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CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

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WELCOME to CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

We are a community committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ which offers forgiveness to sinners, healing to the wounded, direction to the wayward and scattered, and rest for wearied travelers.

Here, we come to be joined together into our belonging in the larger Story of God.

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Fill out a connect card by using this QR code, which will direct you to our form (corpcavc.org/connect-card).

KIDS and NURSERY

We provide Kids and Nursery classes during the sermon time.

We encourage parents to have their children with them at the beginning of the worship service.

Our Kids and Nursery classes will be dismissed prior to the sermon and will be brought back to be with their parents at the end of the sermon and prior to the Lord's Supper.¹

ABOUT CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

To learn more about our church and what we value, please visit our website: corpcavc.org

OFFICERS of THE CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY LENT EASTER PENTECOST Easter is the season of celebration, because Jesus died for the sins of His people and rose again. Easter Day marks the beginning of the fifty days of celebrating Jesus' resurrection known as Eastertide, the high point of the year in the liturgical church calendar. Week by week, we aim our hearts toward the eternal celebration and the Great Feast of the Lamb.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

- Thank you COR Eats Team for putting this together snacks and beverages for our enjoyment. If you would like to get involved with our COR Eats Team, please reach out to Deanne (onlycomfort@gmail.com).
- Our monthly Session meeting will be tomorrow. Please be in prayer for our leaders, to prayerfully guide our church in the Lord's wisdom. If you would like to attend the General Session meeting, please reach out to Sun (sun@corpcavc.org).
- Our second stated presbytery meeting of the year will be on Saturday, May 18 at Providence Reformed Church in Bakersfield, CA. Please pray for the protection and flourishing of our presbytery and our sister churches through the wisdom and guidance provided to the presbyters in our presbytery.
- Our Youth students are looking to attend a retreat this summer. Please support our students through prayer and participating in fun fundraising activities to be revealed! For more specific details about the retreat, please reach out to Jon (jon@corpcavc.org).

BAPTISM and MEMBERSHIP

If you're interested in either being baptized (or having your child baptized) or becoming a member of the church, please reach out to Sun (sun@corpcavc.org).

STUDENTS (YOUTH and COLLEGE)

Our students will be gathering this coming Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm for Bible Study at the Wong home. For more information, please contact Jon (jon@corpcavc.org).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Durant CG (Camarillo)

Twice a month on <u>Sunday</u> 1:30-3:00pm Next gathering: TBA

Brad: (909) 801-1276 | Rebecca: (269) 228-1326

Wong CG (Camarillo)

Twice a month on <u>Wednesday</u> 7:00-8:30pm Next gathering: TBA Bora: (805) 970-1050 | Cal: (805) 469-1950

Cho CG (Ventura)

Every 2nd & 4th <u>Thursday</u> 7:00-8:30pm Next gathering: Apr 25 Cathy: (818) 669-5891

Kwak CG (Camarillo)

Every <u>Thursday</u> 6:00-8:00pm Next gathering: Apr 18 Judy: (650) 380-8304 | Sun: (916) 896-8596

McPhail CG (Camarillo)

Next gathering: Apr 25 Leah: (704) 608-4816 | Mitchell: (980) 417-9542

GIVING OPTIONS

In Person: We have an offering box in the back of the worship hall where you can give tithes/offerings.

My Mail: You can mail your tithes/offerings by sending them here: (Christ Our Redeemer PCA, 1308 Calle Aurora, Camarillo, CA 93010).

Online: You can use this QR code, which will direct you to our giving page (corpcavc.org/give).





REQUEST PRAYER

Our elders would love to pray with and for you. Please speak to us in person or fill out a form online. This QR code will take you to our

form online to fill out (corpcavc.org/prayer-request).

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GUIDELINES for THE LORD'S SUPPER

WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?

The Lord's Supper, also known as Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We welcome to the Lord's Table all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin, who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are baptized believers, and are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel. As a means of grace, it is not so much a declaration of your commitment to God, as it is His commitment to you. If you do not identify as a Christian, we ask that you refrain from partaking of this family meal, as it's something that does not reflect your own spiritual journey. We're so glad that you're here with us, and we're here to come around you and to wrestle together with questions. We encourage you to spend this time in reflection and in observation. It's our prayer that one day, you'll join us as a part of the family of God and in this family meal.

For those partaking in the Supper, please come forward with your family. We would love to speak to and lift up a prayer for your little ones, even if they won't be partaking in the elements themselves. They're just as much a part of this family of faith. We provide gluten-free wafers, along with wine and grape juice. The wine will be served on the outer rim, while the grape juice will be in the inner rings of trays. Please partake in these elements once you've received your elements at the Table.

PRAYER for NAVIGATION to TRUTH

God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today, but I want to trust that You are good, loving, and just. I want to know more about the promises You declare, and I want to know if You are the true God. I don't have answers, have so many questions, and need to be persuaded. But if You are God, please don't let me go. But instead, let me know that You are real, calm my fears, soften my cynicism, and be patient with my doubts and questions. Guide me toward truth and toward You. Amen.

PRAYER for BELIEF and REPENTANCE

Jesus, I believe that You are who You say You are – the Son of the living God and the Savior of broken, lost, and wayward people like me. I admit that I am weaker and even more sinful than I ever believed. But through Your grace, I believe that I am more accepted and loved than I ever dare hoped. Reclaim my heart to Your gospel promises and convict my heart of my need for You as my Savior. Guide my affections away from my sin, minister to my wounds, and steer my thoughts toward You. Amen.

PRAYER for RENEWAL

Father, this life is filled with bumps and detours, fatiguing my heart that longs for Your gospel rest. As I take this bread and wine, set apart my affections in reminder of Your promises for me. Reinvigorate within me energy to love and to follow after You. May Jesus as the living bread of life fill me anew with the astounding promises in Your living and active Word. As You have declared Your commitment to me, use these means to renew my commitment to You. Amen.

THE LORD'S DAY

ORDER of WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

WELCOME

Sun Kwak

"To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come, this church opens wide her doors and

CALL to WORSHIP

Revelation 5:9-14

9 And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals,

for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."2

10 and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Welcome in the name of Jesus

Christ! We are so glad that you've joined us this morning. We're told in the Bible that we are to "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed [us], for the glory of God" (Rom 15:7). As we enter into corporate worship, we're shown here that through our welcome, we direct one another to the glory of God. We sincerely welcome everyone here at Christ Qur Redeemer.

Why worship? We relate to God differently than with one another. We were created for worship by our God who desires our company (Isa 43:21), and worship keeps this relationship intact. This relationship has been severed by humanity's rebellion against God. Without exception, all have sinned (Rom 5:12), and the contagion of sin has contaminated our relationships, ethics, and culture. Through worship God in His grace and initiative renairs and restores what's been broken by our sinfulness. We worship, therefore, in response to what God has already done for us.

God calls us to worship. Our worship service begins with God's call through His Word. In the story of salvation, it's not we who approach God in our penitence but God who initiated reconciliation while we were still sinners (Rom 5:8,10). Our call to worship serves as a weekly reminder that God came to us first, in spite of our defiance against Him.

 $^{^{2}}$ Words originally from James M. Boice while serving as pastor at Tenth Presbyterian Church.

What is an invocation? To invoke someone is to call out for help. In antiquity, when entering into a covenant relationship with a king, subjects were given the privilege to call upon the king for help in times of need. In worship, we call upon God for help, in recognition that worship wages war against the forces of evil, sin, and death. In invoking our King, our confidence lies in He who goes before us.

What is liturgy? We come together to share in the telling and retelling of the story of the gospel. These patterns for regularly telling this story shape our church's liturgy.

The word liturgy comes from two words – people and work. In the first century, it was a word used to describe a public service or duty. When the word became used for corporate worship, it described God's commitment to serve His people. Liturgy, thus, is not an expression of worshipers coming to serve God but of God coming to serve the needs of His people.

Our conviction is that God serves us through the ministry of His grace. Our liturgy, therefore, centers around the story of the gospel. Through our confessing, we say together that we need Jesus just as much as our neighbors do. Through our singing, we tune ourselves to a heavenly melody that touches our soil. Through our listening, we quiet accusations with a verdict declared to us once and for all. Through our communion with God, we are lead to consider and to respond to His grace. At its heart, liturgy is an evangelistic order and declaration to invite sinners to be served by our gracious God. And so, with great thought, consideration, and intentionality, our liturgy provides the meeting place where God meets His people by His grace.

INVOCATION

Leader: Our Lord, our Great Host, we've come here this morning with a

diversity of experiences in this past week of sojourn. We've gathered here with our hungers intensified and our appetites longing for something more, something better. We bring our emptiness and our cavernous longings, for the scent of Christ has brought us here.

People: Teach us, O Lord, to be more than just a crowd. Teach us to be a congregation, assembled through the Story of the Lamb.

Leader: Occupy our hearts with the fullness of Your presence. Drive out our

sins by the greater power of Your gospel promises. For You gave us words of grace, covering us with a lasting verdict to silence what's been deafening, to shelter what's exposed, to rebuild what's been shattered. For You, O Lord, who gave us Your love have given us Your Son, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Lead us through the pages of this Story of Your reclamation of Your people.

People: We bring our needs to You. We bring our songs to You. We bring our worship to You. Bring us now to see Jesus.

Leader: So, posture our hearts to adoration, O Father.

We've come to sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Redirect our eyes to the throne of grace, O Jesus. We've come sing "Worthy is the Lamb!" Retell to us the Story of the Lamb, O Spirit.

We've come to sing, "To Him be blessing and honor and glory and

might forever and ever!"

All: Call us to worship in spirit and in truth. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

SONG of GATHERING

Thank You for the Blood

(Lyrics on pg. 4)

PRAYER of ADORATION

Jon Kim

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord our God!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Sun Kwak

WORDS of INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

(Refer to pg. 13 for questions about the Lord's Supper and how it's celebrated at our church.)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith!

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Minister: Christ, our Passover, sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast!

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cal Wong (Announcements on pg. 14) The Lord's Supper. The word 'sacrament' comes from the Greek word which means 'mystery'. Richard Muller describes the mystical union between believers and the resurrected Christ as "the spiritual union of the believer with the exalted Christ, a participation in the thing signified by means of faithful participation in the sign and the concomitant operation of the Spirit that joins together by grace the uplifted heart of the believer and the person of Christ with all its benefits."

Doxology comes from the words "doxa" (glory) and "logia" (language). Psalm 150 seals the Psalms with thirteen expressions of praise. In this worship book packed with the whole gamut of life's experiences and emotions, it all ends in praise. And here, it all ends in praise.

Benediction comes from the Latin "bene" (well) and 'dicere" (to speak). This is a good and final word from God to seal the worship service. In this, He declares over us that our sins, our anxieties, our doubts, and our forgetfulness get not the last word. But His grace, His faithfulness, and His premembrance of us and His promises get the last word in the worship service.

ALL GLORY BE to CHRIST

Verse 1

Should nothing of our efforts stand No legacy survive Unless the Lord does raise the house In vain its builders strive To you who boast tomorrow's gain Tell me what is your life A mist that vanishes at dawn All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our King All glory be to Christ His rule and reign we'll ever sing All glory be to Christ

Verse 2

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our King All glory be to Christ His rule and reign we'll ever sing All glory be to Christ

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Verse 3

When on the day the great I am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our King All glory be to Christ His rule and reign we'll ever sing All glory be to Christ All glory be to Christ our King All glory be to Christ His rule and reign we'll ever sing All glory be to Christ

THANK YOU for THE BLOOD

Verse

Thank You
Thank You for the blood that You shed
Standing in its blessing we sing these freedom songs
Thank You

Thank You for the battle You won Standing in Your vict'ry we sing salvation songs We sing salvation's song

Chorus

You have opened a way to the Father Where before we could never have come Jesus count us as Yours now forever As we sing these freedom songs We sing of all You've done We sing of all You've done We sing of all You've done for us Won for us paid for us

Verse

Thank You
Thank You for the blood that You shed
Standing in its blessing we sing these freedom songs
Thank You
Thank You for the battle You won
Standing in Your vict'ry we sing salvation songs
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Chorus

You have opened a way to the Father Where before we could never have come Jesus count us as Yours now forever As we sing these freedom songs We sing of all You've done We sing of all You've done We sing of all You've done for us Won for us paid for us

Outro

We sing of all You've done We sing of all You've done We sing of all You've done for us Won for us paid for us

Why do we confess our sins?

In confessing, we recognize simultaneously who we are and who God is. While we are sinful and imperfect, God is holy and without blemish. And yet, when we come in confession, we also acknowledge that our need for forgiveness are brought to a gracious King. And so, we confess our sins and our lack, while believing that God's cleansing grace is deeper than our deficiencies. Cleansing requires the unilateral commitment of God to search into the inner recesses of the human heart. While we may fix our attention upon external appearances, God looks at the heart (1 Sam 16:7) and searches it (Ps 139:23). But the promise we are given is that when we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us of all of our unrighteousness (1 Jn 1:9).

What is the Passing of the Peace?

In John 14:27, Jesus tells us, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you." We share the peace we now have with God, as those forgiven of our sins in Christ. At Christ Our Redeemer, we say that this is the time where we celebrate the forgiveness we have in Christ. After hearing our declaration of pardon and that we now have peace with God, we extend our kindness and hospitality toward one another as a response to the forgiveness of sins.

In the middle of service, we grind to a halt to shake hands, to welcome newcomers, to give hugs, to share smiles from the joy we have in the gospel of Christ we share. It's a very intentional chaos that we welcome in the midst of our worship order, to proclaim the peace and presence of Christ among us.

CONFESSION of SIN

Colossians 2:11-15

11 In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Sun Kwak

(concluded with The Lord's Prayer)

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.³

DECLARATION of PARDON

Romans 5:1

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

PASSING of THE PEACE

SERMON NOTES

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

April 21, 2024

Series: The Story of God Passage: Exodus 20:1-21

Sermon Title: "Freedom from Slavery"

Preacher: Jon Kim

³ Scripture references for the Lord's Prayer: Matt 6:9-13; Lk 11:1-4; 1 Chron 29:11.

Consecrated by the Word of God.

At the center of our worship service is the Scripture reading and sermon. Jesus prays for His people, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth" (Jn 17:17), Here, God declares to us that we are His new creation. As a church, we are formed by the Word that testifies of this story of grace and renewal. The apostle Paul describes the Scriptures to be "Godbreathed" (2 Tim 3:16), alluding to the same breath and power that breathed life into lifeless dust when God created man (Gen 2:7), As our worship service centers on God's service to us, we are brought to the Word proclaimed.

What is the gospel? The word gospel comes from the Greek word (euangelion) understood as 'good news.' In ancient times, this was the declaration of a runner who would carry news back to one's city of the victory attained in battle, where victory in the battlefield represented victory for all those in the city.

We, who are sinful by nature and in action, are said to have been "slaves of righteousness" (Rom 6:18). And in order to rescue us, Jesus came to wage war against sin and death. As those whose wrists are marked by the handcuffs of sin and death, we receive our liberation through Jesus whose own wrists were marked and pinned onto the cross for our sins. The innocent died for the guilty that we might receive forgiveness. The blood of Jesus "speaks a better word" (Heb 12:24), as it demands our acquittal by His payment.

And while our battle with sin is not over, the war has been won. For the gospel declares upon us a definitive verdict earned for us by Jesus. It's thus a story that's been written, with an ending that can't be altered, even with our failings and shortcomings on a weekly and regular basis.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:12-13, 21-32 (ESV)

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

²¹Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the Destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as He has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' ²⁷ you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for He passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians but spared our houses." And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

28 Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰ And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. ³¹ Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. ³² Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!"

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Sun Kwak

SERMON

Sun Kwak "The Passover"

PRAYER for APPLICATION

Sun Kwak

SONG of RESPONSE

All Glory be to Christ (Lyrics on pg. 11)

CONFESSION of FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.⁴
The third day, He rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there, He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic⁵ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG of ASSURANCE

Be Thou My Vision (Lyrics on pg. 7)

SONG of PRAISE

Christ is Mine Forevermore (Lyrics on pg. 8)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Cal Wond

(After this time, our Nursery and Kids classes will be dismissed into their classrooms. Parents, you are welcome to have your children stay with you throughout the service. But should you choose to have your children join one of our classes, please take them to the classrooms after this time to drop them off. After the sermon and prior to the Lord's Supper, please pick them up from their classrooms.)6

The Apostles' Creed began being used in churches in the 4th century, to provide the church a summary of the Scriptures along with doctrinal guardrails. We use the ecumenical creeds in unity with the larger body of Christ, to affirm the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Zacharias Ursinus said of the Apostles' Creed: "It signifies a brief and summary form of the Christian faith, which distinguishes the church and her members from various sects."

Why do we use creeds and

confessions? Carl Trueman provides the following for the usage of creeds and confessions in today's church: (1) They witness to the fact that no Christian simply believes the Bible; all believe the Bible actually means something, and the basic elements of what it means can be synthesized in statements of faith. To claim that one has no creed or confession but the Bible is misleading at best. (2) They offer concise summaries of what churches believe. They can function both as pedagogical tools in discipleship and as apologetic tools in evangelism. (3) They focus Christians onto non-negotiable matters to the faith and on matters of importance to the well-being and good practice of the church. (4) They witness to the historical, ecumenical nature of Christianity, connecting the contemporary church with the church of the past and, indeed, the church today in other lands. (5) They fulfill liturgical and doxological purposes by providing content and even words for praise and prayer.

⁴ Heidelberg Catechism 44 asks, "Why is there added, 'He descended into hell"? Answer "That in my greatest temptations, I may be assured, and wholly comfort myself in this, that my Lord Jesus Christ, by His inexpressible anguish, pains, terrors, and hellish agonies, in which He was plunged during all His sufferings, but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torments of hell."

⁵ Lower case c catholic is in reference not to the Roman Catholic Church but to the universal church. This is in reference to the true Christian Church of all times and places.

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BE THOU MY VISION

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought by day or by night Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord Thou my great Father and I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Verse 3

Be Thou my battleshield, sword for the fight Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tow'r Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

Verse 4

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance now and always Thou and Thou only, be first in my heart High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Verse 5

High King of heaven, my vict'ry won May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him Yet I look for worldly treasure And forsake the King of kings

Chorus

But mine is hope in my Redeemer Though I fall His love is sure For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow Darkness not yet understood Through the valley I must travel Where I see no earthly good

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven And the strength in times of need I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger Pilgrim on a narrow way One with Christ I will encounter Harm and hatred for His name

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle Strong enough to last the war And He has said He will deliver Safely to the golden shore

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Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city Where beside the King I walk For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Refrain

Come rejoice now O my soul For His love is my reward Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore Come rejoice now O my soul For His love is my reward Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore

Chorus 4

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