

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## THE GATHERING

### The Welcome

#### \*O for a Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love, be ever, ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and Heav'n

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.  
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TEXT: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Carl G. Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason

**\*The Prayer of Invocation**

**\*The Call to Worship: Colossians 1: 15, 17-18**

Leader: He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

**All: And he is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together**

Leader: And he is the head of the body, the church.

**All: He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.**

**\*Immortal, Invisible**

Immortal, You are not like a man  
That You change Your mind, or change Your plan.  
Invisible, our human eyes can't see  
The depth of Your majesty

(chorus)  
You're the God of forever and ever amen!  
The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End  
We sing Hallelujah, we worship in awe  
Immortal, Invisible God

Immortal, You are not bound by death  
You're the living God, my very breath  
Invisible, You are not bound by space  
But Your glory is filling this place  
Yes, Your glory is filling this place  
(repeat chorus)

Immortal, yet You once died for me  
To pay my debt, to set me free  
Invisible, You will not always be  
Cause You're coming to reign as our King  
And the saints will fall down at Your feet

(repeat chorus 2x)

## The New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:1-17

*<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

*<sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.*

*<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

## The Prayers of Confession

All: Merciful Father,

Hear our prayers and forgive our sins.

Forgive the sins we remember, and the sins we have forgotten.

Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation,

and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times we have been overly proud of our own achievements,

and the times when we have failed to boast in your works.

Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves.

Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided.

Have mercy on us and restore us through the righteousness of Christ.

Amen.

Private Confession

## The Assurance of Pardon: John 10: 27-29

*Leader: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

*I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

*My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,*

*and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

## **\*For All the Saints/ Psalm 16**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way,  
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

I said to the Lord you are my master  
Every good thing I have comes from you comes from you (repeat)

I said to the Lord you hold my future  
Truly my inheritance is beautiful is beautiful (repeat)

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## **That Sacrament of Baptism**

Susanna Kate Ney

## **The Profession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism 11-12**

*Leader: What are God's works of providence?*

**All:** God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

*Leader: What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?*

**All:** When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

### **Prayer of Supplication**

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple." Please make checks payable to Grace PCA, with "General" or "Building" included in the check memo.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **THE WORD AND SACRAMENT**

#### **The Reading of Scripture: Jonah 3**

**All:** The grass withers and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.

#### **The Message from Scripture**

George Boomer

#### **The Lord's Supper**

#### **\*How Deep the Father's Love For Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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### **\*Stronger**

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me

(chorus)

You are stronger, You are stronger  
Sin is broken, You have saved me  
It is written, Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

(repeat chorus)

So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)

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## **\*King of Kings**

In the darkness, we were waiting, without hope, without light  
'Til from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(chorus)

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(repeat chorus)

And the morning that You rose, all of Heaven held its breath  
'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was built, then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

(repeat chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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## **THE SENDING**

### **\*The Benediction**

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

## After Service Prayer

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after worship: Jason Lichte & Mike Wuthrich

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