

GATHERING

"WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED" (ROBERT HOBBY)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 46:10

- › Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.

» **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 67

- › May the peoples praise you, God;
- » **May all the peoples praise you.**
- › May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
- » **For you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of all the earth.**
- › May the peoples praise you, God;
- » **May all the peoples praise you.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"OPEN UP THE HEAVENS" | MUSIC ON P. 4

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in your name,
Calling out to you.
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,
Will burn our hearts with truth.

*You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing.*

*Open up the heavens, we want to see you.
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river,
Flowing from your heart,
Filling every part of our praise.*

*Show us, show us your glory.
Show us, show us your power.
Show us, show us your glory, Lord.*

Your presence in this place, your glory on our face,
We're looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud, you're standing with us now.
Lord, unveil our eyes.

"I SEE THE LORD" | MUSIC ON P. 5

*I see the Lord seated on the throne, exalted.
And the train of his robe fills the temple with glory.
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled with his glory.*

*Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord of lords.*

PRAYING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
- » **You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**
- › Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
- » **Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

The Lord is steadfast, merciful, and slow to anger. He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

- › What can wash away our sins?
- » **Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**
- › We are brothers and sisters through his blood.
- » **We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**
- › In and through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

Please pray for our mission partner Kip Hart and the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at VCU as they seek to build a witnessing community of students and faculty who grow as followers of Jesus Christ, impacting the campus and the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spend some time praying aloud for the following topics, and for concerns in your life and community:

Pray for those who are lonely, isolated, and overwhelmed in this pandemic season. Pray that they would find comfort, community, and God's presence.

Pray for all school administrators, teachers, parents, tutors, and students. Pray that all would experience meaningful and fulfilling moments of learning in the midst of challenge.

Pray for this election season. Pray that people would treat one another with dignity and respect despite disagreements.



Request prayer and pray for those with health needs or for those in need of comfort: thirdrva.org/prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- › Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us, saying:
- » **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 for ever. Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.



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VIDEO UPDATE ON RENEW CAMPAIGN

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.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | REVELATION 4

¹ After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. ⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. ⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. ⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox,

the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come."

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹ "You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being."

MESSAGE | "THE THRONE OF GOD"

SENDING

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY" | MUSIC ON P. 6

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!

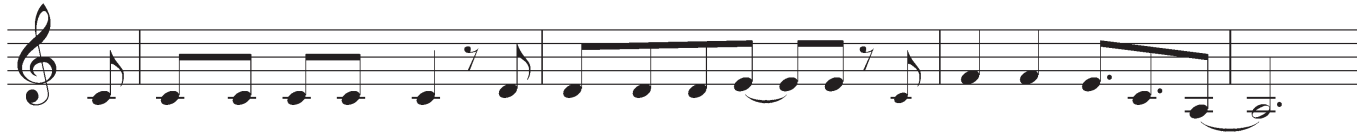
COMMISSION AND BLESSING | ROMANS 11:33-36

› Oh, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!
"Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?"
"Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?"

» **For from him and through him
and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever!
Amen.**

"A FESTAL FANFARE" (J. S. BACH)

OPEN UP THE HEAVENS



1. We've wait - ed for this day, we've gath - ered in your name, call - ing out to you.
2. Your pres - ence in this place, your glo - ry on our face, we're look - ing to the sky.



Your glo - ry like a fire, a - wak - en - ing de - sire, will burn our hearts with truth.
De - scend - ing like a cloud, you're stand - ing with us now. Lord, un - veil our eyes.



You're the rea - son we're here. — You're the rea - son we're sing - ing. —

Chorus



O - pen up the heav - ens. We want to see you. O - pen up the flood - gates,

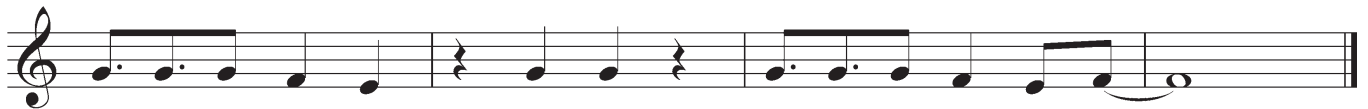


a might - y riv - er, flow - ing from your heart, fill - ing ev' - ry part of our praise.

Bridge



— Show us, show us your glo - ry, show us,



show us your pow - er. Show us, show us your glo - ry, Lord.

I SEE THE LORD

♩ = 80

D **A/C#** **Em** **D/F#** **G**
 I see the Lord___ seat - ed on___ the throne___ ex -

4 **Asus** **A** **D** **A/C#** **Em** **D/F#**
 alt - ed, and the train of His robe___ fills the tem - ple with

7 **G** **E7/G#** **D/A** **Em7/A**
 glo - ry; And the whole earth___ is filled,___ and the

11 **D/A** **Em7/A** **Bm7** **Gmaj7**
 whole earth___ is filled,___ and the whole earth___ is filled___ with His

15 **Em/G** **D** **D** **Em/D** **D**
 glo - ry. Ho - ly,___ ho - ly,___ ho - ly,___

20 **Em7/D** **Bm7** **D/F#** **G** **Asus** **A** **Asus** **A** **D**
 ho - ly,___ ho - ly is the Lord.____ Lord___ of lords.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #538

Descant

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

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.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Bm D G D7 G A7 D

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line in G major, starting with a whole note G4 and moving through a series of quarter notes (A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4) before ending with a half note G4. The middle staff is the piano accompaniment, featuring chords and melodic lines. The bottom staff is the bass line, providing harmonic support with chords and a melodic line. The lyrics are placed between the staves, with guitar chords indicated below the first line.