

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD & KING

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,
come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him, alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He shall return in power to reign,
heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him, alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.
Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his
dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
—Psalm 103:1–2, 20–22, NIV—

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed Be Your Name, in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name, blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME cont.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name
REPEAT CHORUS

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name
REPEAT

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Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name

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REPEAT

THY MERCY MY GOD

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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Q69. How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

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Q70. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

Q71. Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism, where he says: "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." "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned."

This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism "the water of rebirth" and the washing away of sins.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the Lord your Redeemer.

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."

"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.

Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

—Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22, NIV—

BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King—nothing can compare,
Come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

BEHOLD OUR GOD cont.**REPEAT CHORUS**

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign
REPEAT CHORUS

You will reign forever
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REPEAT CHORUS

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**A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus! It is he!
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.