



CHRIST CHURCH
CONWAY

Prelude - Grace Alone

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1. I was an orphan lost at the fall,
 Running away when I'd hear you call.
 But Father, you worked your will.
 I had no righteousness of my own;
 I had no right to draw near your throne,
 But Father, you loved me still.

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation
 You predestined to adopt me as your own.
 You have raised me up so high above my station;
 I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.

2. You left your home to seek out the lost.
 You knew the great and terrible cost,
 But Jesus, your face was set.
 I worked my fingers down to the bone;
 Nothing I did could ever atone,
 But Jesus, you paid my debt.

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.
 Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown
 And you rose that I might be a new creation.
 I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

3. I was in darkness all of my life.
 I never knew the day from the night
 But Spirit, you made me see.
 I swore I knew the way on my own,
 Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
 But Spirit, you moved in me.

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened;
 On my darkened heart, the light of Christ has shone.
 Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken.
 Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

So I stand in faith by grace, and grace alone.
 I will run the race by grace, and grace alone.
 I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone.
 I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone.

Praise

Call to Worship - Psalm 100

- [1] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
 [2] Serve the LORD with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!
 [3] Know that the LORD, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 [4] Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!
 [5] For the LORD is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations. (ESV)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise - Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing alleluia! Amen!
 Loud praise to Christ our King; alleluia! Amen!
 Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
 Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high, alleluia! Amen!
 Let praises fill the sky; alleluia! Amen!
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
 His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again, alleluia! Amen!
 Life shall not end the strain; alleluia! Amen!
 On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
 Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Affirmation of Faith - The Nicene Creed

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

Congregation: **We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;**

**by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father;**

**and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;**

**and we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise - O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

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1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

Confession

Scriptural Warning - Psalm 36.1-4

- [1] Transgression speaks to the wicked
 deep in his heart;
 there is no fear of God
 before his eyes.
- [2] For he flatters himself in his own eyes
 that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
- [3] The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit;
 he has ceased to act wisely and do good.
- [4] He plots trouble while on his bed;
 he sets himself in a way that is not good;
 he does not reject evil. (ESV)

Way of Salvation - Psalm 36.5-6

- [5] Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
 your faithfulness to the clouds.
- [6] Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
 your judgments are like the great deep;
 man and beast you save, O LORD. (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 - Thou Who Was Rich, Beyond all Splendor

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1. Thou who was rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake became poor;
Throne surrendered for a manger,
Sapphire courts for a stable floor.

2. Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for loves sake became man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,
Heavenward by thine eternal plan.

*(Refrain) So we would know,
How far you'll go
In order to show us love.*

3. Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior, we crown you our King.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us into what you'd have us be.
(Refrain)

4. Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Nothing in my hands I bring.
All that I am, I ask, be melting,
Make me into what you'd have me be.

Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 36.7-9

- [7] How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
 The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- [8] They feast on the abundance of your house,
 and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- [9] For with you is the fountain of life;
 in your light do we see light. (ESV)

Exhortation to Holiness - Psalm 36.10-12

- [10] Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
 and your righteousness to the upright of heart!
- [11] Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,
 nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- [12] There the evildoers lie fallen;
 they are thrust down, unable to rise. (ESV)

Hymn of Response - Before the Throne of God Above

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1. Before the throne of God above,
 I have a strong and perfect plea,
 A great High Priest whose name is Love,
 Whoever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands.
 My name is written on his heart.
 I know that while in heav'n he stands,
 No tongue can bid me thence depart,
 No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
 And tells me of the guilt within,
 Upward I look and see him there,
 Who made an end to 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.

3. 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.

Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading - [1 Peter 2.1-12](#)

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 - [Hosea 1.1-9](#)

The Reality of Idolatry

Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn - Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
 Let me to Thy bosom fly,
 While the nearer waters roll,
 While the tempest still is high.

Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
 'Til life's storm is past;
 Safe into the haven guide;
 Receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,
 I helpless, hang on Thee;
 Leave, oh leave me not alone,
 Support and comfort me.
 All my trust on Thee is stayed,
 All help from Thee I bring;
 Cover my defenseless head
 In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
 Here more than all I find;
 Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
 Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Just and holy is Thy Name,
 I am all unrighteousness;
 False and full of sin I am;
 Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
 Grace to cover all my sin;
 Let the healing streams abound;
 Make and keep me pure within.
 Thou of life the fountain art,
 Let me take of Thee;
 Spring Thou up within my heart;
 For all eternity.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
 And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning,
 Is now and ever shall be;
 World without end. Amen. Amen.

Response

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Thanksgiving - Our Hope Secure

Words and Music by Lance Johnston

1. Lord, we long to be one
 For you a people redeemed
 Bound by love, through your Son
 O, fit us for eternity

2. Our hope is secure
 We trust in you alone
 Your sacrifice pure, our confidence sure
 Until we reach our home

*(Chorus) Our hope secure
 Let us endure
 By the power of Christ
 We were bought with a price
 One hope, one Lord of all*

3. Your word our master be
 Spirit, on you we rely
 By grace in unity, Teach your body
 To love for the sake of Christ.

*(Chorus) Our hope secure
 Let us endure
 By the power of Christ
 We were bought with a price
 One body, one Spirit of all.*

4. O, let us rest in you
 In the knowledge of your Son
 Your promise kept true,
 all things are made new
 O, Father, make us one

*(Chorus) Our hope secure
Let us endure
By the power of Christ
We were bought with a price
One faith, one Father of all*

By the power of Christ
We were bought with a price
One body, one hope, one call
One God and Father of 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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