

Readings and Songs for Worship on Sunday, August 23rd, 2020

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The love of God was magnified
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 133 CEB

Look at how good and pleasing it is
when families live together as one!
It is like expensive oil poured over the head,
running down onto the beard—
Aaron's beard!—
which extended over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew on Mount Hermon
streaming down onto the mountains of Zion,
because it is there that the Lord has commanded
the blessing:
everlasting life.

New Testament Reading—Ephesians 4:1-6 CEB

Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

Build Your Kingdom Here

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize

To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory forever, Amen.

Sermon Questions for Discussion

1. What are the obstacles to unity as a church?
2. Have you seen examples of unity in our church or another church that were inspiring and motivating?
3. When has the drive toward unity in a church hurt you or others?
4. What advantages are there for a church that can be unified?

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We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Verse 3

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Verse 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.