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Hope of the Nations

"In His name the nations will put their hope"

Brian Doerksen

Jesus hope of the nations
Jesus comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of heaven's hope
on earth
Jesus light in the darkness
Jesus truth in each circumstance
You are the source of heaven's light
on earth

In history You lived and died
You broke the chains You rose to life

You are the hope living in us
You are the Rock in whom we trust
You are the light shining for all the
world to see
You rose from the dead conquering fear
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near
Jesus our hope
Living for all who will receive
Lord we believe

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Open Up the Heavens

"O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You...So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory" Ps 63:1-2

Andi Rozier, James Macdonald, Jason Ingram, Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrad

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in your name
Calling out to you
Your glory like a fire
Awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the skies
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord, unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates

A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Yes, open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
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Show us, show us your glory
Show us, show us your power
Show us, show us your glory, Lord

Show us, show us your glory
Show us, show us your power
Show us, show us your glory, Lord

We want to see you
We want to see you

[So open up the heavens
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(Sing bracketed section 1x more time)

ADVENT READING:

CONGREGATION: *This fourth Sunday of Advent is a picture of the peace we have with God through the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, and by His death and resurrection, He is preeminent, reconciling all things to Himself and making peace by the blood of His cross. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come! For He who knew no sin, became sin, that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

READER #1: *“The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:6-12)*

READER #2: *“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.” (Colossians 2:13–15)*

All I Have is Christ

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8*

Jordan Kauflin | *Edited by Mark Warren

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!
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Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
*My faith to follow Your commands
Declares the change in me*
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my soul forever be
My only boast is you

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Your Name (Christmas Version)

*"The Name of the LORD is a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe." Proverbs 18:10*

Paul Baloche and Glenn Packiam

Humbly to the earth You came
Born into this world to save
God with us Emmanuel
Now we adore Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Jesus, in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord, give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
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Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
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Wonderful, Counselor
Prince of Peace

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Offering: Emmanuel (Glory in the Highest)

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
goodwill toward men!" Lk. 2:14 (NKJV)*

Nathan Stiff

The Light of Life descended
To the world He made
The ageless Rock of Ages
In a manger laid
Behold the Word that bore our flesh
The heart of God inside an infant's chest

The Infinite incarnate in a virgin's hands
The radiance of the Father
In the Son of Man
Behold the peace that pierced the night
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Emmanuel, heaven here beside us
God Himself, with us now to dwell
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PEACE



Genesis 48:7

As for me [Jacob], when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).



1 Kings 7:21

He set up the pillars at the vestibule of the temple. He set up the pillar on the south and called its name Jachin [established], and he set up the pillar on the north and called its name Boaz [strength].

Providence (the fatherly favor of our benevolent God), God is ever-present and enables us to express joy in life though trials arise, because we trust His goodness towards us no matter how bleak life becomes.



Isaiah 40:31

... but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Psalms 16:1-2

Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have nothing good apart from You."



He does not only provide the daily sustenance they need to eek out an existence; moreover, He represents a future and a hope, the guarantee of a life of success in the lineage of a coming King. This is quite the about-face in the story of Israel, in the story of Naomi and Ruth and even in our own understanding of redemption, restoration, reconciliation and PEACE.



Deuteronomy 25:5-6

"If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.



Our story before Christ is as tragic as Naomi's and the nation's.
We are morally lost, ethically inverted, rebels against our
Creator, having a heart that's desperately wicked.

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a
people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the
excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His
marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are
God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you
have received mercy.



Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which
you once walked, following the course of this world,
following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that
is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among
whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh,
carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and
were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.



Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



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