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Words of Welcome

Daniel 4:3 (ESV)

3 How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

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Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-5 (ESV)

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

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and ever more shalt be

Verse 3:

Holy, holy, holy though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity

Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

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Come Thou Almighty King

Verse 1:

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Verse 2:

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Chorus:

All glory be to the Father,
All glory be to the Son,
All glory be to the Spirit,
The blessed three in One.

Verse 3:

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

Verse 4:

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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And Can It Be

Verse 1:

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love, how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me

Verse 2:

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself in matchless love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
Tis mercy all immense and free
For, O my God, it found out me

Verse 3:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke - the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed thee

Verse 4:

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

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New City Catechism

9: What Does God Require in the First, Second, and Third Commandments?

Full Answer

First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

Children's Answer

First, that we know and trust God as the only true God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence.

Scripture

DEUTERONOMY 6:13–14

It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

Commentary

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God leads men to see that the God revealed in Scripture, and manifested in the person of the Lord Jesus, is the God who made heaven and earth. Man fashions for himself a god after his own liking; he makes to himself if not out of wood or stone, yet out of what he calls his own consciousness, or his cultured thought, a deity to his taste, who will not be too severe with his iniquities or deal out strict justice to the impenitent. He rejects God as he is, and elaborates other gods, such as he thinks the Divine One ought to be, and he says concerning these works of his own imagination, "These be thy gods, O Israel!"

The Holy Spirit, however, when he illuminates their minds, leads us to see that Jehovah is God, and beside him there is none else. He teaches his people to know that the God of heaven and earth is the God of the Bible, a God whose attributes are completely balanced, mercy attended by justice, love accompanied by holiness, grace arrayed in truth, and power linked with tenderness. He is not a God who winks at sin, much less is pleased with it, as the gods of the heathen are supposed to be, but a God who cannot look upon iniquity, and will by no means spare the guilty. This is the great quarrel of the present day between the philosopher and the Christian. The philosopher says, "Yes, a god if you will, but he must be of such a character as I now dogmatically set before you"; but the Christian replies, "Our business is not to invent a god, but to obey the one Lord who is revealed in the Scriptures of truth."

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Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)

Verse 1:

For what we have done and left undone
We fall on Your countless mercies
For sins that are known and those unknown
We call on Your name so holy
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes
For scorning our very neighbor
In thought word and deed we've failed You our King
How deeply we need a Savior

Chorus:

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us

Verse 2:

For what You have done Your life of love
You perfectly lived we praise You
Though tempted and tried You fixed Your eyes
You finished the work God gave You
And there on the tree A King among thieves
You bled for a world's betrayal
You loved to the end Our merciful friend
How pure and forever faithful

Bridge:

For hearts that are cold for seizing control
For scorning our very Maker
In thought word and deed we've failed You our King
How deeply we need a Savior

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

Verse 1:

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Verse 2:

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious through the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Verse 3:

Crown Him the Lord of Lords,
Who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word
For ransomed sinners slain
Now lives in realms of light
Where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night,
Their God, Redeemer, King.

Verse 4:

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King to whom is given
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns
For He is King of all.

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Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.