

# Sunday Worship Medleys

*For Choir & Congregation*

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL**

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# CROSS OF JESUS

## Medley Includes

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”/“Lead Me to the Cross”/“Power of the Cross”

## Other Hymns/Songs

“At the Cross”

“Calvary Covers It All”

“In Christ Alone” (Getty/Townend)

“Jesus Paid It All”

“The Old Rugged Cross”

“The Wonderful Cross” (Tomlin)

“There Is a Fountain”

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

## Setup Options

*Use the following reader’s theater to set up the congregational songs or choir medley.*

**#1:** It’s a powerful cleanser...

**#2:** ...but it’s not a detergent.

**#3:** It’s extremely old,

**#4:** ...but it’s never out of style.

**#1:** It’s fresh...

**#2:** ...but it has no expiration date.

**#3:** It’s cruel and inhumane,

**#4:** ...but it has immeasurable mercy.

**#1:** It’s stained and splintered...

**#2:** ...but it’s beautiful beyond description.

**#3:** It was wracked with pain...

- #4:** ...but it is the only thing that can completely heal.
- #1:** It repulses every human sense...
- #2:** ...yet it draws us like a magnet.
- #3:** Though it killed a man...
- #4:** ...it can bring all men eternal life.
- #1:** The original is long gone...
- #2:** ...but nothing will ever destroy it.
- #3:** It is a historical marker...
- #4:** ...but its history is unimportant.
- #1:** There have been millions of replicas made of it...
- #2:** ...yet no one can ever duplicate it.
- #3:** It held the body of the only natural-born Son of God.
- #4:** And it was His blood smeared upon it that has ushered us into the presence of the Almighty.
- #1:** Let us never forget its power...
- #2:** ...its bold statement about eternity.
- #3:** May it always remind us of the boundless love of God Himself.
- #4:** The cross! Oh, that we would all look to it as a sacred reminder of the price Jesus paid for our disobedience and self-reliance!
- #1:** And may we cherish it...
- #2:** ...may we cling to it...
- #3:** ...in humble adoration of the King of Kings...
- #4:** ...Jesus Christ...our Lord, our Savior, our Redeemer!

**Gospel Accounts of the Crucifixion**

Matthew 27

Mark 14–15

Luke 23

John 19

**Other Scriptures Regarding the Cross**

1 Corinthians 1:18

Galatians 2:20

## **GOD’S FAITHFULNESS**

### **Medley Includes**

“Because He Lives (Amen)”/“Never Once”/“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

### **Other Hymns/Songs**

“Forever” (Tomlin)

“He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”

“One Thing Remains” (Gifford, Johnson, Riddle)

“The Lord Is My Salvation” (Getty, Myrin, Nockels)

“The Solid Rock”

“Your Grace Is Enough” (Maher)

### **Setup Options**

*The following is an adaptation of Romans 8, Psalm 139, and Psalm 27 from the Holman Christian Standard Bible and the New International Version. Use it as a responsive reading.*

## **PSALM FOR LIFE**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** War. Terrorism. Danger. Disease.

**CONGREGATION:** Whom shall I fear?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Poverty. Hunger. Pain. Need.

**CONGREGATION:** Of whom shall I be afraid?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Failure. Doubt. Loneliness. Despair.

**CONGREGATION:** Where can I go to escape Your Spirit?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Evil. Suffering. Disaster. Anguish.

**CONGREGATION:** Where can I flee from Your presence?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** If I rise on the wings of morning...

**CONGREGATION:** You are there.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** If I settle on the far side of the sea...

**CONGREGATION:** You are with me.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Who can separate us from the love of Christ?  
Can affliction or anguish or persecution or famine  
or nakedness or danger or sword?

**CONGREGATION:** No, in all these things we are more than victorious  
through Him who loved us.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** ...not even death or life, angels or rulers, things present  
or things to come, hostile powers, height or depth, or any  
other created thing will have the power to separate us from  
the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord! The Lord is  
my life and my salvation.

**CONGREGATION:** The Lord is the strength of my life.

#### **Other Scripture Passages**

1 Corinthians 3:11

Hebrews 13:5-6

1 Peter 1:3-5

# GOD'S GREATNESS

## Medley Includes

"Our God"/"How Great Thou Art"/"Mighty Redeemer"

## Other Hymns/Songs

"Agnus Dei" (Smith)

"God of Wonders" (Byrd, Hindalong)

"Great Is the Lord" (Smith)

"How Great Is Our God" (Cash, Reeves, Tomlin)

"I Stand in Awe" (Altrogge)

"Majesty" (Hayford)

"Our God Reigns" (L. Smith, Jr.)

"What a Mighty God We Serve"

## Setup Options

*Have a child or children recite this prayer.*

God is great, God is good;  
Let us thank Him for our food.  
By His hands we all are fed,  
Give us, Lord, our daily bread.

This is a prayer we taught our children to say at the dinner table. Though this is a statement of thanksgiving and request, it is also a proclamation that we may overlook. God *is* great. God *is* good. Always great. Always good.

Psalms 86, a prayer from David, says: "Lord, there is no one like You among the gods, and there are no works like Yours. All the nations You have made will come and bow down before You, Lord, and will honor Your name. For You are great and perform wonders; You alone are God" (Psalm 86:8-10, HCSB).

## Other Scriptures about God's Greatness

Psalm 145:1-13 (may be used as a responsive reading)

1 Chronicles 16:25

Psalm 135:5

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# GOD'S LOVE

## Medley Includes

“Good Good Father”/“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”/“O What Love”

## Other Hymns/Songs

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” (Smith)  
“Love Is the Theme”  
“Love Lifted Me”  
“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”  
“The Love of God”  
“There Is None Like You” (LeBlanc)  
“Think About His Love” (Harrah)

## Setup Options

*Worship leader may read the following adaptation of an excerpt from Robert Coleman’s book *Written in Blood*\*.*

Doc, When Do I Die?

In his book *Written in Blood*, Robert Coleman tells the story of a little boy whose sister needed a blood transfusion. She had a rare blood type, which she shared with her little brother. The fact that he recovered from the same disease two years earlier made the chances of success even greater. The doctor carefully explained this to the little boy, pointing out that, without the transfusion, his sister would die.

“Would you be brave and give your blood to your sister?” the doctor asked. Johnny hesitated. His lower lip began to tremble. Then he smiled and said, “Sure, for my sister.” The two children were wheeled into the hospital room: Mary, pale and thin; Johnny, robust and healthy. He smiled at his sister, and he watched as the blood traveled out of his body, down the clear plastic tube. Johnny’s smile faded, and as he lay there feeling weak, he looked up at the doctor and said, “Doctor, when do I die?”

Johnny thought that giving his blood to his sister meant giving up his life. Yet because of his great love for her, he was prepared to pay the price.

\*Robert Emerson Coleman. *Written in Blood: A Devotional Bible Study of the Blood of Christ*. (Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1972.)



Follow up with this Scripture reading from Romans 5:6-8:

“For while we were still helpless, at the appointed moment, Christ died for the ungodly. For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!” (HCSB).\*\*

**Read from other Scripture Passages**

Psalm 52:8

Psalm 89:1

Romans 5:5

Ephesians 3:18

1 John 3:1

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# GRACE

## Medley Includes

“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”/“This Is Amazing Grace”/“Your Grace Still Amazes Me”

## Other Hymns/Songs

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” (Giglio, Newton, Tomlin)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

“Grace Alone”

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

“He Giveth More Grace”

“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing” (Brown, Nelson)

## Setup Options

*Worship leader may read the following aloud.*

The author, John Newton, lived much of his life as a hardened slave trader. But one day he recognized and accepted the undeserved favor of God. It forever changed his life and those of us who have read his story and sung his songs.

In his final years, Newton was considering retiring from the pastorate that he held many years in a church in London. Finally, in failing health, he is reported to have said: “My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior.”

He penned the greatest hymn ever written: “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound.”

*Read the following Scriptures aloud.*

Ephesians 2:1-10

2 Timothy 1:9

Titus 3:4-7

# HEAVEN

## Medley Includes

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”/“When We All Get to Heaven”/“I’ll Fly Away”

## Other Hymns/Songs

“A New Name in Glory”

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)” (Casting Crowns)

“I Can Only Imagine” (MercyMe)

“In the Sweet By and By”

“No More Night” (Harrah)

“O That Will Be Glory”

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

“We’re Marching to Zion”

“What a Day That Will Be”

## Setup Options

*Read the following as a monologue.*

In that place we call heaven...

there will be no tears; there will be no death...no grief, no pain...no shame.

In that place we call heaven...

there will be mansions...streets of gold...gates of pearl. And God will be waiting with open arms.

In that place we call heaven...

there will be no need for a lamp...no need for sun or moon...for God’s glory illuminates it.

The Light of the world will be all the light we need!

*Use the following Scriptures to create your own reading.*

Isaiah 25:8-12

John 14:2-4

Revelation 21:4-8

# HOPE

## Medley Includes

“Cornerstone”/“In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)”/“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

## Other Hymns/Songs

“And Can It Be”

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

“Day by Day”

“Firm Foundation”

“In Times like These”

“It Is Well with My Soul”

“Jesus, Only Jesus” (Nockels, Redman, Stanfill, Tomlin, Wood)

“Mighty to Save” (Fielding, Morgan)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

“The Church’s One Foundation”

“The Solid Rock”

## Setup Options

*The following is a reading that can be delivered from the pulpit, or it may be written in a worship guide for the congregation.*

Hope is a four-letter word that has profound meaning to the believer. But hope is not just expectations and desires, as the world might see it; hope includes trust, confidence, and refuge in God. Hope is the certainty that what God has done for us in the past, He will do in the future.

Jesus Himself was called “hope”—the “hope of glory.” He is our “blessed hope,” which through His resurrection has become a “living hope.” The writer of Hebrews says, “We have this hope as an anchor for our lives, safe and secure” (Hebrews 6:19, HCSB).

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### **Other Scripture Passages that Speak of Hope**

*You may read these to the congregation, or incorporate them into a responsive reading.*

*You may combine them into a reader's theater using two or more readers.*

Psalm 31:24

Psalm 119:114

Lamentations 3:24

Matthew 12:21

Romans 5:2

Romans 5:5

### **Ideas for Visual Symbols of Hope**

*You may show the object or project it on a screen.*

Anchor

Rock

Shelter

Shield

## MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

### Medley Includes

“Mighty to Save”/“People Need the Lord”/“Jesus, Hope of the World”

### Other Hymns/Songs

“A New Name in Glory”

“God of This City” (Tomlin)

“I’ll Tell the World That I’m a Christian”

“Let Others See Jesus in You”

“Revive Us Again”

“Send Me, O Lord, Send Me”

“Send the Light”

“Shout to the North” (Delirious?)

“Until the Whole World Hears” (Casting Crowns)

### Setup Options

*The following may be delivered as a reader’s theater or as a monologue.*

When it comes to reaching a lost world for Christ, do you wonder how far we’ve come and how much farther we have to go?

Today there are 1.7 billion people in the world with little or no access to the gospel.

It sounds overwhelming.

It sounds impossible.

But we’ve still got to do it because Jesus told us to.

He said, “Go...and make disciples of all nations” (*Matthew 28:19, HCSB*).

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (*Romans 10:13, HCSB*).

“But how can they call on Him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent?” (*Romans 10:14-15, HCSB*).

Then who will go?

Who will God send to tell the world?

Here am I. Send me.

*Create your own reading from the following Scripture passages.*

Mark 16:15

Matthew 28:19-20

Romans 1:14-17

Romans 10:10-17

Isaiah 6:8

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# THE LORD'S SUPPER (Communion)

## Medley Includes

“At the Cross”/“There Is a Fountain”/“The Wonderful Cross”

## Other Hymns/Songs

“Behold the Lamb” (Getty, Townend)

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (Townend)

“In Remembrance”

“Nothing but the Blood”

## Setup Options

*Narration is included in the medley.*

## Other Scripture References

Matthew 26:26-28

Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19

John 14–17

Acts 2:24



# THE NAME OF JESUS

## Medley Includes

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”/“Blessed Be Your Name”/“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

## Other Hymns/Songs

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

“His Name Is Wonderful”

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

“No Other Name”

“Praise the Name of Jesus”

## Setup Options

*The following may be read as a reader’s theater or as a monologue.*

It is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of peace...

...a Strong Tower.

It is precious, sweet, majestic, and praiseworthy.

In it we find trust, hope, forgiveness, peace.

It is holy and powerful and awe-inspiring.

It casts out demons, raises the dead, lifts up the fallen, and grants salvation and entrance into heaven.

It is eternal.

It is...His name.

His name is...Jesus.

*The following Scriptures may be read aloud.*

Proverbs 18:10

Romans 10:13

Philippians 2:9-10

John 14:13

1 Corinthians 6:11

*This paraphrase from Acts 4:11-12 may be used as a responsive reading.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Jesus is the stone that some rejected at first...

**CONGREGATION:** ...but He has become our Cornerstone.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** He has become our Rock.

**CONGREGATION:** Our Refuge.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Our Salvation.

**CONGREGATION:** In fact, salvation is found in no one else...

**ALL:** ...for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind  
by which we must be saved.

## **PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION**

### **Medley Includes**

“America, the Beautiful”/“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”/“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

### **Other Hymns/Songs**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

“Faith of Our Fathers”

“God Bless America”

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

### **Setup Options**

*Narration is included in the medley.*

*Read from the following Scriptures.*

Psalm 33:12-15

2 Chronicles 7:14

Jeremiah 29:11

# THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

## Medley Includes

“For the Beauty of the Earth”/“We Gather Together”  
“Now Thank We All Our God”/“My Tribute”

## Other Hymns/Songs

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”  
“Forever” (Tomlin)  
“How Great Thou Art”  
“Thank You, Lord” (Jernigan)

## Setup Options

*Narration is included in the medley.*

*Read Psalm 136 as a responsive reading with worship leader and congregation.*