

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP AT 11**

### **Sunday April 29, 2018**

**These notes are posted to help you take a few minutes to prepare for worship through reading the scripture and thinking about the songs!**

**SCRIPTURE:** Read Luke 11:11-13. Good fathers, even though they make mistakes, treat their children well. How much better our perfect heavenly Father treats his children! A most important gift he ever gives us is the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4), which he promised to give to all believers after his death, resurrection, and return to heaven.

### **SONGS:**

#### **Blessed Be Your Name**

Psalm 113:2-4 *Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.* Stanzas one and two bless God's name in times of abundance and in times of wilderness. Similarly, stanzas three and four echo this balance of blessing God in good times and bad. In all seasons of life, the hymn calls us to bless the name of God. Though unproblematic when life is going well, it is certainly a tall order to bless God for many who have experienced intense grief or the loss of a loved one. The bridge reinforces this call to bless God in all circumstances: *You give and take away; My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."*

#### **How Great is Our God**

Here is a mini-Bible study for this song. Choose a line or two which speaks to you and look up the related scriptures.

**The splendor of a king** (*Psalm 96:9, Psalm 104:1, Isaiah 33:17, Isaiah 33:22*)

**Clothed in majesty** (*Job 37:22, Psalm 93:1, Psalm 104:1*)

**Let all the earth rejoice** (*1 Chronicles 16:31, Psalm 96:11, 13, Psalm 97:1*)

**He wraps Himself in light,** (*Psalm 104:2, Isaiah 60:19, 1 Timothy 6:16, 1 John 1:5, Revelation 21:23, Revelation 22:5*)

**And darkness tries to hide** (*Psalm 139:12, Isaiah 9:2, Matthew 4:16, Luke 1:79, Luke 2:32, John 1:4-5, Ephesians 5:8, 1 Peter 2:9*)

**And trembles at His voice** (*Psalm 46:6, Jeremiah 10:10, Nahum 1:5*)

**How great, how great is our God** (*Exodus 18:11, 2 Chronicles 2:5, Psalm 48:1, Psalm 86:10, Psalm 95:3, Psalm 96:4, Psalm 104:1, Psalm 135:5, Psalm 145:3, Psalm 147:5, Psalm 150:2, Job 36:26*)

**Age to age He stands** (*Psalm 90:2, Psalm 102:27, Job 36:26, Isaiah 40:28, Isaiah 43:13, Habakkuk 1:12, Hebrews 13:8*)

**And time is in His hands** (*Genesis 1:1, Psalm 102: 25, Isaiah 41:4*)

**Beginning and the end** (*Genesis 1:1, Exodus 3:14, Isaiah 44:6, Hebrews 13:8, Revelation 1:8, Revelation 1:17, Revelation 21:6, Revelation 22:13*)

**The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit and Son** (*Matthew 28:19, Galatians 4:6, Romans 8:15, Romans 14:17-18, Romans 15:16, 1 Corinthians 2:2-5, 1 Corinthians 6:11, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Ephesians 2:18-22, Ephesians 3:14-19, Colossians 1:6-8, 1 Thessalonians 1:3-5, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14, 1 Peter 1:1-2, Titus 3:4-6*)

**Lion and the Lamb** (*Genesis 49:9, Hosea 5:14, John 1:29, John 1:36, 1 Peter 1:19, Revelation 5:5-6, Revelation 7:10, Revelation 7:17, Revelation 15:3, Revelation 21:22, Revelation 22:3*)

**Name above all names** (*Acts 4:12, Ephesians 1:21, Philippians 2:9-11*)

**Worthy of all praise** (*1 Chronicles 16:25, Psalm 18:3, Revelation 4:11, Revelation 5:12*)

**My heart will sing how great is our God** (*Psalm 30:12*)

### **What a Wonderful Maker**

Here's the lyrics: You spread out the skies over empty space, Said "let there be light" into a dark and formless world your light was born. You spread out your arms over empty hearts said "let there be light" into a dark and hopeless world your Son was born. You made the world and saw that it was good. You sent your only son for you are good. What a wonderful Maker, what a wonderful Savior, how majestic your whispers and how humble your love. With a strength like no other, and the heart of a Father how majestic your whispers, what a wonderful God.

Here's a prayer based on Isaiah 54: 6-8. *When our sins hide your face from us, all hope and light and joy is gone. How, Lord, can we live without your manifest presence? When you abandon us to our own ways, waiting for our repentance, may we remember your mercy and rush to you with open confession and real contrition. There, if our hearts are true, we will receive unfailing compassion, grace and restoration. Lord, you are our wonderful maker and our wonderful Savior!*

### **Oceans**

A portion of the song text: *So I will call upon your name, and keep my eyes above the waves, when oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace, for I am yours and you are mine...Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander...*

Read John 16: 13 *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*

Read (from the Nicene creed) *We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father, and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.*

Pray this prayer: *Holy Spirit, you are worthy to be worshiped along with the Father and the Son. Spirit of truth, you speak throughout the Scripture and help us to grasp its truth. You teach us everything we need to know. You bear witness to the Son, whom you glorify in all your works. You are the Counselor whom the Father has sent in the name of Jesus to dwell in us. You breathe upon us the very life of God. O Spirit of truth, teach me! Help me to know and to glorify the Son! Breathe on me, breath of God!*

**SEE YOU IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!  
BRING A FRIEND!**