

# The Cotteridge Church

## Christmas 2 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January



### Hymn

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In Christ alone, my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

### Bible Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

### Collect for Christmas 2

God our Father,  
in love you sent your Son  
that the world may have life:  
lead us to seek him among the outcast  
and to find him in those in need,  
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

### Christmas 2

I like a list of resolutions prepared by the Rev. Walterhoedel. He calls them '7-UPS for the New Year.' No, this has nothing to do with the soft drink. These 7-UPS fall under the heading of attitudes and actions. The first is WAKE UP--Begin the day with the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it. The second is DRESS-UP--Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude. The third is SHUT-UP--Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things. Learn to listen. The fourth is STAND-UP--Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good. Five, LOOK-UP--Open your eyes to the Lord. After all, He is your only Savior. Six, REACH-UP--Spend time in prayer with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings and supplications to the LORD. And finally, LIFT-UP--Be available to help those in need--serving, supporting, and sharing.