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**Words of Welcome**

**Psalm 95:1-2 (ESV)**

- 1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

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## Scripture Reading

### 1 Peter 2:1-12 (ESV)

- 1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.
- 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation--
- 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,
- 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
- 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"
- 8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
- 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
- 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.
- 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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## **Come People of the Risen King**

### **Verse 1:**

Come people of the risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

### **Chorus:**

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart one voice  
O Church of Christ rejoice!

### **Verse 2:**

Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

### **Verse 3:**

Come young and old from every land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age  
"Our God is all in all!"

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## **Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love**

### **Verse 1:**

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love;  
Too vast and astounding to tell.  
Forever existing in worlds above,  
Now offered and given to all.  
Oh fountain of beauty eternal;  
The Father, the Spirit, the Son.  
Sufficient and endlessly generous:  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

### **Verse 2:**

Creation is brimming with thankfulness,  
The mountains, exultant they stand;  
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness,  
All life is sustained by Your hand.  
You crown every meadow with color;  
You paint every shade in the sky;  
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

### **Chorus:**

How great, how sure;  
His love endures forevermore.  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

### **Verse 3:**

What grace, that You entered our brokenness;  
You came in the fullness of time.  
How far we had fallen from righteousness,  
But not from the mercies of Christ.  
Your cross is our door to redemption;  
Your death is our fullness of life.  
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood:  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

### **Bridge:**

United in Your resurrection,  
You lift us to infinite heights.  
Could anything sever or take us from  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

### **Chorus 2:**

How great, how sure;  
His love endures forever more.  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

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## Rejoice the Lord Is King

### Verse 1:

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore:

### Chorus 1-3:

Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say,  
Rejoice!

### Verse 2:

The Lord, our Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took His seat above:

### Verse 3:

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Je sus giv'n:

### Verse 4:

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord the Judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:

### Chorus 4:

Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say,  
Rejoice!  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say,  
Rejoice!

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## New City Catechism

### 44: What is Baptism?

#### Full Answer

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

#### Children's Answer

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

#### Scripture

##### MATTHEW 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. . . .

#### Commentary

##### GEORGE HERBERT

As he that sees a dark and shady grove,  
Stays not, but looks beyond it on the sky  
So when I view my sins, mine eyes remove  
More backward still, and to that water fly,  
Which is above the heav'ns, whose spring and rent  
Is in my dear Redeemer's pierced side.  
O blessed streams! either ye do prevent  
And stop our sins from growing thick and wide,  
Or else give tears to drown them, as they grow.  
In you Redemption measures all my time,  
And spreads the plaster equal to the crime:  
You taught the book of life my name, that so,  
Whatever future sins should me miscall,  
Your first acquaintance might discredit all.

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## **Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

### **Verse 1:**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity

### **Chorus 1:**

In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

### **Verse 2:**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin

### **Chorus 2:**

See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law; in Him we stand

### **Verse 3:**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory

### **Chorus 3:**

See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

### **Verse 4:**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!

### **Chorus 4:**

What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

### **Chorus 5:**

What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

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## Sermon: Comforted by God's Glorious Presence

### Isaiah 40:1-11 (ESV)

- 1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.
- 3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
- 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
- 6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
- 9 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
- 10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
- 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.



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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**

**2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)**

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.