, by your good
suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall. O Lord, my God, I
fa - vor my cause you did main - tain; I soon was sor - ley
sought you, and you did heal and save; - you,
trou - bled, for you did hide your face; I
Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the
cried to you Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's
grave. O Lord, by grace de - li - - vered! - I
grace.
now with songs ex - tol! His ho - ly name re -
mem - ber! You saints, Je - ho - vah praise!

What profit if I perish, if life you do not spare?
Shall dust repeat your praises, shall it your truth declare?
O Lord, on me have mercy, and my petition hear;
that you may be my helper, in mercy, Lord, appear.

(Chorus)

My grief is turned to gladness, to you my thanks I raise,
who has removed my sorrow and girded me with praise;
and now, no longer silent, my heart your praise will sing;
O Lord, my God forever, my thanks to you I bring.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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After Worship Today • Join us at 11:30 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

Midweek Meetings:

- 8:15am Tue. Men's Study - contact: Eric Costa.
- 1pm Wed. Women's Study - contact: Cheryl Boden.
- 6:30pm Wed. Youth Group - contact: Tim Sery.
- 9am Thu. Women's Study - contact: Audrey Jaques.

Men's Retreat • Thu., Feb. 27 - Sat., Mar. 1 on the Sandy River. Contact: Rob Stevenson.

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (Mar. 2) we collect *Alms*, gifts of mercy that the deacons can use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: deacons@ascensionpc.org.

Shepherding Meetings • The Elders want to check in with the members of the church. We like to use these questions to kickstart our conversations: 1) *What are you thankful for?* 2) *Where are you seeing the grace of God at work in your life?* 3) *How can we as Elders (or the Deacons) serve you?* To schedule a shepherding meeting, contact Eric.

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