

O FOR A 1,000 TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing,
My great Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood avails for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Look unto Him, ye nations, own
Your God, ye fallen race;
Look, and be saved through faith alone.
Be justified by grace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid:
The Lamb of God was slain;
His soul was once an offering made,
For every soul in pain.

The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease;
Sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." **What did God do to help us?** God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning. **They received God's covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.** Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.
—based on Psalm 124:8—

ARISE MY SOUL ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears.
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), Arise (arise),
Arise, Arise my soul, Arise! (x2)
Shake off your guilty fear and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
REPEAT CHORUS

ARISE MY SOUL ARISE cont.

Five bleeding wounds he bears received on Calvary
they pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me
Forgive him, O forgive they cry
Forgive him, O forgive they cry
Don't let that ransomed sinner die!
REPEAT CHORUS

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father" cry.
REPEAT CHORUS

COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;
By the broken, law convicted,
Through the cross, behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy, yoke and wear it;
Love will make your, obedience sweet;
Christ will give you, strength to bear it,
While His grace, shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the, eyes that see Him,
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him,
And in Him, alone rejoice;
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,
Light to newly, opened eyes,
Like full springs in, deserts dreary,
Is the rest, the cross supplies;
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 14

Q35. What does it mean that he "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary"?

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 14 cont.

A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David's true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

Q36. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

A. He is our mediator and, in God's sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

—based on Daniel 9:4–19—

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

—from 1 John 1:5, 7, NRSV—

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

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 heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

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,

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE cont.

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.

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.

SERMON**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

COMMUNION**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

REPEAT CHORUS

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

REPEAT CHORUS