



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
CONWAY

# Prelude - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1. Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
For he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to his temple draw near;  
Praise him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord,  
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness  
And mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord,  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again,  
Gladly forever adore him.

# Praise

## Call to Worship - Psalm 92.1-4

- [1] It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
[2] to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,  
[3] to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.  
[4] For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy. (ESV)

## Invocation

## Hymn of Praise - No Place Better (Psalm 84)

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1. How lovely is your dwelling place  
How wonderful your presence, Lord  
How my soul longs to see your face  
To come with joy into your courts  
How blessed is the little sparrow  
Who makes a nest inside your house  
'Cause I can think of no place better  
To make a home and sing out loud

*(Chorus) I want to be in your presence,  
I want to be near your heart  
I want to know you're close  
Even when I'm feeling far  
I don't want what this world would offer  
I want the living God  
'Cause there's no place better than where you are*

2. We will go from strength to strength  
 Even in the wilderness  
 You are turning tears to desert springs  
 Leaving gardens in our footsteps  
 How blessed is the longing pilgrim  
 Whose heart is set on Zion's hill  
 The one who knows there's no place better  
 To bring our sorrows and be filled  
 (Chorus)

One day with You  
 Is better than a thousand elsewhere  
 One word from You Is better than silver or gold  
 I'd rather be a servant in Your house, Oh God  
 Than a king with all the riches I could hold  
 (Repeat)

(Chorus)

For there's no place better than where you are  
 No place better  
 No place better, oooh!

## 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 - Psalm 116:4

[4] Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
 “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!” (ESV)

## Way of Salvation - Psalm 116:5

[5] Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
 our God is merciful. (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 - Help My Unbelief

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1. I know the Lord is nigh,  
And would but cannot pray,  
For Satan meets me when I try,  
And frights my soul away.  
And frights my soul away.

2. I would but can't repent,  
Though I endeavor oft;  
This stony heart can ne'er relent  
Till Jesus makes it soft.  
Till Jesus make it soft.

*(Chorus) Help my unbelief.  
Help my unbelief.  
Help my unbelief.  
My help must come from Thee.*

3. I would but cannot love,  
Though wooed by love divine;  
No arguments have power to move  
A soul as base as mine.  
A soul so base as mine.

4. I would but cannot rest,  
In God's most holy will;  
I know what He appoints is best,  
And murmur at it still.  
I murmur at it still.  
*(Chorus)*

## Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 116:6

[6] The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me. (ESV)

## Exhortation to Holiness - Psalm 116:7

[7] Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. (ESV)

## Hymn of Response - Behold Our God

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1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*(Chorus) Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth) (4x)



# Means of Grace

## Pastoral Prayer

### Scripture Reading - [Genesis 12.1-9](#)

*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 - [Luke 9:52-56](#)

Following Jesus As He Is

## Lord's Supper

# Communion Hymn - Jesus I My Cross have Taken

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1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
 All to leave and follow Thee.  
 Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
 Thou from hence my all shall be.  
 Perish every fond ambition,  
 All I've sought or hoped or known.  
 Yet how rich is my condition!  
 God and heaven are still my own.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,  
 They have left my Savior, too.  
 Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
 Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
 O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
 God of wisdom, love, and might,  
 Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
 Show Thy face and all is bright.

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
 Come disaster, scorn and pain  
 In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
 With Thy favor, loss is gain  
 I have called Thee Abba Father,  
 I have stayed my heart on Thee  
 Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
 All must work for good to me.

5. Soul, then know thy full salvation  
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
 Joy to find in every station,  
 Something still to do or bear.  
 Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
 Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
 Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
 Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## The King's Doxology

To Him who loves us,  
The One who freed us  
From all our sins by His own blood,  
To Him who made us  
Priests and a kingdom.  
Glory, dominion unto Him.  
Amen.

# 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 - Psalm 134:3

May the Lord bless you from Zion,  
 he who made heaven and earth!

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