

GATHER

Christ Our Hope in Life & Death

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What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Welcome & Call to Worship

The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

We each have a right to be here,
a right not based on our righteousness
but on God's free grace.

***O give thanks to our God who is good,
whose saving love endures forever.***

Let those who are redeemed by God declare it,
rescued from trouble and gathered
from many lands;

***From the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south,
give thanks to God who is always good!***

Sharing God's Peace with Each Other

Time of Renewal—from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.

Wash me clean from my guilt

Purify me from my sin.

For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.

***Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.***

***You will be proved right in what you say,
and your judgment against me is just.***

But you desire honesty from the womb,
teaching me wisdom even there.

Don't keep looking at my sins.

Remove the stain of my guilt.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a loyal spirit within me.

***Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.***

Amen.

Encouragement—from Our World Belongs to God, st. 26

Being both divine and human,

Jesus is the only mediator

***He alone paid the debt of our sin;
there is no other Savior.***

We are chosen in Christ

to become like him in every way.

God's electing love sustains our hope

***God's grace is free to save sinners who offer
nothing but their need for mercy.***

In Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Children's Video Message — Learning Grace

Morning Prayers

WORD

Ephesians 2:1-10 + “A Gracious Intro”

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

TABLE

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Remembering the Story

On the night of his betrayal—Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

***We who are many are one body
for we all share the same loaf.***

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, offered thanks and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

***The cup which we all share
is our fellowship in the blood of Christ.***

Remembering God’s faithfulness to us and to all of creation through Jesus Christ, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Prayer for the Meal

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this cup we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever.

Amen.

And as our Savior taught us we are bold to pray:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your 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. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.***

Invitation & Tasting Grace

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Blessing--2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say.

Amen.

Ten Thousand Reasons

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*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O 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

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

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

Living Hope

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How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Affirming our Faith -- Way #1

***I am saved by grace, a love far too vast for me
to comprehend. In mercy, God reached out to
me, and he holds me fast. My wobbly heart
continually tries to live by false powers—my
achievements, my reasoning, my relationships
—but deep down I know that only grace will
lead me home. Therefore—I can have
confidence that I live by grace alone!***

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Sending

Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!