



Trustworthy Sayings: Salvation in Christ

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”
(1 Tim 1:15)

Call to Worship

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness
and the power and the glory
and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

**Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head above all.**

1 Chr 29:11

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Sing to Yahweh, Sing a New Song (Psalm 98)

Sing to Yahweh, sing a new song
For the wonders He has done;
His right hand and arm most holy
Have for Him the vict'ry won.
And the Lord revealed His rescue,
His salvation He made known;
In the sight of ev'ry nation
He His righteousness has shown.

He recalled His love for Isr'el,
And to them has faithful been;
When our God sent His salvation,
It around the earth was seen.
unto the Lord with gladness,
All the earth sing joyful praise.
To the Lord with harp make music,
With the harp your voices raise.

With the blast of horn and trumpet,
Shout before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea resound with praises,
Earth, with all its people sing.
Let the rivers in their gladness
Clap their hands with one accord;
Let the mountains sing together
And rejoice before the Lord.

For most surely He is coming,
Judge of all the earth to be.
Justly He will judge the peoples,
And the world with equity.
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For the wonders He has done;
His right hand and arm most holy
Have for Him the vict'ry won.

Confession and Assurance

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matt 22:37-40)

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;
According to your great compassion.**

God's word tells us:

*“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* 1 Jn 1:8-10

Therefore, let us confess our sins against God, and against our neighbour,
first in silence and then aloud together.

Please kneel or be seated.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa 53:5-6)

Oh, the Mercy of God

Oh, the mercy of God,
The glory of grace
That You choose to redeem us,
To forgive and restore
And You call us Your children,
Chosen in Him
To be holy and blameless,
To the glory of God

*To the praise
of His Glorious Grace
To the praise
of His Glory and Power
To Him be all Glory
Honour and Praise
For ever and ever
and ever A-men*

Oh the richness of Grace,
The depths of His love
In Him is redemption,
The forgiveness of sin
You called us as righteous,
Predestined in Him
For the praise of His Glory,
Included in Christ.

Oh the Glory of God
expressed in His Son
His image and likeness
revealed to us all
The plan of the ages
completed in Christ
That we be presented
perfected in Him

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God's Word

Matt 5:38-48, p. 810. Prayer & Fasting.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:17-29

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered
me and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!

**We bless you
from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has made
his light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God,
and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning,
is now, and shall be forever,
age after age.**

Amen!

Second Reading: 1 Tim 1:12-17, p. 991.

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Thanks be to God

Sermon: Trustworthy Sayings: Salvation in Christ (Mark Payne)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest,
to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest,
the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish,
but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory,
pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render,
O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendour
of light hideth Thee!

Ref: 1 Tim 1:17

Words: Walter C. Smith, 1867

Music: Traditional Welsh melody

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

All baptised Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, are welcome at this table. If you do not profess faith in Christ, please refrain from receiving the bread and wine.

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 him thanks and praise.

Please join in saying the Sanctus ("The Holy", based on Isaiah 6:3)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The stewards will distribute the wine and bread.

Eat the bread as you receive it, but keep the wine until we all drink together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for reassuring us at this meal of your favour and goodness towards us, of your word for us. We thank you that we are truly members of the body of your Son, that we are heirs, by grace, of your eternal kingdom. We humbly beg you, heavenly Father, to keep us as faithful members of your church, to strengthen us by your Spirit, to draw us together in love and unity, that we may serve through those good works which you have prepared for us to do through Jesus Christ our Lord, and for His glory. Amen.

Gifts and Offerings

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. *"Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce." (Prov 3:9)*

Praise The Lord, O All You Nations (Psalm 117)

Praise the Lord,
O all you nations;
all you peoples,
sing his praise.
For his love
is great towards us;

his commitment
lasts always.
He is faithful
now and ever.
Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord!

Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the Name of Christ, Amen.

Notes & Notices

Paul's Trustworthy Sayings

1. **Salvation** "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (1 Tim 1:15)
2. **Promise** "Godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." (1 Tim 4:8)
3. **Life** "If we have died with him, we will also live with him", (2 Tim 2:11)
4. **Works** "I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works." (Tit 3:8)
5. **Calling** "If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task." (1 Tim 3:1)

Please diarise and pray for the following:

This Coming Week...		
Sun 6 th Aug	Morning Worship	1 Tim 4:1-10 (Trustworthy Sayings)
Further Ahead...		
Tue 15 th Aug	Joy Hammond's funeral	2:30pm in the church hall
Every Tue in Aug	Tots and Toys	Please pray
Sun 27 th Aug	Church Picnic & Thornhill-S Farewell	

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture references are from the English Standard Version (ESV)