

Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

From 2 Samuel 22:2-4 (ESV)

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold and my refuge,
my Savior; you save me from violence.

**I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.**

Our Sung Call to Worship

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Verse 1

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like You there is no other.
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom,
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach;
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good, and my unending need.

Verse 2

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
And my shield against his hateful darts,
My song when enemies surround me,
My hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

Verse 3

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life;
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,
In my place You suffered, bled, and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered.
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
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Ending

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.
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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Sung Confession

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Time of silent confession.

Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

Reading from Romans 8:31-39 (CSB)

What, then, are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all.

How will he not also with him grant us everything?

Who can bring an accusation against God's elect?

God is the one who justifies.

Who is the one who condemns?

Christ Jesus is the one who died,

but even more, has been raised;

he also is at the right hand of God

and intercedes for us.

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine
or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

Because of you

we are being put to death all day long;

we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us. For we are persuaded that**

neither death nor life,

nor angels nor rulers,

nor things present nor things to come,

no powers, nor height nor depth,

nor any other created thing

**will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail,

Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail,

He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold

Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast. (Chorus)

Chorus

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.**

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last! (Chorus)

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be
put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

1 Peter 2:4-10 – The Cornerstone of Christ – Pastor Michael Felkins

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.

Sending Song

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Verse 1

Christ, the sure and steady anchor
In the fury of the storm;
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor;
It shall never be removed.

Verse 2

Christ, the sure and steady anchor
While the tempest rages on;
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won.
Deeper still then goes the anchor,
Though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor;
It shall never be removed.

Verse 3

Christ, the sure and steady anchor
Through the floods of unbelief;
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now
Lift your eyes to cavalry.
This my ballast of assurance,
See His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor;
It shall never be removed.

Verse 4

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
As we face the wave of death;
When those trials give way to glory
And we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon,
Clouds behind and life secured;
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endured.

Ending

Christ, the shore of our salvation,
Ever faithful, every true;
We will hold fast to the anchor,

It shall never be removed.

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Blessing

From Hebrews 13:20-21 (CSB)

Now may the God of peace,
who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus—
the great Shepherd of the sheep—
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
equip you with everything good to do his will,
working in us what is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.