

January 4, 2026

Words of Welcome

Psalm 99:1-3 (ESV)

- 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!

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Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:1-11 (ESV)

- 1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:
- 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
- 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,
- 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.
- 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.
- 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.
- 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,
- 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
- 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verse 1:

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

Chorus:

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2:

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest

Verse 3:

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

What Child Is This?

Verse 1:

What Child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus 1:

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Verse 2:

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

Chorus 2:

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Verse 3:

So, bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come, rich and poor, to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Chorus 3:

Raise, raise the song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary
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He Who Is Mighty

Verse 1

Oh, the mercy our God has shown
To those who sit in death's shadow
The sun on high pierced the night
Born was the Cornerstone

Pre-Chorus

Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born

Chorus

He Who is mighty has done a great thing
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame
Holy is His name

Chorus 2 only:

Holy is His name

Verse 2

Oh, the freedom our Savior won, the yoke of sin has been broken
Once a slave, now by grace
No more condemnation

Bridge

Now my soul magnifies the Lord
I rejoice in the God Who saves
I will trust His unfailing love
I will sing His praises all my days

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New City Catechism

50: What Does Christ's Resurrection Mean for Us?

Full Answer

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

Children's Answer

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Scripture

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13–14

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Commentary

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The whole creation will have been delivered from the bondage of corruption and will be enjoying “the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom. 8:21). Everything will be glorified, even nature itself. And that seems to me to be the biblical teaching about the eternal state: that what we call heaven is life in this perfect world as God intended humanity to live it. When He put Adam in Paradise at the beginning Adam fell, and all fell with him, but men and women are meant to live in the body, and will live in a glorified body in a glorified world, and God will be with them.

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Hope Of The Ages

Verse 1:

The prophets had glimpsed and the angels had watched with awe
The unfolding plans of our faithful, redeeming God
What they longed for we have seen; what was promised we believe

Chorus:

Hope of the Ages, Isaiah's Great Light
Abraham's offspring, Blessing of Jacob, Judah's might
Hope of the Ages, David's true Son
Desire of nations, promised salvation, God with us

Verse 2:

The vision once clouded has now to our hearts appeared
Once shrouded in myst'ry, redemption has been made clear
Our Messiah now has come; Word made Flesh, the Saving One

Chorus:

Hope of the Ages, Isaiah's Great Light
Abraham's offspring, Blessing of Jacob, Judah's might
Hope of the Ages, David's true Son
Desire of nations, promised salvation, God with us

Bridge:

All hail the One now revealed to the world
In Bethlehem born to a young virgin girl
Lamb without blemish yet cruelly betrayed
Who cried "it is finished" and rose from the grave!
The Father's great gift and the proof of His love
Hope of the Ages, our God here with us

Chorus:

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Abraham's offspring, Blessing of Jacob, Judah's might
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Sermon
God Who Loved the World

John 3:16-21 (ESV)

- 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
- 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
- 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.
- 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.
- 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

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

Verse 2

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 3

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love

Verse 4

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

Verse 5

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

Verse 6

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

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Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

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