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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • John 15:9**

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in my love.”

# Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Text and Music: based on the *Te Deum*, ca. 4<sup>th</sup> c. • arr. Chip Ueltschey



Ho - ly God, we praise your name;  
Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn  
Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train  
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;  
an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
join your sa - cred name to hal - low;  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



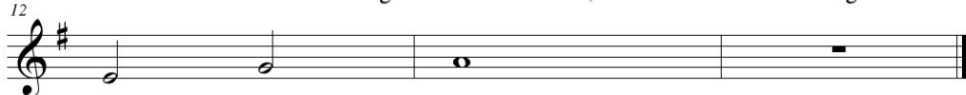
all on earth your scep - ter claim,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
while in es - sence on - ly One,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.  
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing  
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the  
and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this



is your reign.  
ho - ly Lord."  
song goes on.  
mys - ter - y.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Genesis 3:7-9**

The eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have doubted your gracious love. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our own agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Genesis 3:21**

The LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Ephesians 4:28; 5:2**

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need... Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

*Praise him, all creatures here below!*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host!*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 29

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

# The Love of God

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The love of God is great - er far than  
When years of time shall pass a - way, and  
tongue or pen can ev - er tell; It goes be -  
earth - ly thrones and king - doms fall, When men, who  
yond the high - est star, and reach - es to the  
here re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and  
low - est hell; The Guil - ty pair, bowed down with care,  
moun - tains call, God's love so sure, shall en - dure,  
God gave His Son to win; His er - ring child  
all mea - sure - less and strong; re - deem - ing grace  
He rec - on - ciled, and par - doned from his sin.  
to A - dam's race; the saints and an - gel's song.  
O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure -  
less and strong! It shall for - ev - er - more en - dure  
the saints and an - gels song!

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,  
were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,  
to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

*O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure—the saints and angel's song!*

# God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51)

Text: Richard Redhead • Music: Christopher Miner • © 1998 Christopher Miner

Voice

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "God be mer - ci - ful to me — on thy grace I rest my plea; plen - te - ous in com - pas - sion Thou — blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me make me pure with - in — cleanse O cleanse me from my sin."

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with - in — cleanse O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;  
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;  
make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,  
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;  
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;  
touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING • Philippians 2:1-11**

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “The Interests of Others” (Rev. Eric Costa)**







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH (Jn. 20:28; Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; Eph. 4:5; Phil. 2:6-11)**

What does God the Father want you to know and trust?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

What does God the Spirit enable you to confess and proclaim?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

What is the grace and truth of the revelation of God?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of your life?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of the church?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of heaven and earth whose reign endures forever?

*Jesus Christ is Lord, and there is no other! Amen.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, “*The peace of Christ be with you.*”)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

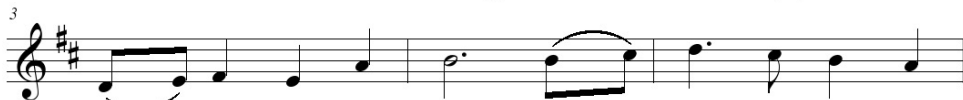
(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

# The Son Of God Goes Forth To War

Text and Music: Reginald Heber (1812) • Public Domain



The Son of God goes forth to war, a  
The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye could  
A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few on  
A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, the



king - ly crown to gain; his blood - red ban - ner  
pierce be - yond the grave, who saw his Mas - ter  
whom the Spir - it came, twelve val - iant saints, their  
ma - tron and the maid, a - round the Sav - ior's



streams a - far; who fol - lows in his train? Who  
in the sky, and called on him to save: like  
hope they knew, and mocked the cross and flame: they  
throne re - joice, in robes of light ar - rayed: they



best can drink his cup of woe, tri - um - phant o - ver  
him, with par - don on his tongue in midst of mor - tal  
met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, the li - on's gor - y  
climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n through per - il, toil, and



pain, who pa - tient bears his cross be - low, he  
pain, he prayed for them that did the wrong: who  
mane; they bowed their necks to death to feel: who  
pain: O God, to us may grace be giv'n to



fol - lows in his train,  
fol - lows in his train?  
fol - lows in their train?  
fol - low in their train.

# Love Me To The End

Text: Samuel Medley • Music: Jeff Koonce • ©2006 Red Mountain Music

Tenor



8 A beg - ar poor, at mer - cy's door, lies  
A wick - ed heart is no small part, of  
3 My stub - born will op - pos - es still, Thy  
8 such a wretch as I; Thou know'st my need is  
my dist - ress and shame; Let sover - eign grace its  
6 wise and ho - ly hand; Thy spi - rit send to  
8 great in - deed, Lord hear me when I cry.  
crimes ef - face, through Jes - sus' bles - sed name.  
9 make it bend, to Thy su - preme com - mand.  
8 With guilt be - set and deep in debt, for  
My dark - ened mind I dail - y find, is  
11 Af - fect - ions wild by sin def - iled, oft  
8 pard - on Lord, I pray; O let Thy love suf -  
prone to go as - tray; Lord on it shine with  
14 hur - ry me a - way; Lord, bring them home nor  
8 fi - cient prove, to take my sins a - way.  
light di - vine, and guide it in Thy way.  
let them roam, from Christ the Li - ving Way.

Before thy face I've told my case; Lord help and mercy send;  
pity my soul and make me whole, and love me to the end.

## BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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*Every gathering is an opportunity to invite friends,  
to introduce others to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!*

**After Worship** • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation! Around 11:45am we will begin Sunday School classes for the children in the sanctuary, and Sermon Discussion for the adults in the fellowship hall. (Infants and toddlers are welcome to join the adults in Sermon Discussion.)

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Bonifield

Next week: C. Boden

**Nursery Volunteers** • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Contact: Rainy Aznoe (rainyrr@aol.com).

Today: Stevenson

Next week: Bonifield

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Name(s)

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I want to know more about being a Christian.

I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.

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