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Words of Welcome

Psalm 150:1-6 (ESV)

1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!
3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
5 Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

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Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:19-30 (ESV)

- 1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.
- 2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.
- 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh--
- 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
- 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
- 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
- 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith--
- 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
- 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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
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Before the Throne of God Above

Verse 1:

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2:

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3:

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The Great Unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

End:

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior
With Christ my Savior and my God

Death Was Arrested

Verse 1:

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Verse 2:

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus 1:

Oh, Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You

Verse 3:

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend Oh
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus 2:

Oh, Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Verse 4:

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Bridge:

Oh, we're free, free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes, we're free, free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

Ending:

When death was arrested and my life began
That's when death was arrested and my life began

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New City Catechism

5: What Else Did God Create?

Full Answer

God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

Children's Answer

God created all things and all his creation was very good.

Scripture

GENESIS 1:31

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. . . .

Commentary

JOHN CALVIN

God has given us, throughout the whole frame-work of this world, clear evidences of his eternal wisdom, goodness, and power; and though he is in himself invisible, he in a manner becomes visible to us in his works.

Correctly then is this world called the mirror of divinity; not that there is sufficient clearness for man to gain a full knowledge of God, by looking at the world, but that he has thus so far revealed himself, that the ignorance of the ungodly is without excuse. Now the faithful, to whom he has given eyes, see sparks of his glory, as it were, glittering in every created thing. The world was no doubt made, that it might be the theatre of the divine glory.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1:

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2:

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
10,000 years and then forever more

Ending

Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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Sermon
The Son Who Calls His Witnesses

John 5:31-47 (ESV)

31 If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.
32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.
33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.
34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.
35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.
36 But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.
37 And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen,
38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.
39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,
40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.
41 I do not receive glory from people.
42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.
43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.
44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?
45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.
46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.
47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored
“He’s done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

Verse 1:

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Verse 2:

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Verse 3:

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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Benediction

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.