## Welcome and Announcements:

## Who has held the oceans in His hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Behold our God seated on His throne! Come, let us adore Him! Behold our King, nothing can compare! Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

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Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign.

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Prayer

Children's Talk:

### See what a morning, gloriously bright

with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce Christ is risen! See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives – Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?' as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb; hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again! The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, will sound till He appears, for He lives - Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty, honour and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority! And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered; and we shall reign with Him, for He lives - Christ is risen from the dead! And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered; and we shall reign with Him, for He lives - Christ is risen from the dead! Keith Getty & Stuart Townend © 2003 Thankyou music

**Prayer:** 

# Bible Reading: 1 Peter Chapter 5 verses 5-11

<sup>5</sup>Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. <sup>10</sup> But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*. <sup>11</sup> To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

#### Before the throne of God above

I have a strong, a perfect plea: a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart; I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace! One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Saviour and my God, with Christ, my Saviour and my God. *Charitie L De Chenez (1841-1923)* 

#### Message:

#### "Getting a handle on Christian suffering"

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made; Your mighty Word was spoken and light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore, sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man; no powers of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space, You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain, transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heavenly gain. All evil overruling as none but Conqueror could, Your love pursues its purpose our soul's eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now but soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew: our Sovereign Lord and Saviour we trust and worship You. *Margaret Clarkson, b 1915.* ©1982HopePublishingCompany/CopyCare

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