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# Prelude - The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail

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1. We travel through a barren land,  
 With dangers thick on every hand;  
 But Jesus guides us through the vale;  
 O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

2. Huge sorrows meet us as we go,  
 And devils aim to overthrow;  
 But vile infernals can't prevail;  
 O, The Christian's hope shall never fail.

3. Sometimes we're tempted to despair,  
 But Jesus makes us then His care;  
 Though numerous foes our souls assail;  
 O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

4. We trust upon the sacred word,  
 The oath and promise of the Lord;  
 And safely through each tempest sail;  
 O, The Christian's hope can never fail. (3x)

## Praise

### Call to Worship - Psalm 136.1-3

[1] Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

[2] Give thanks to the God of gods,  
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

[3] Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
 for his steadfast love endures forever; (ESV)

## Invocation

# Hymn of Praise - Father, Long Before Creation

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.

## Affirmation of Faith - Vision Statement

*Minister:* What is the church called to be?

***Congregation:* A community of people whose hope is set wholly in Jesus Christ and are each equipped to work for building up the body of Christ in love until we attain to the unity of the faith of the knowledge of the Son of God.**

# Hymn of Praise - Eternal Weight of Glory

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)*

# Confession

## Scriptural Warning - Ephesians 2.1-3

[1] And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—[3] among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (ESV)

## Way of Salvation - Ephesians 2.4-7

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (ESV)

## Confession of Sin - Book of Common Prayer Second Advent Collect

***Congregation: Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:***

***Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

## Hymn of Confession - Why Should I Fear?

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*(Chorus) Had I the guilt of all the world  
He's able to forgive;  
Why should I fear? The debt is paid,  
If only I'd believe.*

1. My soul thou art immersed in sin,  
 So deep that none can trace;  
 Look to the ransom God decreed  
 To clear the guilty race  
 (*Chorus*)

2. The atonement once made on the tree,  
 Can balance many more  
 Than all the sins of Adam's race,  
 If number'd o'er and o'er.  
 (*Chorus*)

3. He paid the mighty sum and died  
 For sinners yet unborn;  
 From men, the works of his own hands,  
 He suffer'd shame and scorn.  
 (*Chorus*)

## Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 2.8-9

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

## Exhortation to Holiness - Ephesians 2.10

[10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (ESV)

## Hymn of Response - 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

# Means of Grace

## Pastoral Prayer

### Scripture Reading - [Genesis 12.1-3](#)

*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 - [Colossians 1.27](#)

Gospel Hope

## Lord's Supper

### Communion Hymn - You Belong (Psalm 87)

1. To the ones who were once God's sworn enemies  
 From the West and the East and the land beyond the seas  
 Oh come to the table, where God spreads a feast,  
 "You be-long, you be-long, you belong with me."



2. Even those who once sold my children as slaves  
 Who have done deeds so dark they've been hardened by shame  
 Oh turn and believe and receive your new name  
 "You be-long, you be-long, you belong with me."

*(Chorus) So all you outcasts come  
 The City of God is your home  
 And the Lord will greet you rejoicing to sing  
 You be-long, you be-long, you belong with me*

3. So turn to the ones you have reason to hate  
 And lay down your weapons oh learn to be brave  
 Let's start with the words our Lord taught us to say:  
 "You belong, you belong, you belong with me."

*(Chorus)*

4. When the Lord comes shouting, "I make all things new!"  
 Then the ones who were strangers will know what to do  
 We'll cry tears of joy as we sing out the truth:  
 We be-long, we be-long, we belong with you.

*(Chorus) So all you outcasts come  
 The City of God is your home  
 And the Lord will greet you rejoicing to sing  
 You be-long, you be-long, you belong with me  
 You be-long, you be-long, you belong with me*

## 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 - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the saints thou art.  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

2. Joy to those who long to see thee,  
Dayspring from on high, appear.  
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
Of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news,  
Glad tidings of a birth;  
Go to him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth.

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness  
He whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness,  
Our redeemer, shepherd, friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
Born within a cattle stall.  
This the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4. Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

## Benediction - Numbers 6.24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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