New Creation

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A Glimpse of the New Creation

God's creation had been corrupted.

Its rulers had rebelled against their Creator.

They had separated themselves from the only Source of all life, love, and goodness.

Thus death now reigned where God had created a garden of life.

But He did not abandon His creation.
He began to promise a new creation.
He would begin at the root of the problem:
the human heart and
the human spirit.

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and
you will be clean;
I will cleanse you from all your filthiness...
I will give you a new heart and
put a new spirit within you...
I will put My Spirit within you and
cause you to walk in My statutes." (Ezekiel 36:25-27, NASB)

Then He brought that promise to life with a stunning vision.
Put yourself in Ezekiel's shoes and share his glimpse of the awesome creative power of the Breath of God:

[NOTE: In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, the word translated as "spirit" also means "wind" and "breath". "Wind," "breath," and "spirit" are all the same word in the original languages. Keep that in mind as you read Ezekiel's account of his vision of the dry bones. The words in caps are all from that same Hebrew word, "ruah".]

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the SPIRIT of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make BREATH enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put BREATH in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no BREATH in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the BREATH; prophesy, son of man, and say to IT, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four WINDS, O BREATH, and breathe into these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and BREATH entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet — a vast army. (Ezekiel 37:1-10, NIV)

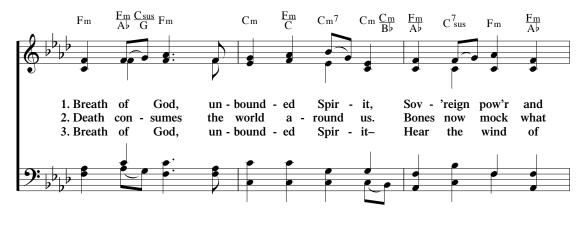
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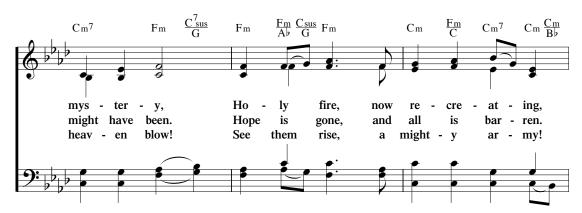
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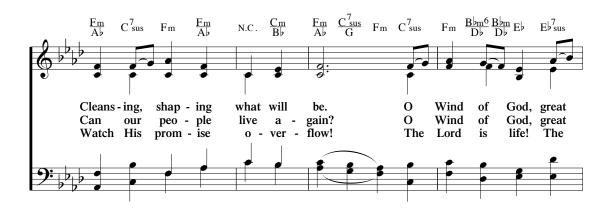
Ezekiel's Vision

Ezekiel 36:16 – 37:14

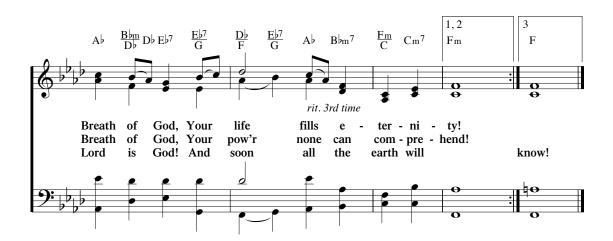








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God Will Make All Things New

Isaiah 24; 25; 26; 65:17-25; 66:18-23

Through the prophet Isaiah, God began to flesh out His promises of a new creation. Hear the beautiful truths Isaiah expresses: Evil is not forever. Having separated itself from the only Source of life, evil will finish all its destructive course, leaving desolation in its wake. Then the Creator in perfect power, wisdom, and love. will create a new heaven and a new earth. He will make all things new! All that is will fully reflect His glory, His holiness, His love. His abundant, overflowing life.

Everything else,

everything that is not of Him,

will have burned away.

He will be glad in His people, and

His people will be glad in Him.

Death is not forever.

Now it seems to rule over life with an iron fist.

But the life of God will swallow it up,

finally and

completely.

All its curse,

its grief,

its weeping and

separation,

will be gone forever.

Life will permeate everything around us.

It will flow in the water.

It will bloom on the trees.

Our God,

the long-desired One, the long-awaited One,

will come to us.

He will come!

He will gather His people from

every nation and

every age.

We will be one

with Him,

and together, we will all be one

in Him.

He will feed us forever

with all the best.

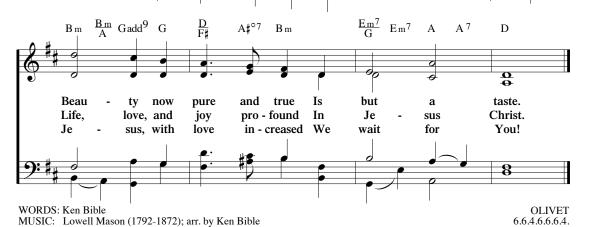
He will eternally nourish our life with

all He is.

Hymn recording: Make All Things New

Make All Things New

TUNE: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (OLIVET) Isaiah 24; 25; 26; 65:17-25; 66:18-23; Mark 13:26-27, 32-37; Luke 13:29; 1 Corinthians 15:53-57; Revelation 21:1-5; 22:1-5 = 84 D $A\quad A^{\,7}\quad B_{\,m}$ D sus Εm life's E 1. Lord God, on ly source, vil will 2. Death is bru tal lord, Wield ing its 3. Fin ish Your gift be - gun. Gath er us $\frac{B\,m}{A}$ $\frac{D\,sus}{G}$ A 7 Em^7 B mLeave earth a Love will make run its course, waste. sov - 'reign sword. Soon death will die. Life will a all things all one. Make new! Je sus, our 0 $\frac{\mathbf{D}}{\mathbf{A}}$ D Bm^7 D all things new. Worlds will flow fresh from You. Life a - round, rise, un - bound, burst - ing all our Priest, Je Your self the feast, Lamb, sus,



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The New Creation Has Begun

All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The new creation, long promised, has begun in Him. As we simply trust Him, He gives us a new heart and a new Spirit -His own loving heart and His own Holy Spirit. As we simply trust Him, death is no longer our destination. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, and we are following Him into new life. This new resurrection life has already begun. The fellowship we now enjoy with the Living Christ will go on unbroken, forever. We are right now growing into "all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19). Within us He is doing "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). Think of it: Jesus Christ is the first of a whole new race of human beings, a race completely free from the curse of sin, death, and the fall, a race holy and glorious as He is, children of our Father in the fullest sense. The new creation has begun in Christ! If anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation;

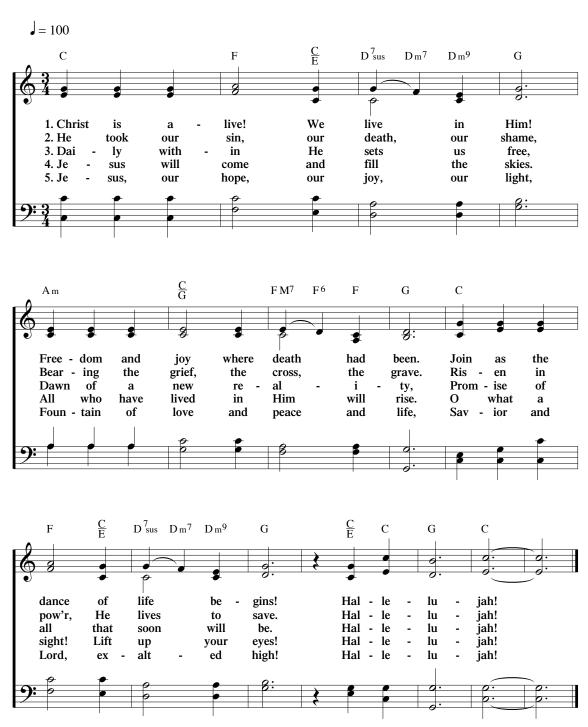
Hymn recording: Christ Is Alive! We Live in Him!

the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV)

Hymn recording: New in Christ

Christ Is Alive! We Live in Him!

TUNE: The Strife Is O'er



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New in Christ

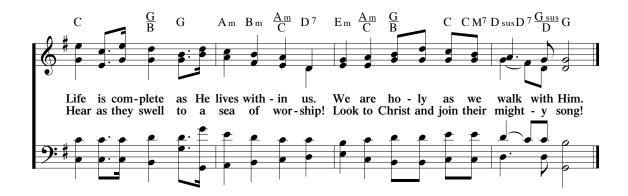
Genesis 1:26; 2:15; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 1:15-17; 3:9-10; Revelation 7:9-10



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A New Day

Father, whenever I taste Your love,
whenever I sense Your working,
whenever I realize Your personal presence with me,
I catch a glimpse of the new creation.

Each sunrise,
each shining, new day,
reminds me of what is soon to come:
the dawning of a radiant, stunningly-perfect day
that will never end.

No more darkness.

No more pain or sorrow.

No more dying
ever again.

Just You and
all that You are,
filling all that is.

In the meantime, Father, thank You for each of Your glorious reminders!

Hymn recording: <u>I See the New Creation</u>

I See the New Creation



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A Seed Must Be Planted

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep... For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22, NIV)

When Jesus arose from the dead,
He was not a dis-embodied spirit.
He had a physical body –
a new body –
and so will we!

This present body will be planted like a seed.

Every seed is planted,

not to destroy life, but to create it,

life infinitely greater and more glorious than its humble seed.

This broken body will have served its temporary purpose and

will hamper this child of God no longer.

Each beautiful soul will be given a new body, one designed to glow with the

greatness and goodness of God Himself.

It will be part of God's new creation,

perfectly suited for

love,

joy, and

worship

in the very presence of God Himself.

What is being sown as a perishable body

will be raised imperishable.

It is sown in dishonor,

it will be raised in glory.

It is sown in weakness,

it will be raised in power.

It is sown an earthly body,

it will be raised as a body made for heaven.

Hymn recording: Sown in Tears, Raised in Joy

Sown in Tears, Raised in Joy

TUNE: Take the Name of Jesus with You (PRECIOUS NAME)

Isaiah 25:8; John 12:24; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58;

2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Philippians 3:20-21



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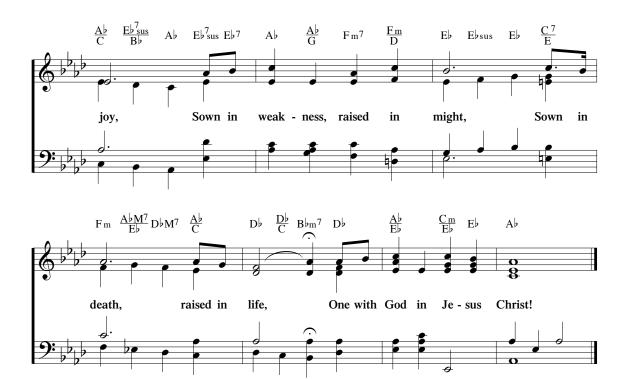
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PRECIOUS NAME

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1 Corinthians 15

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (vv.51-52, 54b-55, 57, NASB)

Hymn recording: The Trumpet Will Sound

The Trumpet Will Sound

Matthew 24:30-31; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 7:10-12; 22:20



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TRUMPET CALL

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When His Healing Is Complete

Read 1 Corinthians 15:36-55; Revelation 7:15-17; 21:22 - 22:5

Father, You created us

from the materials on our planet home and enlivened us by Your own breath.

What marvelous miracles we are!

But when we proudly separated from You,

we corrupted ourselves,

including these amazing bodies You gave us.

Though conceived in love, our lives now

begin in pain and

end in death.

In-between, sickness and suffering are

woven throughout the fabric of our existence.

Even the wonderful pleasures You gave us are

tainted,

imperfect and passing.

Rather than drawing us to You,

we allow them to distract us from You.

We have turned Your gifts into gods,

making them avenues for evil.

But Your Son, Jesus Christ, came as

the Great Healer.

He began healing us from all the effects of our sin.

And through His resurrection, He became

the Second Adam,

the first of an entirely new human race,

restored and recreated

in Your glorious image.

When His new creation is complete and

we are complete in Him,

we will have

no more pain,

no more shame,

no sorrow,

no tears.

no death.

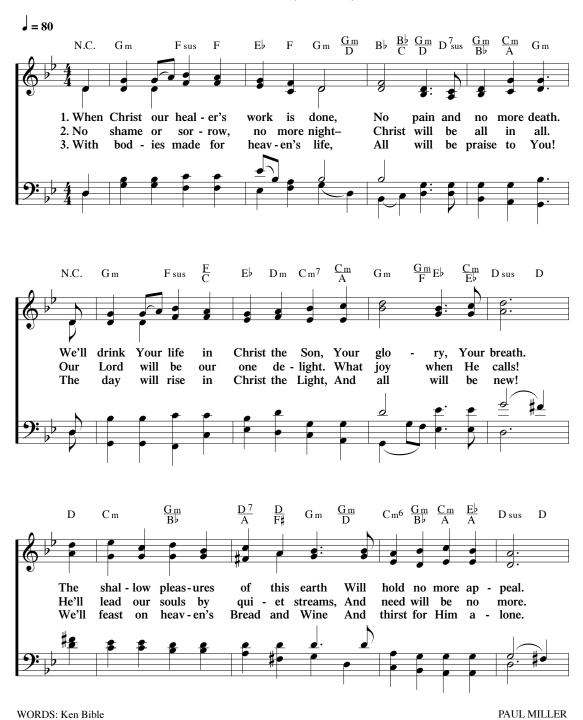
The pleasures and sensations of being a physical creature will no longer be painful,

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imperfect, or
       passing.
Never again will they distract us from You.
Instead, we will be
       pure vessels,
perfectly created for
       Your life,
      Your love,
       Your presence, and
      Your worship.
We will feast forever on all that You are.
Life will flow as a river.
It will blossom and grow all around us in
       richness and
      diversity.
We will be
      fully,
       beautifully,
       forever
alive in You!
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Hymn recording: When Christ Our Healer's Work Is Done

When Christ Our Healer's Work Is Done

Psalm 23:1-3; 36:8-9; John 10:1-4, 14, 27-28; 1 Corinthians 15:36-55; Revelation 7:15-17; 21:22-27; 22:1-5

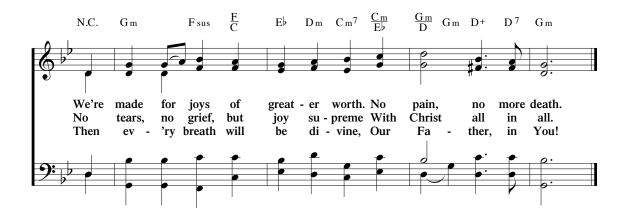


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Creation Will Be Redeemed

The creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as is the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. (Romans 8:19-22, NIV)

For all the elegant beauty of this natural earth, it is also a violent, tumultuous place where life is always in the grip of death. How can this be, if God rules all creation? How can a good God claim to be sovereign in a world such as this?

Genesis 1:26-28 proclaims two truths about God's creation of the human race:

- 1. He made us in His own image and likeness.
- 2. He created us to rule over the earth as His stewards, sharing in His sovereignty. We are inseparably connected to God our Creator, and we are inseparably connected to this earth, over which we rule. God subjected the earth to us.

When we rebelled against our Creator, we chose to use creation for our own selfish purposes (Genesis 3:1-6). When our relationship with the Creator was corrupted, so was the earth over which we ruled, now as unfaithful stewards (Romans 8:20). As our home and our responsibility, the earth shared in our fractured relationship with the Giver of all life (Genesis 3:17-18; see Psalm 104:27-30). The results were corruption, futility, and death, both for us and for our beautiful home.

Consistently in scripture, our obedience or disobedience to our Creator brings us either God's blessing or His cursing, respectively. This blessing and cursing are shared by our natural home as well (e.g., Deuteronomy 7:12-15; 8:6-10; 28:4, 18). As Creator God subjected this earth to us, this earth unwillingly shares in the fruit of our rebellion.

We see the turmoil in our natural world and know that as violence, pain, and death shrouds all human life, it shrouds our natural home as well.

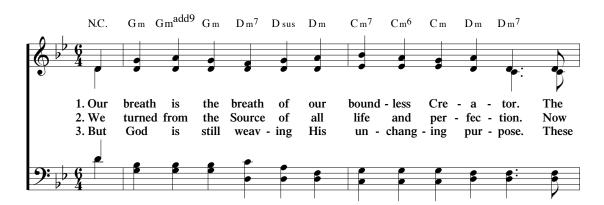
But the good news is this: the corruption, futility, and death that rule this earth are only a passing phase. Creation's present turbulence is only the pain of childbirth (Romans 8:19-22). When we are redeemed and freed from our suffering, our earthly home will be as well (Isaiah 11:6-9; Revelation 21:1). Our destiny, God's unchangeable promise, is that we and our beautiful home will be perfected to the full glory of God. As it has shared our curse, it will share our blessedness. All the earth will be permeated with His life, His love, His holiness, and His perfect peace.

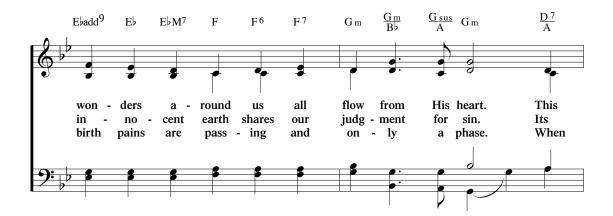
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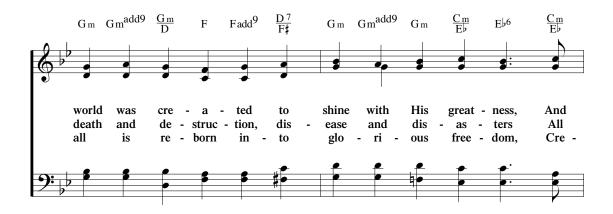
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Genesis 1:26-28; 3:1-19; Psalm 104:24-30; Isaiah 11:6-9; Romans 8:19-22; Revelation 21:1

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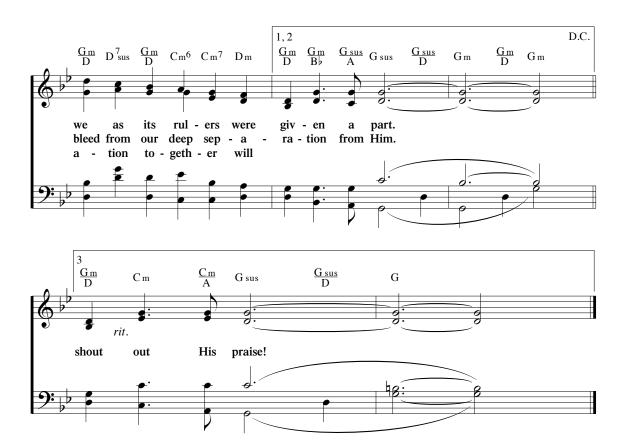




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Longing for the New Creation

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And the former things will
             not be remembered or
             come to mind. (Isaiah 65:17, NASB)
O Father, how we long for Your
      new creation!
Death,
pain,
sorrow,
all the root of sin and
all the fruit of sin
      will be gone
             completely and
             forever.
All that will remain is
      You and
      all the goodness and glory that flow from You.
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a new heavens and

a new earth;

Behold, I create

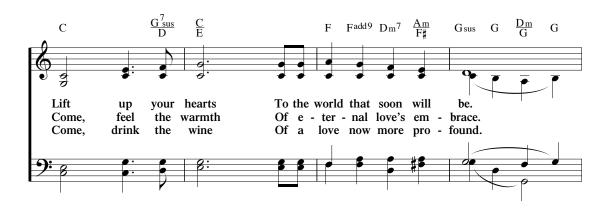
Come, our Lord!

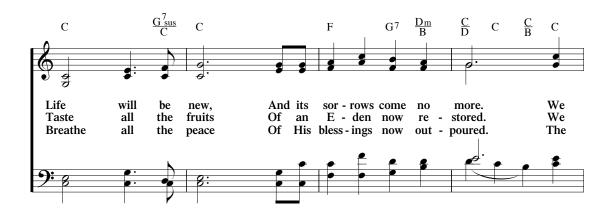
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Come, Our Lord!

TUNE: Old Black Joe *Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1-22:5*







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