



Crossway Multinational Church

We will begin around 10AM
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I am the Alpha and the Omega,
 the First and the Last,
 the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 22:13
 Alpha and Omega = first and last letters of the Greek alphabet

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 Our greeting time will begin shortly,
thank you for coming early!

December 27, 2020

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Welcome to Crossway Multinational Church!

We **strive** to be a **church** that is
for, of and by
 the peoples of many nations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS


Sign up for church e-mails
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
DECEMBER	27	28	29	30	31	1 2
		The Lord's Supper				
JANUARY	3	4	5	6	7	8 9
	10	Prayer Gathering, 4:30				
	17	18	19	20	21	22 23
	24	Bible reading plan: tiny.cc/cmcbiblereading Daily prayer focus person email or text: crosswaymchurch.org/members/ password cmc-family Bible memory app: tiny.cc/biblememory				

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Gifts to Medilodge of Okemos

- Long & short-term nursing care
- 20 gift bags for residents
- Box of gifts for the caregivers
- DVD Christmas Eve service made especially for them



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GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”

- Feel free to use the chat function to greet others too

Waving poll: Give a big wave if...

- You plan to stay awake through midnight on December 31
- You value your sleep more than being awake for the changeover of a year!
- You are thankful for the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ
- You are eager to meet with God this morning

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Sing we the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold

face = loving attention that protects and blesses
gracious = show mercy and forgiveness

7

God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

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8

Come we to welcome Emmanuel
 King who came with no crown or throne
 Helpless He lay, the Invincible
 Maker of Mary, now Mary's son

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9

O what wisdom to save us all
 Shepherds, sages before Him fall
 Grace and majesty, what humility
 Come on bended knee adore Him

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10

Go spread the news of Emmanuel
 Joy and peace for the weary heart
 Lift up your heads for your King has come
 Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark

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 gracious = show mercy and forgiveness

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Glory shining for all to see
 Hope alive let the Gospel ring
 God has made a way
 He will have the praise
 Tell the world His name is Jesus

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God
 that makes the mountains rise
 That spreads the flowing seas abroad
 and built the lofty skies

rise = be formed
 lofty = high and glorious

17

I sing the wisdom that ordained
 the sun to rule the day
 The moon shines full at His command
 and all the stars obey

ordained = decreed, commanded

18

I sing the goodness of the Lord
 that fills the earth with food
 He formed the creatures with His word
 and then pronounced them good

pronounced = declared

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Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
 wherever I turn my eye
 If I survey the ground I tread
 or gaze upon the sky

Thy = your
 survey = look at carefully
 tread = walk on
 gaze = look carefully

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There's not a plant or flower below
but makes Thy glories known
For clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from Thy throne

glories = wonderful wisdom, power, and goodness
tempests = storms

21

While all that borrows life from Thee
is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that we can be
Thou God art present there

borrows = has for a short time
Thee = You
Thou = You
art = are (Old English)

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イザヤ書 45:9-13 | **ISAIAH 45:9-13** (Japanese)

創造主に敵対して戦う者は、災難に会います。
つぼは、それを作る者と言い争うでしょうか。

“Woe to those who quarrel with their Maker,
those who are nothing but potsherds
among the potsherds on the ground.

quarrel = argue
potsherds = pieces of broken pottery (“pot shards”)

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粘土が細工する者に、「待ってくれ。
作る物が違っているのではないか」と言ったり、
つぼが、「なんと不器用なんだ」と
文句を言ったりするでしょうか。

Does the clay say to the potter,
‘What are you making?’
Does your work say,
‘The potter has no hands?’

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ああ、自分の両親に、「なぜ私を産んだのか。
産んだのは間違いではないか」
とわめきたてる者よ。

Woe to the one who says to a father,
‘What have you begotten?’
or to a mother,
‘What have you brought to birth?’

begotten = made

25

イスラエルの聖なる方、イスラエルの創造者である
主は語ります。「どんな権限があって、
わたしのすることに口をはさむのか。
わたしの仕事にあれこれと注文をつけるあなたは、
いったい何者なのだ。

“This is what the Lord says—
the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker:
Concerning things to come,
do you question me about my children,
or give me orders about the work
of my hands?”

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わたしは世界を造り、その上に住む人間を造った。
自分の手で天を引き伸ばし、無数の星に命令した。

It is I who made the earth
and created mankind on it.
My own hands stretched out the heavens;
I marshaled their starry hosts.

marshaled = commanded
starry hosts = stars

27

わたしの目的を果たすためにクロスを起こし、
彼の進む道を整える。彼はわたしの都を再建し、
捕虜になったわたしの民を解放する。
わたしは、そのための代価を求めない。」

I will raise up Cyrus in my righteousness;
I will make all his ways straight.
He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free,
but not for a price or reward,
says the Lord Almighty.”

raise up Cyrus in my righteousness = use Cyrus for good
exiles = people removed from Israel

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山々が生まれる前から
Before You Made the World

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Yamayama ga umareru mae kara

*Before You made the world
and mountains and the ocean*

Japanese

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地と世界が生まれる前から
Chi to sekai ga umareru mae kara

*Before You made the land,
and all that lives on the earth*

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とこしえからとこしえまであなたは神
 Tokoshie kara tokoshie made anata wa kami
From eternity to eternity, You alone are God

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朝は花を咲かせても
 Asa wa hana wo sakasetemo
A summer flower blooms in the morning sun
 夕べにしおれ枯れてゆく
 Yuube ni shiore karete yuku
But quickly wilts away at the end of a day

wilts = dries up and falls

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人はうつろう草のよう
 Hito wa utsurou kusa no you
*Like the flower we fade away,
 our lives are passing by*

あなたは神
 Anata wa kami
Only You are eternal

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あなたの恵みに満ち 喜びの歌を
 Anata no megumi ni michi yorokobi no uta wo
*Our days are filled with Your love and Your grace,
 the joyful song rings in our souls*
 すべての日々に捧げたい
 Subete no hibi ni sasagetai
We offer all our prayers and songs to You everyday

grace = gift of forgiveness and love
 rings = fills

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見せてください その御業 栄光の御力を
 Misete kudasai sono miwaza eikou no michikara wo
We pray that we may see Your splendorous works unfold before us, and Your glorious power

splendorous = grand and beautiful
 unfold = become visible

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私たちの働きをもちいてください
 Watashi tachi no hataraki wo mochiite kudasai
We pray You guide us in our deeds, make us Your instruments, for our God eternal

instruments = means of doing His good

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English

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E산과 바다를 만드시기 이전부터
San gwa bada lul man du si gi ijeon buter

*Before You made the world
and mountains and the ocean*

Korean

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땅과 온 세상을 창조하신 이후에도
Ddang gwa on sesang eul changjo hasin ihuedo

*Before You made the land,
and all that lives on the earth*

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영원히 계시며 다 통치하시는 지존하신 주님
 Youngwonhee gyesimyeo da tongchi hasinun
 jjonhasin Junim

From eternity to eternity, You alone are God

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아침엔 꽃들이 피어나지만
 Achi men ggoduli pieonajiman

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저녁에 이를 때엔 시들어지듯
 Jeoneoke ilul ddaen siduleojidu

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인생도 풀과 같이 쇠잔해가나
 Insaengdo pul gwa gachi soejanhaegana

*Like the flower we fade away,
 our lives are passing by*

주는 변치 않네
 Junun byunchi annae

Only You are eternal

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여호와와 은혜 안에 살며 기쁨의 노래 부르리
 Yeohowa eu eunhye anae salmyeo gibbumeu norae buruli

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매일매일의 삶을 주께 드리리
 Maeil maeileu salm eul Jugge dulili

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늘 나타내소서 주의 행사를
영화로우신 주의 능력을

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내 손이 행하는 모든 일들을 견고하게 하옵소서
Nae soni haenghanun modun ildul eul gyeongohage
haobsoseo

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Imela

Igbo
from southeastern Nigeria

Imela, Imela,

Thank You, Thank You,

Imela, Okaka

Thank You, the Great and Mighty God

Imela, Chineke

Thank You, God the Creator

Imela, Onye'oma

Thank You, the God who is Good

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Prayer of Confession

Why do you complain, Jacob?

Why do you say, Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord;

my cause is disregarded by my God”?

ISAIAH 40:27

Sometimes we imagine that...

- since God won't notice or care, it does not matter what we do
 - So we do what we know we should not do
 - So don't do what we know we should do
- God doesn't love us or care for us
 - So we complain or get angry or despair

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Words of Assurance

Do you not know?
 Have you not heard?
 The Lord is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He will not grow tired or weary,
 and his understanding no one can fathom.
 He gives strength to the weary
 and increases the power of the weak.

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Words of Assurance

Even youths grow tired and weary,
 and young men stumble and fall;
 but those who hope in the Lord
 will renew their strength.
 They will soar on wings like eagles;
 they will run and not grow weary,
 they will walk and not be faint.

ISAIAH 40:28-31

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The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
 Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
 nailed to a cross of wood.

darkest day = when Jesus Christ died
Calvary = where he was killed
tried = put on trial

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This, the power of the cross:
 Christ became sin for us.
 Took the blame, bore the wrath—
 we stand forgiven at the cross.

bore = carry on himself

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Oh, to see the pain written on your face
 bearing the awesome weight of sin.
 Every bitter thought every evil deed
 crowning Your blood stained brow.

brow = forehead

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 Christ became sin for us.
 Took the blame, bore the wrath—
 we stand forgiven at the cross.

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Now the daylight flees,
 now the ground beneath,
 quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
 dead are raised to life;
 'Finished!' the victory cry.

Curtain = what hid God's presence in the temple

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Oh, to see my name written in the wounds
 for through Your suffering I am free.
 Death is crushed to death,
 life is mine to live,
 won through Your selfless love.

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This, the power of the cross:
 Son of God slain for us.
 What a love! What a cost!
 We stand forgiven at the cross.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Bridges vision Conference
 January 1-3, 2021

Vision is a conference for international and American students to grow personally, experience a unique global community, and explore who God is through spiritual conversations.
 Website: visionconf.com

Prayer requests: Pray God will prepare the hearts of all the international students who will join the Vision, provide opportunities for them to hear and believe the Gospel, pray they will make the most important decision of their lives to follow Jesus Christ.

SPEAKERS:

Francis Su
 Denise Suarez
 Tanya Crossman
 Sarosh John

SEMINARS:

AFRICAN AMBASSADORS
 CHINESE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM
 KOREAN JAPANESE
 MULTI-NATIONALS
 SOUTH ASIAN
 THIRD CULTURE KID

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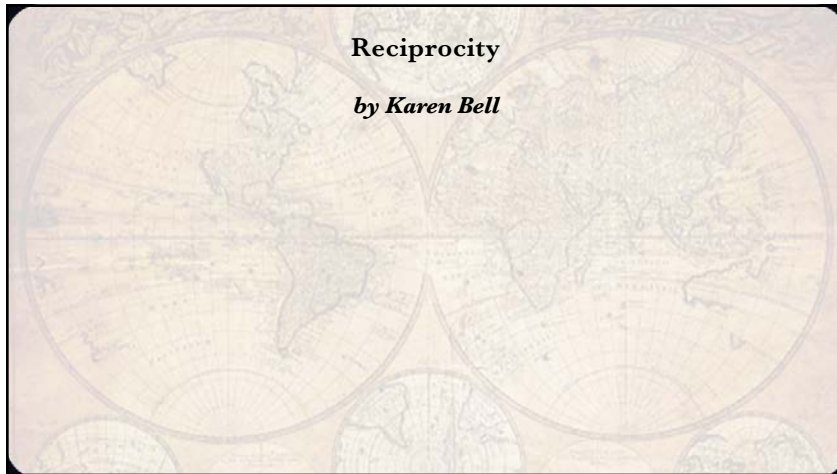
Prayer of Intercession

Pastor John will teach preaching
 at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary
 1 course in fall and 1 course in spring
Emphasis: preparing future preachers and teachers, especially for ministry in diverse settings

Prayer requests:

- Effective service beyond our church
- My own growth in ministry in diverse settings
- Appropriate balancing of Crossway ministry and external ministry

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“Control yourself!”

Who controls your body?
Can you...

- Wiggle your nose?
- Wiggle your ears?
- Move your hair like a cat moves its tail?
- Change the color of your hair by thinking about it?
- Change your heart?

Can you change someone else’s heart?

What can we really do?

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“Control yourself!”

Who controls humanity?
A year ago...

- Who could see the pandemic?
- Who knew we would be 9+ months online for church??
- Who could foresee the divisions over race and politics?
- ... that video recordings of actual events would only increase the divide?

What power do you and I have to control or change humanity?

Let us ask God for His wisdom and instruction

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Pathetic Pride
Proverbs 19:20—21

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We so often imagine...

- If it doesn't make sense to me, it doesn't make sense
- The more convinced I am, the more certain it is that I am right

A fool doesn't listen to ideas contrary to one's own which is the only way to learn and grow

Listen to advice and accept discipline
and at the end you will be counted among the wise.

Proverbs 19:20

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Learn from others → far more than decision making
Grow through trouble → skill/ability to live well in any situation
and eventually we will... **Gain the fruits of wisdom**
→ peace, provision, knowledge → worth more than gold!

Proverbs 19:20

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Only a fool denies that...
 • **people have power to make things better**
 • **people have power to make things worse**
A fool thinks that the power of people can prevent the purposes of God

Many are the plans in a person's heart,
but it is the **Lord's purpose** that prevails.

The Lord foils the **plans of the nations**;
he thwarts the **purposes of the peoples**.
But the **plans of the Lord** stand firm forever,
the **purposes of his heart** through all generations.
Proverbs 19:21
Psalms 33:10-11

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No person is saved by the size of...

Bank account	Determination
Intellect	Relationships
Attractiveness	Cultural intelligence
Skill	And on and on...

“No king is saved by the size of **his army**;
no warrior escapes by **his great strength**.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
But the eyes of the Lord are on those who...

Psalms 33:16-18

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on those **whose hope is in his unfailing love**.”

Psalms 33:16-18

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Proverbs 19:20-21

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The Big Idea

**True good is only found
 by humbling ourselves
 before others
 and before the unfailing love of God
 for all who hope in Him**

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Application

Humble ourselves before others

- Learn from others
 - Including those we tend to look down on
- Value different perspectives
 - **“The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.” Proverbs 12:15**
- But I always thought: “The wise don’t need advice!”
- The wisdom of the wise is listening, learning, and following wisdom, not just their own perspectives & ideas

A wonderful gift in a diverse church: a greater wealth of perspectives & ideas...if we'll humble ourselves

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Application

Humble ourselves before God

- His purposes so often don't match ours
- His strategies so often don't match ours
- His purposes will be accomplished
 - Ours only happen if they fit within His
- Look to the future with humility
 ...and hope

“But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.”

Psalm 33:18

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Psalm 33:10-11

**The Lord Almighty has sworn,
 “Surely, as I have planned, so it will be,
 and as I have purposed,
 so it will happen.”** *Isaiah 14:24*

**Like a child with a play steering wheel
 we foolishly think we’re in control!**

In reality, “It is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”



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Application

Humble ourselves before God

- I **am not** saying...
 - It doesn't matter what we do
 - We should simply wait for God to do His work
- I **am** saying...
 - We should learn the purposes and strategies of God and join Him in that work

“Jesus gave them this answer: ‘Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; **he can do only what he sees his Father doing**, because **whatever the Father does the Son also does.**’ ” *John 5:19*

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What is the work of God that we should join?

- “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness” *Exodus 34:6*
- “The Lord works **righteousness and justice** for all the oppressed.” *Psalm 103:6*
- “For the Son of Man came to **seek and to save the lost.**” *Luke 19:10*
- “Father, **glorify your name!**” *John 12:28*

“Jesus gave them this answer: ‘Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; **he can do only what he sees his Father doing**, because **whatever the Father does the Son also does.**’ ” *John 5:19*

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The Big Idea

**True good is only found
 by humbling ourselves
 before others
 and before the unfailing love of God
 for all who hope in Him**

- **Humble ourselves before others**
- **Humble ourselves before God**

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Pray

Confess that our hope is so often in people and things that cannot save, instead of in God

Confess that sometimes we don't even hope in God

Admit our need for...

- God's perspective, direction, and commands
- God's power to help us join His work
- God's work to accomplish His purposes

Join the purposes and strategies of God

- Build up His Church
- Bring people to saving faith and to grow in His ways
- Bring righteousness and justice
- Glorify His name

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“The eyes of the Lord are on those who **fear him**,
on those **whose hope is in his unfailing love.**”

Psalm 33:16-18

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
 There is no more for heaven now to give
 He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
 My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

grace = gift of forgiveness, love, and life
 redeemer = rescuer
 righteousness = right-standing with God

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To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to his
 Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

wholly bound = completely dependent upon
 strange = undeserved

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The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
 For by my side, the Saviour he will stay
 I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
 For in my need his power is displayed

dark = without hope

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To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
 Through the deepest valley he will lead
 Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

won = victory where all hope had been lost

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No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
 The future sure, the price it has been paid
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
 And he was raised to overthrow the grave

**fate = unavoidable trouble
 dread = fear**

**sure = promised goodness
 pardon = forgiveness
 overthrow the grave = bring life after death**

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To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
 Jesus now and ever is my plea
 Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

**sin = actions, words, or attitudes that are immoral or disloyal to God
 ever = forever
 plea = advocate**

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With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
 For he has said that he will bring me home
 And day by day I know he will renew me
 Until I stand with joy before the throne

home = with God
throne = in God's presence

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To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 All the glory evermore to him
 When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

glory = praise
race is complete = life is done

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Stay for Zoom Breakout Rooms

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