



Anthem: How Beautiful

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**Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live. <sup>17</sup>The Scriptures train God's servants to do all kinds of good deeds. II Timothy 3:16-17 CEV**

The Bible tells the Good News of Jesus, the Redeemer and Savior of the world. The Bible provides lessons and instructions for both individuals and churches. The Bible is to be read, re-read, studied, and shared.

**"The church that has no Bible Class is a church in whose work an essential element is missing."**

William Barclay

Bible lessons for individuals:

These include: interacting with others, forgiving, loving, living in times of trial or times of prosperity, using spiritual gifts, developing the fruits of the Spirit, serving God and others, tithing, praying, participating in the community of believers and more.

Bible instructions for churches

These include: proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, maintaining orderly worship, helping and encouraging fellow believers, fellowshiping, equipping members for service, cooperating in missions, observing sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion, and more.

The Bible records Jesus' instructions to remember the bread and wine of the Last Supper. It is the sacrament of Holy Communion in which we participate this Sunday, and its meaning is profound for us Christians.

**"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'" Luke 22:19-20 NIV**

**Prayer: God, thank You for the Bible and all that You communicate and teach us from it. Thanks and praise to You for Your son Jesus and for his willingness to be my Redeemer and Savior.**

**Anthem Text**

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And he laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as He died: willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.  
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth.  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.