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**Words of Welcome**

**Psalm 69:34 (ESV)**

34 Let heaven and earth praise him,  
the seas and everything that moves in them.

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### Scripture Reading

#### Matthew 12:38-42 (ESV)

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

42 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

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**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**VERSE 1**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

**VERSE 2**

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,  
Be the Guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

**VERSE 3**

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleans, and power to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.

**VERSE 4**

Early let us seek Thy favor;  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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**Psalm 121**

**Verse 1:**

I lift my eyes up, up to the mountains  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from You, Maker of Heaven  
Creator of the earth

**Chorus:**

O how I need You Lord, You are my only hope  
You are my only prayer  
So I will wait for You to come and rescue me  
To come and give me life

**Ending:**

I lift my eyes up, up to the mountains  
Where does my help come from?

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## O Church Arise

### Verse 1:

O Church arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our captain  
For now, the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With Shield of Faith and Belt of Truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

### Verse 2:

Our call to war, to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with The Sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

### Verse 3:

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart will see Him

### Verse 4:

So, Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

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## New City Catechism

**Q35: Since We Are Redeemed by Grace Alone, Through Faith Alone, Where Does This Faith Come From?**

**Full Answer**

All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

**Children's Answer**

From the Holy Spirit.

**Scripture**

**TITUS 3:4–6**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Commentary**

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We must realize that Christianity is the easiest religion in the world, because it is the only religion in which God the Father and Christ and the Holy Spirit do everything. God is the Creator; we have nothing to do with our existence, or the existence of other things. We can shape other things, but we cannot change the fact of existence. We do nothing for our salvation because Christ did it all. We do not have to do anything. In every other religion we have to do something . . . but with Christianity we do not do anything; God has done it all: He has created us and He has sent His Son; His Son died and because the Son is infinite, therefore he bears our total guilt. We do not need to bear our guilt, nor do we even have to merit the merit of Christ. He does it all. So in one way it is the easiest religion in the world.

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## Great Redeemer

### Verse 1:

Beneath my Great Redeemer's cross,  
I kneel in streams of mercy;  
His blood removes my guilty stain;  
His grace has made me worthy  
To stand before His holiness and bow my grateful soul;  
Beneath my Great Redeemer's cross, I worship Christ alone.

### Chorus:

Great Redeemer, Jesus  
Great Redeemer, Jesus

### Verse 2:

I long to see my Savior's face,  
To gaze upon His beauty,  
To lose myself in His embrace,  
At last, behold His glory;  
The Lamb of God Who died for me has made my sin His own,  
And bore my shame upon the cross; I worship Him alone.

### Ending:

O, Lamb of God, You died for me, and made my sin Your own,  
And bore my shame upon the cross; I worship You alone;  
I worship You alone; I worship You alone.

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## The Power of the Cross

### Verse 1:

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

### Chorus 1-3:

This the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

### Verse 2:

O, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

### Verse 3:

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

### Verse 4:

O, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your self-less love!

### Chorus 4:

This the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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**Benediction**

**Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)**

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."