**Worship Text for Sunday, July 12, 2015**

Anticipating Next Sunday

***O, what a difference Christ has made in my life!***

**How does this text enlarge your hope in the supremacy of Christ?** 1. Pray: “*Holy Spirit* *Please, open my eyes to see wonderful things in this text*.” 2. Write your thoughts and thanks. 3. Joyfully share your thoughts with someone else.

**What happens to people when they enter into Christ’s death and resurrection by faith?**

**Colossians 3:1–4, 12-17 (NIV84)**

**1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.**

12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**Worship Songs for Sunday, July 5, 2015**

**All Creatures of our God and King**

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1. All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,   
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain: *O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,

O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

3. People and nations take your part,  
Love and forgive with all your heart,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
All who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Trust God and cast on Him your care.

4. Death, once the ancient enemy,

Hear now our Easter melody,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
You are the pathway home to God,

Our door to life through Christ our Lord.

5. Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness,

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

**America the Beautiful**

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O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain

For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine ev’ry flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife

Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,

‘til all success be nobleness, and ev’ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees beyond the years

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea

**O Worship the King**

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1. O worship the King all glorious above  
and gratefully sing His power and His love.  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might and sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;   
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,   
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

5. O measureless might, ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship Thee above  
The humbler creation though feeble their lays  
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

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1. Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!  
Awake my soul and sing, Of Him who died for me,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity

2. Crown Him the Lord of life Who triumphed o’er the grave,  
Who rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high.  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

3. Crown Him the Lord of love Behold His hands and side   
Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified  
All hail Redeemer, hail, For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity