

\* **Call to Worship: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress.  
Praise Him, still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* ***I Will Sing of My Redeemer*** #479:1,2 (PH)

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And his wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross he suffered,  
From the curse to set me free.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
On the cross he sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story,  
How my lost estate to save;  
In His boundless love and mercy,  
He the ransom freely gave.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
On the cross he sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt, and made me free.

\* ***Man of Sorrows What a Name*** #482:1,3,4 (PH)

“Man of Sorrows!” what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
“Full atonement!” can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;  
“It is finished!” was His cry;  
Now in Heav’n exalted high.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

**Offering:** Christian Hope Association

**Evening Prayer**

\* ***The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done*** #391:1,2,5 (PH)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions has dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\* **Profession of Faith:**

*Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 17* pg. 878 (PH)

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?  
**First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,  
so that he might make us share in the  
righteousness he won for us by his death.  
Second, by his power we too are already now  
resurrected to a new life.  
Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our  
glorious resurrection.**

\* **Scripture:** *I Corinthians 15:20-34 (NIV)* pg. 1205

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

<sup>29</sup> Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? <sup>30</sup> And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? <sup>31</sup> I die every day—I mean that, brothers—just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>32</sup> If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

<sup>33</sup> Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” <sup>34</sup> Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: *All the Difference in the World (II)***

**Prayer**

\* ***I Know My Redeemer Lives*** #295:1,2,3 (HFG)

I know that my Redeemer lives:  
What joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.

He lives, to bless me with His love;  
He lives, to plead for me above;  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives, my future to prepare;  
He lives, to bring me safely there.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* ***We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*** #659:4 (HFG)

We've a Savior to show to the nations  
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples  
Might come to the truth of God,  
Might come to the truth of God.

*Refrain:* For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
And the dawning to noonday bright.  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
The kingdom of love and light.

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## Sermon Notes

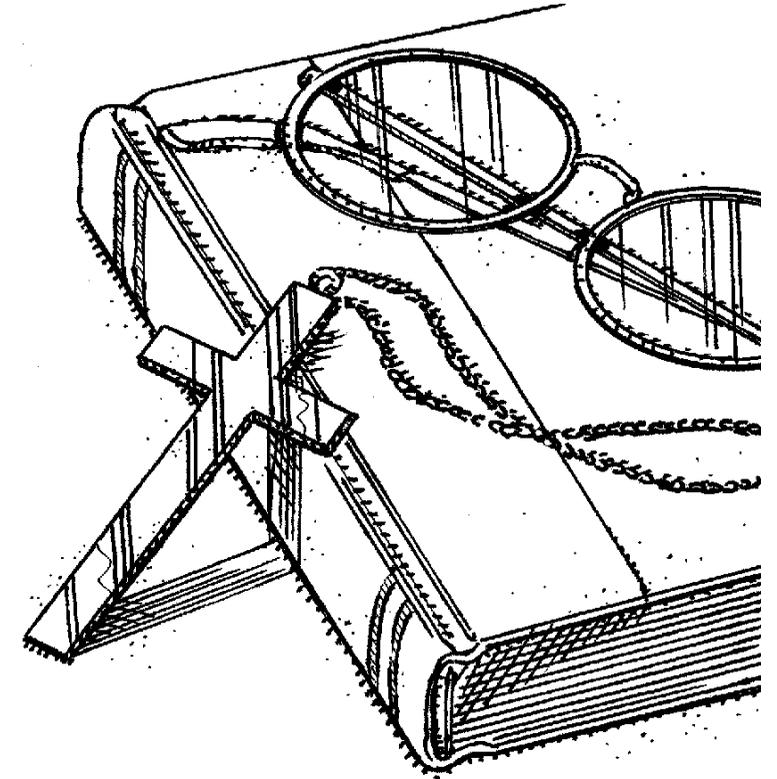
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Let us keep our eyes  
on Jesus, the author and  
perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

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