



CHRIST CHURCH
CONWAY

Prelude - Eternal Weight of Glory

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1. Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suff'ring seem so long;
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak,
But our hope is set on Jesus;
And we cling to him, our strength.

2. Oh eternal weight of glory!
Oh inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured,
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory,
And our broken years restored.

*(Refrain) For behold! I tell a myst'ry-
At the trumpet sound we'll wake.
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"
When we meet our King of Grace.
Every year we thought was wasted,
Every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song.*

We will see our wounded Savior.
We'll behold him face to face;
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.
(Refrain)

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 - Be Merciful to Me

Gadsby Hymn #385 by Samuel Medley

Music by Treva Blomquist (2012)

Based on Luke 18:13 - "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'"

1. Hear, gracious God, a sinner's cry,
For I have nowhere else to fly
My hope, my only hope's in thee,
O God, be merciful to me!

2. To Thee I come, a sinner poor,
And wait for mercy at thy door
Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee,
O God be merciful to me!

*(Refrain) To Thee I come, a sinner weak,
And scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God,
O God be merciful to me!*

3. To Thee I come a sinner great,
And well thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee,
O God be merciful to me!

4. To glory, bring me Lord at last,
And there when all my fears are past,
With all Thy saints I'll then agree,
For God has been merciful to me!
(Refrain)

Confession

Scriptural Warning - Romans 1.18, 3.23

[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (ESV)

[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (ESV)

Way of Salvation - Romans 5.6-8, 6.23

[6] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (ESV)

[23] For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)

Confession of Sin

Congregation: **Our Father in heaven, you have made your glory known, but we have loved the glory of man.**

You gave signs to Moses, whereby his message of deliverance was proved true. Yet, the Pharaoh despised Moses and the Israelites grumbled against him.

Jesus performed many miracles, making his authority as the Son of God known. Yet, the Pharisees refused his message, resting in their own righteousness.

You have given us your Word, with record of both Moses' and Jesus' signs. Your Word bears witness to the truth of the gospel and of our sin. Yet, like Pharaoh, we have despised your messenger.

Like the Israelites, we have grumbled against your Mediator. Like the Pharisees, we have trusted our own law-keeping rather than looking to Christ who fulfilled and suffered under the Law for our sake.

We confess our sin before you most holy Father, and we affirm that truly our only hope is the hope that comes to us through your Son Jesus Christ. We believe. By your Spirit, help our unbelief. Amen.

Hymn of Confession - 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.

Assurance of Pardon - Romans 8.1-4

[1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. [3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (ESV)

Exhortation to Holiness - Romans 12.1-2

[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)

Hymn of Response - His Forever

1. Jesus, friend of sinners
 Loved me ere I knew Him
 Drew me with His cords of love
 Tightly bound me to Him
 Round my heart still closely twined
 The ties that none can sever
 For I am His and He is mine
 Forever and forever

2. Jesus, friend of sinners
 A crown of thorns You wore for me
 Bruised for my transgressions
 Pierced for my iniquities
 The wrath of God that I deserved
 Was poured out on the innocent
 He took my place, my soul to save
 Now I am his forever

3. Jesus, friend of sinners
 I love to tell the story
 Redeeming love has been my theme
 And will be when in glory
 Not death nor life nor anything
 Can ever separate me
 O love that will not let me go
 Yes I am his forever

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Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading - [Psalm 54](#)

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 26](#)

Saul Pursues David (Again)

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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