

Creationist 2.0

Creating Is Easter

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Psalm 118:1-2, 19-20

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

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.

The Church's one foundation

S J Stone

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, our Lord;
we are a new creation
by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and taught us
what perfect love can be;
through life and death he sought us,
and rose to set us free.

The church in ev'ry nation
is one through all the earth;
our charter of salvation,
one God, one faith, one birth;
one name together blessing,
one holy food we share,
to one hope ever pressing,
at one in work and prayer.

Matthew 21:1-5

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie

them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

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Still, schisms, tribulation,
and hatred fuel our war;
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore.
The saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Psalm 118:21-25

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**So often, God, my prayers seem to go unanswered
It is as if the walls absorb all sound and silence is the stern reply
It is not the end**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**You do not force me to fit into some defined pattern
To become some kind of 'God-shape',
instantly recognisable from afar
You allow me to be me
because you are you**

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Wherever I look I see the work of your hands
Even in me
It is amazing to know
That I don't have to hear you
To see you**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
**Each day that passes
I am glad you have given me eyes to see
And a heart to rejoice**

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
**I need you constantly, God
My hands and my heart bring nothing good
Unless you are here, a part of all I do and am**

[O Lord hear my prayer](#)

O Lord hear my prayer
O Lord hear my prayer
When I call, answer me

O Lord hear my prayer
O Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me

[Psalm 118:26-29 – Bethne](#)

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

How great is our God

Chris Tomlin

The splendour of a king, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me how great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit and Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names, worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

Notices

Matthew 21:6-11

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

You are the King of Glory (Hosanna to the Son of David)

Mavis Ford

You are the King of Glory
You are the Prince of Peace
You are the Lord of heaven and earth
You are the Son of righteousness
Angels bow down before You

They worship and adore You
For You have the words of eternal life
You are Jesus Christ the Lord

Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings
Glory in the highest heavens
Jesus the Messiah reigns

Psalm 31:9-10

- ⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
- ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.

Dance – Cornerstone Collective

Offering

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>

Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph and deep disappointment, we enter this Holy Week bringing our gifts and offerings to your altar and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place. We are reminded through the scripture that you sent two of your disciples out to make the world ready for your coming: “Go into the village . . . find the donkey . . . tell them the lord has need.” Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as a parade where we are called to make a working contribution. We pray in the name of the one who comes not just for the parade, but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.

Matthew 27:11-14

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

When the music fades

Matt Redman

When the music fades, all is stripped away,
And I simply come
Longing just to bring, something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within, through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, all about You Jesus

King of endless worth
No one could express how much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours, every single breath

Psalm 31:11-13

- ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
- ¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
- ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

Wait for the Lord

Taize

Wait for the Lord
Whose day is near
Wait for the Lord
Keep watch, take heart

Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Prayer for Others and Ourselves – Catherine Harvey

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy 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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen

Psalm 31:14-16

¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."
¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Man of Sorrows

Philip Paul Bliss

"Man of Sorrows," what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Matthew 27:45-51, 54-55

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.

⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁵⁵ Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.

Man of Sorrows

Philip Paul Bliss

Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high;
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

When He comes, our glorious King,
To His kingdom us to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Benediction and Grace

As we go, may we go as the people of Christ, saved not by our own works, but by the work of our Saviour who lived, who died, who rose again, who will return.

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the Love of God,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, now and forevermore. Amen.

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