

## "O MAN, BEWAIL THY GREIVIOUS FALL" (J. S. BACH)

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- › Holy and loving God, as we worship you tonight, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus.

» **Amen**

## CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 51:15-17

- › Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- » **You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**
- › My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
- » **A broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY"

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!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

## "BY THY MERCY"

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord.  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

From the depth of nature's blindness,  
From the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness,  
From the pride that lurks within:

When the world around is smiling,  
In the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,  
In the day of health and peace.

In the solemn hour of dying,  
In the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on thee relying,  
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.

## SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 15:1-2

*Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at [thirdrva.org/this-sunday](http://thirdrva.org/this-sunday).*

## HOMILY | "THE WAY UP IS DOWN"

## INVITATION TO ACT OF CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION | PSALM 139:23-24

- › Search me, O God, and know my heart;
- » **Try me and know my thoughts.**
- › See if there is any wicked way in me,
- » **And lead me in the way everlasting.**

## "KYRIE ELEISON"

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.*

## "BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL"

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

**"PSALM 32 (BLESSED ARE YOU)"**

*Blessed are you whose transgression is forgiven,  
Whom the Lord has now made clean.  
Blessed are you in whom the Lord counts no sin,  
Where there is no deceit. Blessed are you.*

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
Through my groaning all day long.  
Day and night your hand was heavy upon me,  
But you forgave me all my wrongs.

I confess my transgressions to you, Lord,  
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.  
You are a hiding place for me,  
Surrounded by shouts of deliverance.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in him.  
Be glad in the Lord, rejoice, O righteous!  
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING | GALATIANS 5:16, 25**

- › Now go, and walk by the Spirit,  
and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.
- » **Since we live by the Spirit,  
let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD, GOD ALMIGHTY

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #538

*Descant*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 D Bm A D G D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!  
 A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!  
 D Bm A D G D

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Words: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt., P.D.

Music (NICAEA 11.12.12.10): John B. Dykes, 1861; desc. David McK. Williams (1887-1978), P.D.

# BY THY MERCY



1. Je - sus, Lord of life and glo - ry, bend from heav'n thy  
 2. From the depth of na - ture's blind - ness, from the hard - 'ning  
 3. When the world a - round is smil - ing, in the time of  
 4. In the sol - emn hour of dy - ing, in the aw - ful



gra - cious ear; while our wait - ing souls a -  
 pow'r of sin; from all mal - ice and un -  
 wealth and ease, earth - ly joys our hearts be -  
 judg - ment day, may our souls, on thee re -



- dore thee, friend of help - less sin - ners, hear:  
 - kind - ness, from the pride that lurks with - in:  
 - guil - ing, in the day of health and peace,  
 - ly - ing, find thee still our Rock and Stay:



By thy mer - cy, O de - liv - er us, good Lord, \_\_\_\_\_



good Lord. By thy mer - cy, O de -



- liv - er us, good Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ good Lord.

# KYRIE ELEISON

## Part 1

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
Fine  
mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation for Part 1 consists of two staves in the key of D major. The first staff contains the melody for the first three phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy,' 'Lord, have mer - cy,' and 'Lord, have'. The second staff continues the melody with 'Fine', 'mer - cy up - on', and 'us.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## Part 2

Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,  
Goto top  
Christ, have mer - - cy.

The musical notation for Part 2 consists of two staves in the key of B minor. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Christ, have mer - cy,' and 'Christ, have mer - cy,'. The second staff continues with 'Goto top' and 'Christ, have mer - - cy.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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# BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of musical notation for 'Bless the Lord, My Soul' features a treble and bass staff in the key of B minor with a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' are written below the notes.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of B minor with a common time signature. The melody continues in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' are written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

# PSALM 32 (BLESSED ARE YOU)

## ANTIPHON



Bles - sed\_\_\_ are you\_\_\_ whose trans - gres - sion is\_\_\_ for - giv - en,



who the Lord has now\_ made clean.\_ Bles - sed\_\_\_ are you\_\_\_



in whom the Lord counts\_ no sin,\_\_\_



where there is no\_\_\_ de ceit.\_\_\_ Bless - ed\_\_\_ are you.\_\_\_