

The Sermon

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Selected Texts

The Kingdom: Already, But Not Yet

The Song

Eternal Weight of Glory

Now the days and hours and moments of our suffering 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.

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.

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*

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The Benediction

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The Call to Worship

The Hymn

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears. The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears. Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands, my name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise, Arise my soul arise. (repeat). Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above for me to intercede, His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead. His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace. *Chorus*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary. They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me. "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die." *Chorus*

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear. He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear. With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and Father, Abba Father, cry! *Chorus*

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The Invocation

The Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism #81-82

Leader: Who should come to the Lord's table?

Leader and People: Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ,

and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Leader: Should those be admitted to the Lord's Supper who show by what they profess and how they live that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

Leader and People: No, that would dishonor God's covenant and bring down God's wrath upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they reform their lives.

The Song

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored. He has done great things, we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God. We are not consumed by the flood. Upheld, protected, gathered up. *Chorus*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid. For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *Chorus*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one. And from the garden to the grave bind us together, bring shalom. *Chorus*

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The Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:1-11

The Psalm No. 662

As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams

The children are dismissed to their choirs.

The Evening Prayer