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Words of Welcome

Psalm 118:14-17 (ESV)

14 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

15 Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

16 the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

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Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

- 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.
- 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
- 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.
- 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"
- 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,
- 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."
- 8 And they remembered his words,
- 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.
- 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,
- 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
- 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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**Were You There
(Choral Special)**

Verse 1:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 2:

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Verse 3:

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Verse 4:

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Verse 5:

Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Oh, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Verse 6:

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

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Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed

Verse 1:

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin in sacrifice,
to conquer ev'ry sting of death?
Sing, sing "Hallelujah!"

Verse 2:

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their friend and King:
Christ, Christ, He is risen!

Chorus:

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing "Hallelujah!"
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: "Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"

Verse 3:

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed;
But bless'd are those who have not seen,
Yet, sing "Hallelujah!"

Verse 4:

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and pow'r of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.

Verse 5:

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to pow'rf'ly save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace—
Go, tell of His goodness.

Bridge:

He's alive! He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide!
He's alive! He's alive! Now in Heaven glorified.

Chorus 2:

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh sing "Hallelujah!"
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed:
"Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"
"Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"
"Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"

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Christ Arose

Verse 1:

Low in the grave He lay
Jesus my Savior
Waiting the coming day
Jesus my Lord

Chorus:

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o're His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose, He arose
Hallelujah, Christ arose

Verse 2:

Vainly they watch His bed
Jesus my Savior
Vainly they seal the dead
Jesus my Lord

Verse 3:

Death cannot keep His prey
Jesus my Savior
He tore the bars away
Jesus my Lord

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Resurrection Hymn (See What A Morning)

Verse 1:

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man
For He lives! Christ is risen from the dead

Verse 2:

See Mary weeping "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again
This voice that spans the years
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives! Christ is risen from the dead

Verse 3:

One with the Father, Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives! Christ is risen from the dead

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New City Catechism

11: What Does God Require in the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Commandments?

Full Answer

Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

Children's Answer

Sixth, that we do not hurt or hate our neighbor. Seventh, that we live purely and faithfully. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else.

Scripture

ROMANS 13:9

For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Commentary

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Man cannot even keep the Ten Commandments. And yet he talks glibly about keeping the Sermon on the Mount, and of imitating Christ. . . . And if a man cannot keep the Ten Commandments, as they understand them, what hope have they of keeping the Ten Commandments as they have been interpreted by the Lord Jesus Christ? That was the whole trouble with the Pharisees, who so hated him and who finally crucified him. They thought they were keeping the Ten Commandments and the moral law. Our Lord convinced them and convicted them of the fact that they were not doing so. They claimed that they had never committed murder. Wait a minute, said our Lord. Have you ever said to your brother, “Thou fool”? If you have, you are guilty of murder. Murder does not only mean actually, physically, killing a man, it means that bitterness and hatred in your heart. . . . And he taught the same, you remember, with regard to adultery. They claimed that they were guiltless. But wait a minute, says our Lord, you say you have never committed adultery? “But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (Matt. 5:28). He is guilty; he has coveted, he has desired. You see, as our Lord comes to interpret the law, he shows that an evil desire is as damnable as a deed. A thought and an imagination are as reprehensible in the sight of God as the act committed.

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Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Verse 1:

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity

Chorus 1:

In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2:

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin

Chorus 2:

See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law; in Him we stand

Verse 3:

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory

Chorus 3:

See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Verse 4:

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!

Chorus 4:

What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

Chorus 5:

What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

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Sermon
He Has Not Abandoned Us

Psalm 16 (ESV)

- 1 A Miktam of David. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- 2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- 3 As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
- 4 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
- 5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- 10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- 11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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**Gloria
(Special)**

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**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
(Choral Special)**

Verse 1:

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia

Verse 2:

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia
Where, O death, is now thy sting, Alleluia
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia
Where thy victory, o grave, Alleluia

Verse 3:

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia

Verse 4:

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

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He Lives

Verse 1:

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today
I know that He is living
Whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy
I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him
He's always near

Chorus:

He lives, He lives
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives, He lives
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart

Verse 2:

In all the world around me
I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary
I never will despair
I know that He is leading
Through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing
Will come at last

Verse 3:

Rejoice, rejoice, o Christian
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King
The Hope of all who seek Him
The Help of all who find
None other is so loving
So good and kind

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Benediction

1 Corinthians 15:20, 57-58 (ESV)

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.