

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harpeth Baptist Church

The Old Testament, an overview

Joel

Salvation for whom?

Text: The Book of Joel

Responsive reading: Romans 3:19-26

Songs for this week

- 32 Crown Him With Many Crowns
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This week's special music

[The Lord Is My Salvation—click to listen](#)

Hymn History

Jesus Paid It All was written by Elvina Hall in 1865. Elvina was in the choir at Monument Street Methodist church in Baltimore, Maryland. While sitting in the choir loft one Sunday, the Pastor was praying for an extended period. Elvina's mind turned to Jesus and the cross. The words to this verse came to her mind. She didn't have any paper, so she wrote the words on the blank page in the back of her hymnal. She later gave the poem to her Pastor.

John Thomas Grape was the choir leader at the same church. He had earlier composed a tune he called All to Christ. The Pastor saw that the poem and the music fit together perfectly and the hymn was born.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus told Peter to

"Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. (Mark 14:38)

Mark goes on to record how Peter was unable to stand by his Lord to the end, but fell away during the trial. In this hymn, the first stanza echoes Jesus' words to Peter, and the following stanzas and refrain are our prayer back to Christ, in which we repeat that we are unable to attain righteousness in our own strength, but only through Jesus' blood, shed on the cross.

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone. [Refrain]

For nothing good have I
Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. [Refrain]

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat. [Refrain]