

OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING - (G) 501; vv. 1-4 & 7

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Tune: Carl G. Glaser, 1828; adapt. And arr. Lowell Mason, 1839. Church CCLI License #133103

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

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 thru 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.

Refrain: A mighty fortress. A mighty fortress is our God.
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That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thru 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. **Refrain**

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CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ? **Chorus**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus 2x

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

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COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He, the perfect Son of Man
in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ, the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to Glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord. He is alive.
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ, in power, resurrected, as will we be when He comes.
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord. He is alive.

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GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN - (B) 201; all 4

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured –
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater - yes, grace untold
points to the refuge, the mighty cross. **Refrain**

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide.
Whiter than snow you may be today. **Refrain**

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
will you this moment His grace receive? **Refrain**

Text: Julia H. Johnston Music: Daniel B. Towner. Church CCLI License #133103

WORTHY IS CHRIST - (G) 629; both

Worthy is Christ, worthy is Christ;
to Him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

He gave His life, He died for me;
to Him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

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Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service

Sunday, October 29th, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song of Praise

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (G) 501; vv. 1-4 & 7

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise and Adoration

“A Mighty Fortress”

Statement of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Song of Response

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

(Children may come forward for Little Lambs and Children in Worship)

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Calvin Seminary

*Song of Preparation

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Romans 5:12-21 (p. 1120)

Confession: Canons of Dort, Main Points 3 & 4: Articles 1-3 (G) 937

Sermon: **“How Sinful Are We?”**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin” (B) 201; all 4

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Closing Song

“Worthy Is Christ” (G) 629; both

*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Brent Pennings

Organ: Margaret Van Vliet **Piano:** Laura Koolhaas

***Please stand if able** (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks
(B) blue hymnal under pews