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Prelude

O Worship the King; Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

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Welcome & Announcements

Silent Meditation

In my view it is important that we do not read Psalm 145 simply as an exhortation to praise God or even an exhortation supported by wonderful grounds. For the exhortations of Scripture are always rooted in the grace of God and ultimately in Christ. The New Testament indicates that Jesus Christ is our song leader and that all our praise is offered only in and through him (e.g., Heb. 13:15). In Christ we may respond, by his Spirit, with a relaxed gladness, knowing that this praise does not finally rest on our initiative. Without this Christological orientation, the exhortation to give a praise that is unreserved, unbroken, and unending will be a burden none of us can bear. ~ Christopher Ash

Psalm 145 is a defiant song of praise in a world ridden by self-seeking and self-sufficiency.

~ Michael Wilcock

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-2

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

*** Great is the Lord**

congregation

Deborah D and Michael W. Smith

Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up Your voice
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord

** How Great is Our God*

Verses

Chris Tomlin

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Chris Tomlin



The power of your love

1. The splen - dor of a King, 7
2. 7 Age to age He stands, and

clothed in maj - es - ty: let all the earth re -
time is in His hands, Be - gin - ning and the

joyce, all the earth re - joyce. He wraps Him - self in Light,
End, Be- gin - ning and the End. The God - head, Three in One:

and dark - ness tries to hide, and trem - bles at His
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: the Li - on and the

Chorus

voice, trem - bles at His voice. How great is our
Lamb, Li - on and the Lamb.

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

Bridge

great, how great is our God. Name a - bove all names,
Wor - thy of all praise, My
heart will sing, How great is our God!

*Men repeat the Bridge
Women sing Chorus*

*Invocation

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Psalm 1:1

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers ...

Prayer of Confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hebrews 2:10–12

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

****All Creatures of Our God & King*** Trinity Hymnal 115

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

*Scripture reading

Psalm 145

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
- ¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

[The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰ The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

***Prayer**

Sermon All Praise
Allness

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Singularity

Singer

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

**O for a Thousand*

text, Charles Wesley
music, James Ward



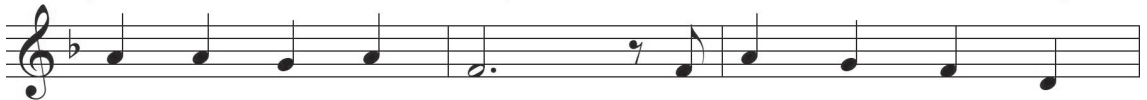
1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2. The name of Je - sus charms our fears, it
3. He speaks and list - ning to his voice, new



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my God and
bids our sor - rows cease, it's mu - sic in the sin - ner's
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re -



King, the tri - umphs of his grace. My gra - cious
ears; it's life and health and peace. He breaks the
joyce, the hum - ble poor be - lieve. Hear him you



Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro -
pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner
deaf! you voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em -



claim, to spread through all the earth a - broad the
free; his blood can make the foul - est clean, his
ply; you blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come, and



hon - ors of thy name.
blood a - vailed for me. O for a thou-sand! O for a thou-sand!
leap, you lame, for joy!



Living out our faith

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

*** *New 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, Amen

*** Benediction**

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

*** *And All the People Said Amen!***

And all the people said "Amen!"
Oh, and all the people said "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.
And all the people said "Amen!"

*** Postlude**

Worship musicians

Tricia Baugus and Janelle Stutzman, piano
Claire Wiest and Vivian Stutzman, song leaders
John Bratt, drums, and Mark Lundell, bass