

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING - (G) 568; all 3

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee with Thy hosts above,
pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747. Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1831. UBP Church CCLI License #133103

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ? **Chorus**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus 2x

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O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED - (B) 369; all 3

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Text: John E. Bode Music: Arthur H. Mann. UBP CCLI #133103

WE GIVE YOU BUT YOUR OWN - (G) 296; all 5

We give You but Your own in any gifts we bring:
all that we have is Yours alone, a trust from You, our King.

May we Your bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, Lord, as You bless us, to You our first-fruits give.

To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
to tend those lost in loneliness is angels' work below.

The captive to release, the lost to God to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace - it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Your Word, though dim our faith may be.
Whate'er we do for You, O Lord, we do it gratefully.

Text: William W. How, 1858, alt. Tune: Mason and Webb, Cantica Laudis, 1850. Church CCLI License #133103

RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD!

Rise up, O Men of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O Church of God! His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Chorus: Rise up - the Lord is calling! Rise up this is the day!
Rise up and seize the moment! Rise up O Church of faith!

Rise up, O Church of God! The Church for you doth wait;
Her strength unequal to her task, rise up, and make her great. **Chorus**

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;
As followers of the Son of Man, rise up, O church of God! **Chorus**

Rise up, O Church of faith!

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Welcome to Our Evening Worship Service

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

6:00 PM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song of Praise

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (G) 568; all 3

*God's Greeting

*Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

*Song of Faith

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Prayer Requests and Prayers

Offering: Rehoboth Christian School

*Song of Preparation

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" (B) 369; all 3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:1-21 (p. 1133)

Sermon: **"Servants and Stewards"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

"We Give You but Your Own" (G) 296; all 5

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Closing Song

"Rise Up, O Men of God"

*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Dave Vander Meulen

Piano: Heidi Veldstra **Guitar:** John Welch

Praise Team: Cora Vander Meulen, John Veenstra, Heidi Veldstra

***Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks**

(B) blue songbooks under pews