

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 cancelled sin, He sets the prisoners 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 through 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 Responsive Call to Worship: (Psalm 46:1-5, 10-11)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

***The Glories of Calvary**

Lord, You're calling me to come and behold the wondrous cross.
To explore the depths of grace that came to me at such a cost.
Where Your boundless love conquered my boundless sin,
And mercy's arms were opened wide.

(chorus)

My heart is filled with a thousand songs,
Proclaiming the glories of Calvary.
With every breath, Lord how I long
To sing of Jesus who died for me.
Lord, take me deeper Into the glories of Calvary.

Sinners find eternal joy in the triumph of Your wounds.
By our Savior's crimson flow Holy wrath has been removed.
And Your saints below join with Your saints above
Rejoicing in the Risen Lamb.

My heart is filled with a thousand songs,
Proclaiming the glories of Calvary.
With every breath, Lord how I long
To sing of Jesus who died for me.

(repeat chorus)

For all eternity, we will sing worthy
Our God has set us free, we'll sing the glories of Calvary (3x)

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The Prayers of Confession

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father:
we are thankful that your mercy is
higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings,
deeper than all our sin.**

**Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,
our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.**

Work in our lives that we may desire what is good,
love what you love, and do what you command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Micah 7:18-20

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

*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."

(chorus)

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 power, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

(repeat chorus)

Oh praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (4x)

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

(repeat chorus 2x)

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

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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 (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)

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***The Affirmation of Faith: Titus 2:11-14**

All: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

The Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

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THE WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Scripture: 1 John 5:1-5

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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

The Message from Scripture

The Prayers of the People

THE SENDING

*The Benediction

*God is Able

God is able, He will never fail, He is almighty God
Greater than all we seek, greater than all we ask
He has done great things

(chorus)

Lifted up He defeated the grave
Raised to life, our God is able
In His name we overcome
For the Lord our God is able

God is with us, God is on our side, He will make a way
Far above all we know, far above all we hope
He has done great things

(repeat chorus)

God is with us, He will go before,
He will never leave us, He will never leave us
God is for us, He has open arms,
He will never fail us, He will never fail us

(repeat chorus 2x)

For the Lord our God is able
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