

Isaiah 6.3

And one seraph called to another and said:
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for joy,
giving God the glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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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 were, and are, and ever more shall 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 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!

Reginald Heber.

Invitation to Confession

‘How often have I longed to gather your children,
 as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,’ says the Lord,
 ‘but you would not come to me.’
 Let us as wayward children return to God
 and confess our sins.

Confession

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
 Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive *us*
 by the death of his Son
 and strengthen *us*
 to live in the power of the Spirit
 all *our* days.

Amen.

Song: This I Believe (The Creed)

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Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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Collect Prayer

Holy God,

faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,

that we may truly worship you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Psalm 8

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised

out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your foes,

that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What is man, that you should be mindful of him;

the son of man, that you should seek him out?

You have made him little lower than the angels

and crown him with glory and honour.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands

and put all things under his feet,

All sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea

and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

Bible readings: Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end Matthew 28.16–end

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty.

Alleluia.

Talk

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FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME,

Helpless babe,
Entered our world,
Your glory veiled;
Not to be served
But to serve,
And give Your life
That we might live.

*This is our God,
The Servant King,
He calls us now
To follow Him,
To bring our lives
As a daily offering
Of worship to
The Servant King.*

There in the garden
Of tears,

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My heavy load
He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow
Was torn,
'Yet not My will
But Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands
And His feet,
The scars that speak
Of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars
Into space
To cruel nails
Surrendered.

So let us learn
How to serve,
And in our lives
Enthroned Him;
Each other's needs
To prefer,
For it is Christ
We're serving.

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Prayers

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

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**Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and for ever.
 Amen.**

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I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,

I have heard My people cry;
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 My hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 I will speak My word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,

If You lead me;

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain;
 I have wept for love of them –
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Give them hearts for love alone;
 I will speak My word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame,
 I will set a feast for them –
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 Till their hearts are satisfied;
 I will give My life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

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God the Father,
 who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son,
 bless you.

Amen.

God the Son,
 who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
 bless you.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
 who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts,
 bless you.

Amen.

The blessing of the one true God,
 to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity,
 come down upon us and remain with you always.

Amen.

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