



## As You Await the Day

*"The Lord is not slow to fulfil his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."*

*(2 Peter 3:9)*

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## Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
forever and ever. Amen!**

*(Rev 5:12-13)*

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.**

## *Psalm 84*

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts to me.  
My heart cries out and even faints,  
the courts of God to see.  
The sparrow finds a place to nest,  
beside your throne of grace.  
Oh how I long to find my rest,  
and dwell with you always.

I'd rather live for just one day  
and gaze upon my Lord.  
Than spend a lifetime far away  
from where your praise is heard.  
There's no good thing you will withhold,  
from those who follow you,  
O Lord my sun and mighty shield  
my soul will trust in you.

A pilgrim now for all my days,  
my gaze is set above.  
The desert blooms with autumn rains,  
You bless the ones you love.  
Your people go from strength to strength,  
until we see your face.  
Your eyes are turned to us in love,  
You hear us when we pray.

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## *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 neighbor 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.**

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

*Please kneel or remain 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*

*"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." (Rom 8:1-2)*

## *Psalm 90*

*A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.*

### *God eternal*

**Lord, you have been our dwelling  
place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought  
forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and  
the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you  
are God.**

### *Man ephemeral*

**You return man to dust and say,  
"Return, O children of man!"  
For a thousand years in your sight are  
but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.  
You sweep them away as with a flood;  
they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the  
morning:  
in the morning it flourishes and is  
renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.**

### *Man under wrath*

**For we are brought to an end by your  
anger;  
by your wrath we are dismayed.  
You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your  
presence.  
For all our days pass away under your  
wrath;  
we bring our years to an end like a  
sigh.  
The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;**

**they are soon gone,  
and we fly away.  
Who considers the power of your  
anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear  
of you?**

### *God of Grace*

**So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.  
Return, O Lord! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!  
Satisfy us in the morning with your  
steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all  
our days.  
Make us glad for as many days as you  
have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have  
seen evil.  
Let your work be shown to your  
servants,  
and your glorious power to their  
children.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be  
upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands  
upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!**

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!**

# God Speaks to us through His Word

## *First Reading: Jude 17-25*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *Second Reading: 2 Peter 3*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *Sermon: As You Await the Day (Mark Payne)*

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## Response to God's Word

### *Creed (Heidelberg Catechism)*

Believer, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death,  
am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,  
and redeemed me from all the power of the devil;  
and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation.  
Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,  
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.**

### *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.**

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## Celebration of 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.*

### *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." (Pro 3:9)*

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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 God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood  
of your dear Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through him,  
we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

## *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## Benediction and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the Name of Christ, Amen.**

# Sermon Notes

## Introduction

- In chapter one, Peter is desperate to remind us that we have everything we need, for our walk with God in this life.
- In chapter two, he moves from reminding us to warning us about false teachers.
- In chapter three, he's focused on equipping us, which he does by urging us in three ways.

## Remember the Predictions

## Be Assured

## Be Encouraged