



NORTH SHORE *Fellowship*

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SONG OF PREPARATION

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 to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, 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;
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God!

All: Let us, therefore, hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted as we are in every way, yet without sin.

Leader: Let us then draw near to the throne of grace in and with
Christ-Our-Confidence!

All: Let us draw near that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

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! 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 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! 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!

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father!
Praise the Son!
Praise the Spirit three in one!
God of Glory, majesty,
praise forever to the King of kings!

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died.

And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath,
till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe.
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his name, in his freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
as it is now, and evermore shall be,
world without end. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

All: No creature is hidden from his sight. We are all fully visible, utterly exposed to the eyes of the One to whom we must give account.

Silent confession of sin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the blood of Jesus, we have confidence to enter the holy places!

All: Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us keep drawing near with a true heart and full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

God's Highway

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear,
I cannot see the way from here.
But on we go, he knows the way,
and in his arms, he keeps me safe.

Fear not, keep on, watch and pray.
Walk in the light of God's highway.

The shadows flee, the valley's deep,
but evil cannot conquer me.
Your rod and staff, they protect me.
You give me rest, you give me peace.

I see the shore from troubled seas,
this tiny ship that carries me.
It is not yet, but it will be.
So heaven come, it's you we need.

I'm holding onto you, Lord.
You're holding onto me.

PRAYER

¹ Yahweh says to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

² Yahweh sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!

³ Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

⁴ Yahweh has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵ Yahweh is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶ He will execute judgment among the nations,
filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs
over the wide earth.

⁷ He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, “**You are my Son, today I have begotten you**”? Or again, “**I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son**”?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “**Let all God’s angels worship him.**”

⁷ Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”

⁸ But of the Son he says, “**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.** ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” ¹⁰ And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” ¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said, “**Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet**”?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

² Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
it goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
the guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win;
his erring child he reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;
to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

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