

### ***Worship in Song***

What is our hope in life and death

### ***Welcome***

### ***Introduction***

In 1 Timothy chapter 6, Paul gives instructions to his friend and student, Timothy about proper Christian conduct, and the avoidance of evil. He warns about the dangers of greed and materialism. He goes on to urge Timothy to 'fight the good fight of the faith' and to 'take hold of eternal life' which is the theme of today's service.

### ***Worship in Song***

Fight the good fight with all thy might;  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
Life up thine eyes, and seek his face,  
Life with its way before thee lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide,  
His boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove,  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near,  
He changeth not, and thou art dear,  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

### ***Confession***

We come to God as one from whom no secrets  
are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are  
sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have  
thought and said and done, and are mindful of  
all that we have failed to do. For the sake of  
Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is**

**past, and help us to live each day in the light  
of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you  
from your sins, and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Gloria***

**Glorify God in the highest, and peace to his  
people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give  
you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord  
Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb  
of God, you take away the sin of the world: have  
mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are  
the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are  
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in  
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### ***Special Prayer for Today***

Lord God, defend your Church from all false  
teaching and give to your people knowledge  
of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Bible Reading***

1 Timothy 6.6-19 (*Church Bible page 993*)

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### ***Sermon***

### ***Worship in Song***

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

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

Unto the grave what will 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

### ***The Apostles Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***Prayers***

*At the end:* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***Notices***

#### ***The Peace***

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### ***Offertory Prayer***

Gracious God, thank you for your many gifts to us and that you provide for all our needs. May we store up for ourselves treasure in heaven, not on earth and may the money we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. **Amen.**

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and  
made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### ***Giving of Communion***

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We receive communion*

### ***Hymn during Communion***

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice,  
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow  
By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify his strictness  
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should take Him at his word;  
And our lives would be all sunshine  
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

### ***Hymn during Communion***

Here is love vast as the ocean  
Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of Life our ransom  
Shed for us his precious blood  
Who his love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing his praise  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love

### ***Hymn during Communion***

Who has held the oceans in his hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on his throne  
Come let us adore him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of his words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon his hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Saviour risen now to reign

*Bridge*

You will reign forever

***Prayer after Communion***

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Worship in Song***

In the darkness there's a light before me  
And it drives away my fear  
In the silence there's a voice that calls me  
And it tells me you are near

In the chaos there's a hand that holds me  
And will never let me go  
Yes I know that you are always for me  
For your word has told me so

I will follow you, I will walk by faith  
You have brought me near  
By your unrelenting grace  
I will set my mind on the things above  
You have won my heart  
With your everlasting love

I was lost but then you came and found me  
And in love you brought me home  
I was dead in sin but then you raised me  
I am saved by grace alone

*Bridge*

For no height no depth no life no death  
No power on earth can take us from your love  
No height no depth no life no death  
No power on earth can take us from your love

***Blessing***

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Live boldly, trusting God with everything you are and everything you have. Take hold of the life to which God calls you and go forth, rejoicing in God. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

***Music as we leave***

In the darkness there's a light before me