

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majest Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great, how great is our God

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands Beginning and the End, beginning and the End The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great, how great is our God REPEAT CHORUS

> Name above all names, worthy of all praise My heart will sing, How great is our God (x2)

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

—Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6, NRSV—

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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! 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 pow'r, in love, and purity.

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! 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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NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

> For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. REPEAT CHORUS

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
REPEAT CHORUS

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. REPEAT CHORUS

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 33

Q88. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

Q89. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

Q90. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

Q91. What are good works?

A. Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's law, and are done for God's glory; and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

—Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18, NRSV—

THE MERCIES OF CHRIST

God of all comfort be near us we pray
When sorrow is rising and hope falls away
We lift up our voices, and boldly we cry:
Come bind up our hearts, Lord, with the mercies of Christ

God of compassion we bring you our tears Give ear to our groaning and quiet our fears Draw near in our darkness and show us your light And banish the shadow with the mercies of Christ

God of the nail-wounds, our griefs you have known You entered our weakness, the cross was your throne You stepped down from heaven to lift us on high How tender, how mighty are the mercies of Christ

God of all glory, whom angels still praise
Your goodness will follow us all of our days
We look for the morning when dawn lights the sky
And death is defeated by the mercies of Christ

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

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

AMAZING GRACE cont.

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.