

1. Welcome

words by Cody Curtis

Good morning, everyone.

We're delighted to have some guests with us to lead us in singing. You know 'em. They've been with us before. Let's all stand and I'll pass it off to our musicians.

Sing with us.

He is better, Christ is better,
He is better, Christ is better,
He is better, Christ is better.

2. He is Better

words by Cody Curtis, Daniel Mount, Isaac Watts, and Friedrich von Spee

The prophets spoke the words
Of God in days of old;
At many times our fathers heard
The promise they foretold.

But now in these last days
A greater voice has come:
The promised one of old proclaimed
Is Jesus Christ the Son.

In realms of glory gold
The angels sit on high,
In splendor they the Lord behold
And dwell in glorious light.

But God's incarnate Son
His perfect image bears;
The brightness of His glory none
Of heaven's angels shares.

He is better, Christ is better.
He is better, Christ is better.
He is better, Christ is better.

The law by Moses came,
But peace, and truth, and love
Were brought by Christ (a nobler name)
Descending from above.

Amidst the house of God
Their different works were done;
A faithful servant, Moses stood
But Christ a faithful son.

The sons of Levi kept
The priesthood of the Law,
The blood of beasts and sins confessed
Could not undo the fall.

But now the righteous Christ
Accepted in our place:
A priest and worthy sacrifice
Who full atonement makes.

He is better, Christ is better.
He is better, Christ is better.
He is better, Christ is better.

The glory of the old,
The beauty of the earth,
The brightest star and saint in all the heavenly hosts—

Yet none of these can boast
For Jesus Christ is fair beyond compare
The glorious one!

He is better, Christ is better.
He is better, Christ is better.
He is better, Christ is better.

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

3. Don't Let Me Drift

words by Cody Curtis

God spoke to us long ago.

His word is good.

Through prophets he proclaimed to us.

The Lord is good.

But now a voice has come:

The long-awaited Son,

And he proclaims good news to us.

His word is good.

O Lord, O Lord,

Don't let me drift from your word.

I feel my heart fighting out against the dark.

I need your strength to pay attention to what I've heard.

O Lord, help me endure.

When Israel disobeyed the law

The angels spoke,

God's judgment fell upon them all:

The law they broke.

And what should we expect

If we, like them, neglect

The words that we received from Christ?

The law we broke.

O Lord, O Lord,

Don't let me drift from your word.

I feel my heart fighting out against the dark.

I need your strength to pay attention to what I've heard.

O Lord, help me endure.

The road we walk is dangerous,
O keep our feet;
We hear the tempter say to us,
“Your strength is weak.”
But greater is your arm
Than he who works us harm.
The Spirit will protect our steps.
His help we need.

O Lord, O Lord,
Don't let us drift from your word.
We feel our hearts fighting out against the dark.
We need your strength to pay attention to what we've heard.
O Lord, help us endure.

4. Why Did Jesus Come to Earth?

words by Cody Curtis

Why did Jesus come to earth when heaven was his home?
Though higher than the angels, why'd He stoop down below?
 O what on earth compelled him? What could draw him nigh?
What could tempt the Son of God to give up Paradise and die?

Why did Jesus come to earth? I'll tell you why He came:
To suffer as the founder and perfecter of the faith;
 O many are the sons to glory he will bring.
Sing your praises to the King, sing the songs of the redeemed.

Why did Jesus come to earth? Pay attention and you'll see:
When he became a man, we gained solidarity.
 O Jesus calls us brothers: we're flesh and blood the same.
Stand amazed he's not ashamed to call us by the family name.

Why did Jesus come to earth? To strike and kill the devil,
To ransom men from slavery, to seek and save the rebel.
 O death, you are defeated! And man is raised to life!
And that is why the glorious Christ, he gave up Paradise and died.

Why did Jesus come to earth? I'll tell you two more things:
To be appointed as a high priest and to die as an offering.

5. Come Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted

words by Joseph Swain

Come, ye souls, by sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted,
Through the cross behold the crown!
 Look to Jesus;
 Mercy flows through him alone.

Take his easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
While his wisdom guides your feet
 Safe to glory,
 Where his ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see him;
Blest the ears that hear his voice;
Blessed are the souls that trust him,
And in him alone rejoice;
 His commandments
 Then become our happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,
Light to newly-opened eyes,
Flowing springs in deserts dreary,
Is the rest the cross supplies;
 All who taste it
 Shall to rest immortal rise.

6. Jesus, My Great High Priest

words by Isaac Watts

Jesus, my great High Priest,
Offered his blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks
No sacrifice beside.

His pow'rful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand
Will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills
His Father's broken laws.

Behold my soul at freedom set;
My Savior paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears
For my defense on high;
The Father bows his ears
And lays his thunder by.

Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn his heart, his love, away.

Should all the hosts of death
And pow'rs of hell unknown
Put forth their dreadful best
And lure my heart to roam,

I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

7. Our Hope in Christ Shall Never Fail

words by anonymous

We travel through a barren land,
With dangers thick on every hand;
But Jesus guides us through the vale,
Our hope in Christ shall never fail.

Great sorrows meet us as we go,
The tempter seeks our overthrow;
But vile infernals can't prevail,
Our hope in Christ shall never fail.

Sometimes we're tempted to despair,
But Jesus makes us then his care;
Whatever griefs our souls assail,
Our hope in Christ shall never fail.

Sometimes we're tempted to despair,
But Jesus makes us then his care;
Whatever griefs our souls assail,
Our hope in Christ shall never fail.

We trust upon the sacred word,
The oath and promise of our Lord;
And safely through each tempest sail,
Our hope in Christ shall never fail,
Our hope in Christ shall never fail.

8. A Priest Forever (Psalm 110)

words by anonymous and Cody Curtis

The Lord unto my Lord has said,
"Come sit at my right hand
Until I make your enemies
Submit to your command."

A scepter prospered by the Lord
Your mighty hand shall wield;
From Zion you shall rule the world,
And all your foes shall yield.

The Lord, the mighty King,
Has promised victory
Through one who will come—
The Son of David.

A king upon the throne,
A priest who will atone
For us, He has come—
The Son of David.

Your people will be gladly yours
When you arise in might,
Like dawning day, like hopeful youth,
With holy beauty bright.

The priesthood of Melchizedek
The Lord has given you;
It shall remain forevermore;
God's word is always true.

The Lord, the mighty King,
Has promised victory
Through one who will come—
The Son of David.

A king upon the throne,
A priest who will atone
For us, He has come—
The Son of David.

You are a priest forever,
A priest who will never die
According to the ancient order
Of a newly awakened line.

You shall subdue the kings of earth,
With God at your right hand;
The nations you shall rule in might
And judge in every land.

The Lord, refreshed by living streams,
Shall neither faint nor fall,
And he shall be the glorious head,
Exalted over all.

The Lord, the mighty King,
Has promised victory
Through one who will come—
The Son of David.

A king upon the throne,
A priest who will atone
For us, He has come—
The Son of David.

9. Once for All

words by Venantius H. C. Fortunatus (tr. Augustus Nelson), Cody Curtis, and Robert Lowry

Praise the Savior now and ever;
Praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying, suffering, dying
On the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict'ry gaining, life obtaining,
Now in glory he doth rise.

Once for all the son of God has offered up his life.
Once for all the Lamb was slain — the final sacrifice.
And once for all, for all who once were dead but are now alive —
Once for all.

Chains are severed, we're delivered;
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger;
Hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison;
O'er the tomb he light has shed.

Once for all the son of God has offered up his life.
Once for all the Lamb was slain — the final sacrifice.
And once for all, for all who once were dead but are now alive;
And once for all, for all who walk by faith and stand in Christ —
Once for all.

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing by the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For his favor, praise forever
Unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever,
Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; thro' Christ's merit
He to us salvation brings.

10. Keep Running

words by John Logan and Cody Curtis

See what a cloud of witnesses
Encompass us around!
Saints once like us with suffering tried,
But now with glory crown'd.

Let us, with zeal like theirs inspired,
Strive in the Christian race;
And, freed, from every weight of sin,
Their faithful footsteps trace.

We run, forgetting things behind,
And press to God's right hand;
There, with the saints in joyful song,
Triumphantly to stand.

Keep running, running, running,
Keep running all your days;
Keep running, running, running,
There is glory that awaits.

Behold a Witness nobler still,
Who trod affliction's path—
The Christ, the Author, Finisher,
Rewarder of our faith.

He, for the joy before him set,
And moved by pitying love,
Endured the Cross, despised the shame,
And now he reigns above.

We run, forgetting things behind,
And press to God's right hand;
There, with the Savior and his saints,
Triumphantly to stand.

Keep running, running, running,
Keep running all your days;
Keep running, running, running,
There is glory that awaits.

Keep running, running, running,
Keep running all your days;
Keep running, running, running,
There is glory that awaits.

Keep running, running, running,
Keep running till it hurts;
Keep running, running, running,
Till you leave this earth.

11. The New and Better Way

words by Cody Curtis, John Newton, and Daniel Mount

Not to Sinai's dreadful blaze,
But to Zion's throne of grace,
By a way marked out with blood,
Sinners now approach to God,
Sinners now approach to God.

Not to hear the fiery law,
But with humble joy to draw
To the mountain opened when
Jesus died for sinful men,
Jesus died for sinful men.

Could the blood of any beast
Give my guilty conscience peace?
Nothing on the altar slain
Can remove my wretched stain.

Now the sacrifice is done,
Now redemption has been won!
See the veil is torn in two:
Sinners now may enter through.
Writ upon the mountain gate:
"Christ—the new and better way."

A new and better way,
The old has come and gone;
The shadows fade away,
The light of heaven dawns.

A new and better way,
A new and better way,
The earthly mountain fades,
The light of Zion breaks.

A new and better way,
The deathly winds are stilled,
The tempest has been tamed,
The law has been fulfilled.

A new and better way!
My sinful debt is paid.
The hope of Adam's race
Is Jesus Christ!

Not to Sinai's dreadful blaze,
But to Zion's heights we gaze,
Where the glory of the Christ
Dwells with saints in endless light;
Where the ransomed remnant say,
"Christ—the new and better way."

12. Now May the God of Peace

words by Cody Curtis

Now may the God of peace who raised from the dead
The great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of a covenant
That'll never stop, that will not cease, that endures to eternity—
Glory to the living priest who ever lives to intercede.

May this God give you everything you need
To endure to the end and his promises receive.
May he grant you the faith to believe
What the Son has said to us.

And when the road's grown especially hard
And you feel like your soul and your body are scarred
By the aches and pains of faith,
May the Lord give you strength
To endure, to endure.