



14th June 2020

Acts 6:8 – 7:29

Church Resources

1. CHRIST IS ENOUGH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZIGKSMclMo>

Verse 1

Christ is my reward
And all of my devotion
Now there's nothing in this world
That could ever satisfy

Pre-Chorus

Through every trial
My soul will sing
No turning back
I've been set free

Chorus

Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need

Verse 2

Christ my all in all
My joy and my salvation
And this hope will never fail
Heaven is our home

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back
The cross before me, the world behind me
No turning back, no turning back
The cross before me, the world behind me
No turning back, no turning back

Chorus * 2

2. THANKSGIVING

It is fitting that we give thanks to the Lord at all times:

**Gracious God,
We humbly thank you
For all your gifts so freely given to us,
For life and health and safety,
For power to work, leisure to rest,
And for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you
For our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
For his death and resurrection,
For the gift of your Spirit,
And for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

3. BIBLE READING

Thank you, Father, that all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. Open our hearts to receive your word, that we may know you better and be thoroughly equipped for every good work, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Stephen Seized

⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

¹¹ Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

¹² So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. ¹³ They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. ¹⁴ For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us."

¹⁵ All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Stephen's Speech to the Sanhedrin

7 Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are these charges true?"

² To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran. ³ 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'^[a]

⁴ "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living. ⁵ He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child. ⁶ God spoke to him in this way: 'For four hundred years your

descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated. ⁷ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.'^[b] ⁸ Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

⁹ "Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him ¹⁰ and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.

¹¹ "Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our ancestors could not find food. ¹² When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our forefathers on their first visit. ¹³ On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family. ¹⁴ After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all. ¹⁵ Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our ancestors died. ¹⁶ Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.

¹⁷ "As the time drew near for God to fulfill his promise to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt had greatly increased. ¹⁸ Then 'a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt.'^[c] ¹⁹ He dealt treacherously with our people and oppressed our ancestors by forcing them to throw out their newborn babies so that they would die.

²⁰ "At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child.^[d] For three months he was cared for by his family. ²¹ When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. ²² Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

²³ "When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. ²⁴ He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. ²⁵ Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not. ²⁶ The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?'

²⁷ "But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us? ²⁸ Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'^[e] ²⁹ When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.

Footnotes:

- a. [Acts 7:3](#) Gen. 12:1
- b. [Acts 7:7](#) Gen. 15:13,14
- c. [Acts 7:18](#) Exodus 1:8
- d. [Acts 7:20](#) *Or was fair in the sight of God*
- e. [Acts 7:28](#) Exodus 2:14

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4. SUPER SAVIOUR (COLIN BUCHANAN)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GuNlsGircl>

Verse 1

Who can save the day?
Take our sins away?
Who can rescue us
with mighty power?

Chorus

Super Saviour to the rescue!
Super Saviour, might to save!
Look! Look! Here comes Jesus
Up! Up! And out of the grave!
(Repeat)

Bridge

He's the death crusher
(death crusher!)
sin smasher
(sin smasher!)
Who's the mighty Super Saviour?
JESUS!
(Repeat)

Verse 1

Who can save the day?
Take our sins away?
Who can rescue us
with mighty power?

Chorus

5. BIBLE READING

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³⁰ "After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. ³¹ When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to get a closer look, he heard the Lord say: ³² 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.'^[a] Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look.

³³ "Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. ³⁴ I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.'^[b]

³⁵ "This is the same Moses they had rejected with the words, 'Who made you ruler and judge?' He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶ He led them out of Egypt and performed wonders and signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the wilderness.

³⁷ "This is the Moses who told the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your own people.'^[c] ³⁸ He was in the assembly in the wilderness, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our ancestors; and he received living words to pass on to us.

³⁹ "But our ancestors refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt. ⁴⁰ They told Aaron, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt—we don't know what has happened to him!'^[d] ⁴¹ That was the time they made an idol in the form of a calf. They brought sacrifices to it and reveled in what their own hands had made. ⁴² But God turned away from them and gave them over to the worship of the sun, moon and stars. This agrees with what is written in the book of the prophets:

"Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings
forty years in the wilderness, people of Israel?

⁴³ You have taken up the tabernacle of Molek
and the star of your god Rephan,
the idols you made to worship.

Therefore I will send you into exile'^[e] beyond Babylon.

⁴⁴ "Our ancestors had the tabernacle of the covenant law with them in the wilderness. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen. ⁴⁵ After receiving the tabernacle, our ancestors under Joshua brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them. It remained in the land until the time

of David, ⁴⁶ who enjoyed God's favor and asked that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.^[f] ⁴⁷ But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

⁴⁸ "However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says:

⁴⁹ "Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
What kind of house will you build for me?
says the Lord.

Or where will my resting place be?

⁵⁰ Has not my hand made all these things?"^[g]

⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— ⁵³ you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it."

The Stoning of Stephen

⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

8 And Saul approved of their killing him.

The Church Persecuted and Scattered

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

Footnotes:

- a. [Acts 7:32](#) Exodus 3:6
- b. [Acts 7:34](#) Exodus 3:5,7,8,10
- c. [Acts 7:37](#) Deut. 18:15
- d. [Acts 7:40](#) Exodus 32:1
- e. [Acts 7:43](#) Amos 5:25-27 (see Septuagint)
- f. [Acts 7:46](#) Some early manuscripts *the house of Jacob*
- g. [Acts 7:50](#) Isaiah 66:1,2

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6. SERMON NOTES

7. NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYtHERMuDtk>

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Nothing good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus * 2

8. 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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there 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.**

KIDS' CREED

We believe in God the Father, maker of all things.

We believe in his Son Jesus Christ, Lord and Saviour of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth.

We belong to the Church, God's family everywhere. Amen.

9. CONFESSION OF SINS

Although we are the people of God, Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us with the Father. Let us draw near to God who freely forgives through his infinite goodness and mercy and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

**Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your
sight.
Yet we still fail to love you
and serve you as we should.
Forgive us our sins
and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ, in whom alone is our
salvation. Amen.**

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

KIDS' CONFESSION

The Bible tells us that we have all chosen not to live God's way, but to live our own way. The Bible calls this sin, and we need to say sorry to God for our sins.

**Father, we are sorry for not living your way.
Thank you for sending Jesus to die for our sins on the cross.
Please forgive us. Help us to listen to you and live your way instead.
Amen.**

The Bible tells us that God forgives everyone who asks him for forgiveness. That's good news!

10. PRAYERS

Lord God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
BCP, Trinity 1

We give you thanks, Heavenly Father, for our Mission Partner, Kelly Landrigan, and especially for her service with the Church Missionary Society in Cormeilles in France. We pray that you would give her good sleep, that she would find new tenants for her house in Newcastle, and that her Church in Cormeilles would be able to finish their year together with motivation, especially as Coronavirus restrictions are eased. We pray that you would have mercy on Cormeilles; that many would find hope in Christ now and for eternity. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Establish your peace in the hearts of all and banish the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we ask that you make us thankful that we, and much of Australia, have been spared from the worst of the impacts of the Coronavirus. Please give us a generous heart to support efforts to care for, and see the Gospel proclaimed, in nations that haven't fared so well. We ask also that you will give us patience as we begin returning to our buildings, and help us to rejoice that we can begin gathering again – even as we grieve some things that we must refrain from at the moment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, thank you for those who serve us in the defence and police forces, the fire brigades and ambulance services. Give them courage and protection when they face loneliness, misunderstanding and danger. Help us to be grateful for what they do and to support them with respect and honour, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Diocesan Mission Prayer: Our heavenly Father, fill our lives with the fruit of your Spirit, so that we may walk in joyful obedience, share your love by word and deed, and see Christ honoured in every community as Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

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 forever. Amen.

11. NEVER ALONE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Szt_mhhj2Q

Verse 1

We're not alone, for Christ is here
Immanuel our God come near
We're not alone, for to our world
Jesus has come, eternal Word.
And as he speaks, our souls laid bare
Naked, ashamed, sin is made clear
And yet he clothes us in his love
Never alone, Christ is with us, is with us.

Verse 2

The longest walk, earth's darkest day
The pressing crowd, his mounting pain.
A heavy load of grief and shame
Breathless that we should breathe again.
"Father forgive them," comes his cry
Silence from God blackens the sky.
A creeping dread in every heart
Lost in the world now God departs, God departs.

Verse 3

The dawn will come, the sun will rise
Out of the grave we'll see hope's light.
Tomb opened wide, stone rolled away
Morning has come, a brand new day.
"He isn't here," the angel said.
"He is alive no longer dead."
Our hearts are lifted, souls raised high
Christ is with us, Christ is our life, he's our life.

Verse 4

Never alone, is now our cry
In joy, in grief, in lonely sin.
Never alone, for Christ is ours
He lives in us, we live in him.
And 'til we reach that final day
When fears are gone, cast far away
We'll live secure, trust in his love,
Never alone, Christ is with us, he's with us.

Father, take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Brothers & Sisters,

One of the challenges that our churches will face in the coming weeks and months will be with regards to our financial position.

Around 1/3 of our offertory income comes through the ***weekly cash offertory***.

We're expecting that we won't be able to gather face to face for some months.

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