



CHRIST CHURCH  
CONWAY

# Prelude - I Boast No More

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1. No more, my God, I boast no more  
Of all the duties I have done;  
I quit the hopes I held before,  
To trust the merits of your Son

2. Now, for the loss I bear his name,  
What was my gain I count my loss;  
My former pride I call my shame,  
And nail my glory to his cross.

*(Chorus) No more my God,  
No more my God,  
No more my God,  
I boast no more.*

3. Yes, and I must and will esteem  
All things but loss for Jesus' sake;  
O may my soul be found in him,  
And of his righteousness partake!

4. The best obedience of my hands  
Dares not appear before your throne;  
But faith can answer your demands,  
By pleading what my Lord has done.  
*(Chorus)*

## Praise

### Call to Worship - Psalm 99.1-5

- [1] The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- [2] The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- [3] Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!

[4] The King in his might loves justice.  
 You have established equity;  
 you have executed justice  
 and righteousness in Jacob.  
 [5] Exalt the LORD our God;  
 worship at his footstool!  
 Holy is he! (ESV)

## Invocation

### Hymn of Praise - A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
 A bulwark never failing;  
 Our helper He amid the flood  
 Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe  
 Doth seek to work us woe;  
 His craft and pow'r are great;  
 And armed with cruel hate,  
 On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
 Our striving would be losing;  
 Were not the right Man on our side,  
 The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?  
 Christ Jesus, it is he,  
 Lord Sabaoth His name,  
 From age to age the same,  
 And He must win the battle.

3. And tho' this world, with devils filled,  
 Should threaten to undo us,  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed  
 His truth to triumph thru us.

The prince of darkness grim,  
 We tremble not for him;

His rage we can endure,  
 For lo! his doom is sure;  
 One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly pow'rs,  
 No thanks to them, abideth;  
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
 Thru Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go,  
 This mortal life also;  
 The body they may kill:  
 God's truth abideth still;  
 His kingdom is forever.

## Affirmation of Faith - The Christ Church Creed

*Minister:* Brothers and sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

***Congregation:* The Lord our God, the Lord is One.  
 Having decreed all things,  
 Our God directs them for his glory.  
 Having created all things,  
 The Lord sustains them according to his will.**

**Existing in three persons,  
 The triune God has worked the redemption of his people.  
 Loving us while we were still sinners,  
 The Father sent his Son to die for the ungodly.**

**Obeying the Father in perfect love,  
 The Son gave his life for our redemption.  
 Being sent by the Father and the Son,  
 The Holy Spirit works new life in us.  
 Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise - Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
 And our eternal home!

2. Beneath the shadow of Your throne  
 Your saints have dwelt secure;  
 Sufficient is Your arm alone,  
 And our defense is sure.

*(Refrain)*

*You are the God of Adam,  
 You are the God of Abraham,  
 You are the God of Moses  
 In the wilderness.*

*You are the God of Jacob,  
 You are the God of Israel,  
 You are God of Joshua  
 Before the Promised Land,  
 Before the Promised Land.*

3. Before the hills in order stood,  
 Or earth received her frame,  
 From everlasting You are God,  
 To endless years the same.

4. Our God our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
 And our eternal home.

*(Refrain)*

*You are the God of Adam,  
 You are the God of Abraham,  
 You are the God of Moses  
 In the wilderness.*

*You are the God of Jacob,  
 You are the God of Israel,  
 You are the God of Jesus,  
 Who holds us in his hand,  
 Who holds us in his hand.*

Our God our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
 And our eternal home.

# Confession

## Scriptural Warning - Deuteronomy 9.4

[4] “Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, ‘It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,’ whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you. (ESV)

## Way of Salvation - Deuteronomy 9.5

[5] Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. (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 - God, Be Merciful to Me

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1. God, be merciful to me;  
On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within;  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess;  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace,  
And provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgment just;  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;  
Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art,  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,  
Wash me whiter than the snow.

4. Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice,  
And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face,  
Blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,  
Make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee,  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart,  
Steadfast make my willing heart.

## Assurance of Pardon - 1 Corinthians 1.18

[18] For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (ESV)

## Exhortation to Holiness - 1 Corinthians 1.28-31

[28] God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29] so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. [30] And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, [31] so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (ESV)

## Hymn of Response - Jesus With Thy Church Abide

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1. Jesus, with thy church abide,  
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech thee, hear us.  
We beseech thee, hear us.

2. Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
Grant her patience to endure,  
Trusting in thy promise sure:  
We beseech thee, hear us.  
We beseech thee, hear us.

3. May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in thee:  
We beseech thee, hear us.  
We beseech thee, hear us.

4. May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find,  
And the broken-hearted bind:  
We beseech thee, hear us.  
We beseech thee, hear us.



# Means of Grace

## Pastoral Prayer

## Scripture Reading - [Jeremiah 9.23-24](#)

*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 - [2 Corinthians 10.7-18](#)

Boasting in Christ

## Lord's Supper

## Communion Hymn - The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn  
 Of the darkest day  
 Christ on the road to Calvary.  
 Tried by sinful men,  
 Torn and beaten, then  
 Nailed to a cross of wood.

*(Chorus) This, the pow'r of the cross-  
 Christ became sin for us;  
 Took the blame, bore the wrath—  
 We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain  
 Written on Your face,  
 Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
 Ev'ry bitter thought,  
 Ev'ry evil deed  
 Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*(Chorus) This, the pow'r of the cross:  
 Christ became sin for us;  
 Took the blame, bore the wrath—  
 We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees;  
 Now the ground beneath  
 Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
 Curtain torn in two,  
 Dead are raised to life;  
 "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

*(Chorus)*

Oh, to see my name  
 Written in the wounds,  
 For through Your suffering I am free.  
 Death is crushed to death;  
 Life is mine to live,  
 Won through Your selfless love.

*(Chorus) This, the pow'r of the cross-  
Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

## Doxology

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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.

# Response

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Hymn of Thanksgiving - Poor Wayfaring Stranger

1. I am a poor wayfaring stranger  
 Traveling through this world of woe,  
 But there's no sickness, toil, or danger  
 In that bright land to which I go.

*(Chorus) I'm going there to meet my Savior,  
 Dwell with him and never roam.  
 I'm only going over Jordan.  
 I'm only going over home.*

2. I know dark clouds will gather 'round me,  
 I know my way will be rough and steep,  
 But beautiful fields lie just before me  
 Where God's redeemed their vigil keep.

*(Chorus)*

3. I'll soon be free of earthly trials,  
 My body rest in the old church yard,  
 I'll drop this cross of self-denial  
 And I'll go singing home to God.

*(Chorus)*

### Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13.14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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