



CHRIST CHURCH
CONWAY

Prelude - The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Words: Anne Cousins (based on Samuel Rutherford's letters).

Music: traditional folk tune (arr. Philip Palmertree).

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1. The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for -
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

2. O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

3. The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

4. O I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

Praise

Call to Worship - 1 Timothy 1.17

[17] To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise - Grace Upon Grace

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1. In every station, new trials and troubles
 Call for more grace than I can afford
 Where can I go but to my dear Savior
 For mercy that pours from boundless stores.

*(Chorus) Grace upon grace, every sin repaired
 Every void restored, you will find Him there
 In every turning He will prepare you
 With grace upon grace.*

2. He made a way for the fallen to rise
 Perfect in glory and sacrifice
 In sweet communion my need He supplies
 He saves and keeps and guards my life.

(Chorus)

3. To Thee I run now with great expectation
 To honor You with trust like a child
 My hopes and desires seek a new destination
 and all that You ask Your grace will provide.

(Chorus)

Affirmation of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism #1

Minister: What is thy only comfort in life and death?

***Congregation:* That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins,**

and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head;

yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

Hymn of Praise - Father, Long Before Creation

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1. Father, long before creation
you have chosen us in love,
and that love so deep, so moving,
draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
firmly fixed in Christ alone.
2. Though the world may change its fashion,
yet our God is e'er the same;
his compassion and his covenant
through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
must forever praise His name.
3. God's compassion is my story,
is my boasting all the day;
mercy free and never failing
moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
that his only Son he gave.

4. Loving Father now before you
we will ever praise your love,
and our songs will sound unceasing
'til we reach our home above,
giving glory, giving glory
to our God and to the Lamb;
giving glory, giving glory
to our God and to the Lamb.

Confession

Scriptural Warning - John 5.37-40

[37] And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, [38] and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. [39] You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, [40] yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. (ESV)

Way of Salvation - Colossians 1.15-20

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. [16] 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. [17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18] And 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. [19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Confession of Sin - New City Catechism #25

***Congregation:* Forgiving Father, when we are covered in the righteousness of Christ, you remember our sins no more. You have put them as far as the east is from the west.**

Help us not to doubt your forgiveness, your mercy, or your love, but come to you boldly as your beloved children. In Christ's perfect name, amen.

Hymn of Confession - How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart-
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Assurance of Pardon - John 10.27-30

[27] My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. [28] I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. [30] I and the Father are one." (ESV)

Exhortation to Holiness - Colossians 3.1-4

[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (ESV)

Hymn of Response - As a Beggar

By Luke Morton

1. As a beggar, I come to Thee.
As a beggar, I come to Thee.
With empty hands, without one plea,
As a beggar, I come to Thee.
2. At Thy table I find a feast.
At Thy table I find a feast.
Here come the poor, the lame, the least,
At Thy table I find a feast.
3. Precious Savior, how can it be?
Precious Savior, how can it be?
Thine own dear blood was shed for me!
Precious Savior, how can it be?
4. All my days, Lord, Thy will be done.
All my days, Lord, Thy will be done.
Long I to see Thy kingdom come,
All my days, Lord, Thy will be done.
5. Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come.
Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come.
With lifted hearts, our prayer is sung,
Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come.

Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading - [1 Samuel 14.1-23](#)

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 - [1 Samuel 14](#)

Jonathan, Saul, and the Philistines

Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn - We Will Feast In the House of Zion

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*(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.*

1. We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood — upheld, protected, gathered up.

(Chorus)

2. 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)

3. 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 x2)

Communion Doxology

Words and Music by Treva Blomquist

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 - On Jordan's Stormy Banks

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1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

2. All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

*(Chorus) I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness sorrow pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

4. When shall I see that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest
(Chorus)

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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