



CHRIST CHURCH
CONWAY

Prelude - Be Still My Soul

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1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Praise

Call to Worship - Romans 11.33-36

[33] Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

[34] “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

[35] “Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

[36] For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (ESV)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise - The Christian’s Hope Can Never Fail

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1. We travel through a barren land,
With dangers thick on every hand;
But Jesus guides us through the vale;
O, The Christian’s hope can never fail.

2. Huge sorrows meet us as we go,
And devils aim to overthrow;
But vile infernals can’t prevail;
O, The Christian’s hope shall never fail.

3. Sometimes we’re tempted to despair,
But Jesus makes us then His care;
Though numerous foes our souls assail;
O, The Christian’s hope can never fail.

4. We trust upon the sacred word,
 The oath and promise of the Lord;
 And safely through each tempest sail;
 O, The Christian's hope can never fail. (3x)

Affirmation of Faith - Romans 11.33-36

Minister: What is our proper response to God's plan of salvation?

Congregation: **Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

**“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
 or who has been his counselor?”**

**“Or who has given a gift to him
 that he might be repaid?”**

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise - From All that Dwells

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1. From all that dwell below the skies
 Let the Creator's praise arise;
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung
 Through every land, by every tongue.

2. In every land begin the song;
 To every land the strains belong.
 In cheerful sounds all voices raise
 And fill the world with loudest praise.

*(Chorus) Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below.*

3. Your lofty themes, ye mortals bring;
 In songs of praise divinely sing.
 The great salvation loud proclaim,
 And shout for joy the Savior's name.

4. Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
 Eternal truths attend your word.
 Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
 Till suns shall rise and set no more.

*(Chorus) Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, you heav'nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Confession

Scriptural Warning - Genesis 2.15-17

[15] The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. [16] And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, [17] but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Way of Salvation - Genesis 3.14-15

[14] The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
 on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

[15] I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her offspring;
 he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel." (ESV)

Confession of Sin - Based on *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Congregation: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws,**

**we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent,**

**according to your promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may from now on live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession - Jesus, I Come

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1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my sickness into thy health,
Out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,

Jesus, I come to thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into thy blessed will to abide,
 Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of myself to dwell in thy love,
 Out of despair into raptures above,
 Upward forever on wings like a dove,
 Jesus, I come to thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into the joy and light of thy home,
 Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
 Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
 Ever thy glorious face to behold,
 Jesus, I come to thee.

Jesus, I come to thee.
 Jesus, I come to thee.

Assurance of Pardon - Revelation 21.3-4

[3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. [4] He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (ESV)

Exhortation to Holiness - Revelation 22.17

[17] The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. (ESV)

Hymn of Response - Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul

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1. Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel.

2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust.

3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there.

4. Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet.

Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading - [2 Corinthians 1.3–11](#)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Providence, Suffering, and Jesus

Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn - It is Well with My Soul

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1. When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
when sorrows
like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot,
you have taught me to say,
“It is well,
it is well with my soul.”

*(Chorus) It is well (It is well)
with my soul; (with my soul;)
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded
my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood
for my soul.

(Chorus)

3. My sin— O the bliss
of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part,
but the whole,
is nailed to the cross
and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord,
praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

4. And Lord, haste the day
when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back
as a scroll,
the trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend,

“Even so”–
it is well with my soul.
(Chorus)

Communion Doxology

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For the cup of grace, we give thanks to Christ our Lord
For the bread of life, His sacrifice of love outpoured
One holy body given, for all who come in faith
Cleansed from all our sins, we glorify his name. A-men.

Response

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Thanksgiving - Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

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1. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Holy His will abideth.
I will be still whate'er He does,
And follow where He guideth.
He is my God,
Though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

2. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path,
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content,
What He hath sent.
His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.

3. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true,
Each morn anew.
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

4. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,

Yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care
Is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so to Him I leave it all.

Benediction - 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

[23] 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. [24] He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. (ESV)

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