

A Guide to Family Worship

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God has given men the responsibility to provide spiritual leadership for their household. Husbands are called to follow Christ's example and facilitate their wives' sanctification by the Word (Eph. 5:26). Fathers (and in their absence, mothers) are called to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4; cf. Deut. 6:4ff). I think we know these truths. However, in my experience, few families spend the *intentional* time needed to obey these commands. In our busy world, it's increasingly difficult! I know it has been for our family. I've found that family worship is something that just doesn't happen without a good plan. We need to set aside dedicated time in our homes to grow in grace. This time can look as different as the families are that do it, but I think Donald Whitney's suggestions are doable and adaptable for most families. He says that at a minimum family worship should include instruction in the Word, prayer, and, ideally, singing. We've created this guide to help equip you in leading your family in worship in these three areas.

Word. Our children need to have regular exposure to the Bible and the teaching of the Bible. Simply put, read the Bible in your family and explain what you read. In 1999, Pastor Tom Macy introduced our church to Robert Murray M'Cheyne's Bible reading plan and the accompanying books written by D.A. Carson, *For the Love of God, Volumes 1 and 2*, which comment on one of the passages each day. (You can access these books in blog form here: thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/loveofgod.) Ever since, I have used this plan to guide my Bible reading and have loved the consistency and structure it provides to help me read "all of the Bible, all of the time." In this plan, there are four readings per day. If you read all four passages, you will read the whole Bible once in a year and the New Testament and Psalms twice. However, if that pace is too fast for you or your family you can read two readings per day and complete the plan in two years. Whatever your pace, I'm confident you'll grow in your love and understanding of God's Word as you read it often and read it in its entirety.

Don't worry if you get behind. It's not as much about the plan as it is about being in the Word. If I miss a few days, I'll just pick up where I'm supposed to be. I'm committed to this plan over the long haul. So over the course of time I'll get to any chapters I miss! Or you can disregard the dates and just read the reading for the next day keeping track of where you are in the list.

I also highly recommend using catechisms in the home for teaching children (and adults!) the central teachings of the Bible. I've found the New City Catechism (NCC) to be good for all ages. Catechism is simply a question and answer format of teaching and usually includes memorization of the catechism. With NCC, the children's answer is a portion of the adult answer and that's noted in bold. You can also download the NCC app or go

to their website (newcitycatechism.com) to find accompanying verses, videos, commentary, and prayers, in addition to more information about the catechism itself. This has been a great tool for our family. After we read a chapter from M'Cheyne's plan, we take five minutes at breakfast most mornings to learn or review one of the questions.

Prayer. In response to God's revelation in his Word, we should pray. In addition to praying for the immediate needs of our family, I like to pray the truths of the passage our family has read, or the truths in the catechism question, over my family. I also like to use the prayers of some of the great men in church history provided on the NCC app or in the *Valley of Vision*. Not only do our prayers teach our children how to pray, the prayers of the saints of old can teach them as well. And obviously it is important for our kids to learn the Lord's Prayer and its meaning (the NCC teaches this). We should also allow our children to pray. This gives them practice and allows us an opportunity to guide their prayers.

Singing. We're commanded to sing to one another (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). And songs are powerful portable theology! So, ideally, your family worship will include some singing. Our family uses songs we sing regularly here at First Free. We generally sing in the evenings a couple nights a week before bedtime. We've included song sheets of a number of our favorite hymns as well as a list of contemporary songs that we regularly sing that you can look up online (Google and YouTube are great resources here). If you don't play an instrument, you can sing the songs a capella or sing along with a recording online. Talk about the meaning of the words you sing. We can learn so much through the songs we know. So let's be intentional in what we learn through music.

Family worship/discipleship is not difficult, but it is difficult to carve out time for it, especially in our hectic days. But it's God's way of helping our families to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's worth the effort. It's our hope that this book will help you as you endeavor to intentionally raise your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Pastor Josh

The M'Cheyne Bible Reading Plan

(Modified by D.A. Carson in *For the Love of God, Vol. 1 & 2*)

January

1 Gn 1; Mt 1; Ezra 1; Act 1
2 Gn 2; Mt 2; Ezra 2; Act 2
3 Gn 3; Mt 3; Ezra 3; Act 3
4 Gn 4; Mt 4; Ezra 4; Act 4
5 Gn 5; Mt 5; Ezra 5; Act 5
6 Gn 6; Mt 6; Ezra 6; Act 6
7 Gn 7; Mt 7; Ezra 7; Act 7
8 Gn 8; Mt 8; Ezra 8; Act 8
9 Gn 9-10; Mt 9; Ezra 9; Act 9
10 Gn 11; Mt 10; Ezra 10; Act 10
11 Gn 12; Mt 11; Neh 1; Act 11
12 Gn 13; Mt 12; Neh 2; Act 12
13 Gn 14; Mt 13; Neh 3; Act 13
14 Gn 15; Mt 14; Neh 4; Act 14
15 Gn 16; Mt 15; Neh 5; Act 15
16 Gn 17; Mt 16; Neh 6; Act 16
17 Gn 18; Mt 17; Neh 7; Act 17
18 Gn 19; Mt 18; Neh 8; Act 18
19 Gn 20; Mt 19; Neh 9; Act 19
20 Gn 21; Mt 20; Neh 10; Act 20
21 Gn 22; Mt 21; Neh 11; Act 21
22 Gn 23; Mt 22; Neh 12; Act 22
23 Gn 24; Mt 23; Neh 13; Act 23
24 Gn 25; Mt 24; Esth 1; Act 24
25 Gn 26; Mt 25; Esth 2; Act 25
26 Gn 27; Mt 26; Esth 3; Act 26
27 Gn 28; Mt 27; Esth 4; Act 27
28 Gn 29; Mt 28; Esth 5; Act 28
29 Gn 30; Mk 1; Esth 6; Ro 1
30 Gn 31; Mk 2; Esth 7; Ro 2
31 Gn 32; Mk 3; Esth 8; Ro 3

February

1 Gn 33; Mk 4; Esth 9-10; Ro 4
2 Gn 34; Mk 5; Job 1; Ro 5
3 Gn 35-36; Mk 6; Job 2; Ro 6
4 Gn 37; Mk 7; Job 3; Ro 7
5 Gn 38; Mk 8; Job 4; Ro 8
6 Gn 39; Mk 9; Job 5; Ro 9
7 Gn 40; Mk 10; Job 6; Ro 10
8 Gn 41; Mk 11; Job 7; Ro 11
9 Gn 42; Mk 12; Job 8; Ro 12
10 Gn 43; Mk 13; Job 9; Ro 13
11 Gn 44; Mk 14; Job 10; Ro 14
12 Gn 45; Mk 15; Job 11; Ro 15

13 Gn 46; Mk 16; Job 12; Ro 16
14 Gn 47; Lk 1:1-38; Job 13; 1Co 1
15 Gn 48; Lk 1:39-80; Job 14; 1Co 2
16 Gn 49; Lk 2; Job 15; 1Co 3
17 Gn 50; Lk 3; Job 16-17; 1Co 4
18 Ex 1; Lk 4; Job 18; 1Co 5
19 Ex 2; Lk 5; Job 19; 1Co 6
20 Ex 3; Lk 6; Job 20; 1Co 7
21 Ex 4; Lk 7; Job 21; 1Co 8
22 Ex 5; Lk 8; Job 22; 1Co 9
23 Ex 6; Lk 9; Job 23; 1Co 10
24 Ex 7; Lk 10; Job 24; 1Co 11
25 Ex 8; Lk 11; Job 25-26; 1Co 12
26 Ex 9; Lk 12; Job 27; 1Co 13
27 Ex 10; Lk 13; Job 28; 1Co 14
28 Ex 11:1-12:20; Lk 14; Job 29; 1Co 15

March

1 Ex 12:21-51; Lk 15; Job 30; 1Co 16
2 Ex 13; Lk 16; Job 31; 2Co 1
3 Ex 14; Lk 17; Job 32; 2Co 2
4 Ex 15; Lk 18; Job 33; 2Co 3
5 Ex 16; Lk 19; Job 34; 2Co 4
6 Ex 17; Lk 20; Job 35; 2Co 5
7 Ex 18; Lk 21; Job 36; 2Co 6
8 Ex 19; Lk 22; Job 37; 2Co 7
9 Ex 20; Lk 23; Job 38; 2Co 8
10 Ex 21; Lk 24; Job 39; 2Co 9
11 Ex 22; Jn 1; Job 40; 2Co 10
12 Ex 23; Jn 2; Job 41; 2Co 11
13 Ex 24; Jn 3; Job 42; 2Co 12
14 Ex 25; Jn 4; Pr 1; 2Co 13
15 Ex 26; Jn 5; Pr 2; Gal 1
16 Ex 27; Jn 6; Pr 3; Gal 2
17 Ex 28; Jn 7; Pr 4; Gal 3
18 Ex 29; Jn 8; Pr 5; Gal 4
19 Ex 30; Jn 9; Pr 6; Gal 5
20 Ex 31; Jn 10; Pr 7; Gal 6
21 Ex 32; Jn 11; Pr 8; Eph 1
22 Ex 33; Jn 12; Pr 9; Eph 2
23 Ex 34; Jn 13; Pr 10; Eph 3
24 Ex 35; Jn 14; Pr 11; Eph 4
25 Ex 36; Jn 15; Pr 12; Eph 5
26 Ex 37; Jn 16; Pr 13; Eph 6
27 Ex 38; Jn 17; Pr 14; Phil 1
28 Ex 39; Jn 18; Pr 15; Phil

29 Ex 40; Jn 19; Pr 16; Phil 3
30 Lv 1; Jn 20; Pr 17; Phil 4
31 Lv 2-3; Jn 21; Pr 18; Col 1

April

1 Lv 4; Ps 1-2; Pr 19; Col 2
2 Lv 5; Ps 3-4; Pr 20; Col 3
3 Lv 6; Ps 5-6; Pr 21; Col 4
4 Lv 7; Ps 7-8; Pr 22; 1Th 1
5 Lv 8; Ps 9; Pr 23; 1Th 2
6 Lv 9; Ps 10; Pr 24; 1Th 3
7 Lv 10; Ps 11-12; Pr 25; 1Th 4
8 Lv 11-12; Ps 13-14; Pr 26; 1Th 5
9 Lv 13; Ps 15-16; Pr 27; 2Th 1
10 Lv 14; Ps 17; Pr 28; 2Th 2
11 Lv 15; Ps 18; Pr 29; 2Th 3
12 Lv 16; Ps 19; Pr 30; 1Ti 1
13 Lv 17; Ps 20-21; Pr 31; 1Ti 2
14 Lv 18; Ps 22; Eccl 1; 1Ti 3
15 Lv 19; Ps 23-24; Eccl 2; 1Ti 4
16 Lv 20; Ps 25; Eccl 3; 1Ti 5
17 Lv 21; Ps 26-27; Eccl 4; 1Ti 6
18 Lv 22; Ps 28-29; Eccl 5; 2Ti 1
19 Lv 23; Ps 30; Eccl 6; 2Ti 2
20 Lv 24; Ps 31; Eccl 7; 2Ti 3
21 Lv 25; Ps 32; Eccl 8; 2Ti 4
22 Lv 26; Ps 33; Eccl 9; Tit 1
23 Lv 27; Ps 34; Eccl 10; Tit 2
24 Nu 1; Ps 35; Eccl 11; Tit 3
25 Nu 2; Ps 36; Eccl 12; Philemon
26 Nu 3; Ps 37; Song 1; He 1
27 Nu 4; Ps 38; Song 2; He 2
28 Nu 5; Ps 39; Song 3; He 3
29 Nu 6; Ps 40-41; Song 4; He 4
30 Nu 7; Ps 42-43; Song 5; He 5

May

1 Nu 8; Ps 44; Song 6; He 6
2 Nu 9; Ps 45; Song 7; He 7
3 Nu 10; Ps 46-47; Song 8; He 8
4 Nu 11; Ps 48; Is 1; He 9
5 Nu 12-13; Ps 49; Is 2; He 10
6 Nu 14; Ps 50; Is 3-4; He 11
7 Nu 15; Ps 51; Is 5; He 12
8 Nu 16; Ps 52-54; Is 6; He 13
9 Nu 17-18; Ps 55; Is 7; Jas 1
10 Nu 19; Ps 56-57; Is 8:1-9:7; Jas 2
11 Nu 20; Ps 58-59; Is 9:8-10:4; Jas 3
12 Nu 21; Ps 60-61; Is 10:5-34; Jas 4
13 Nu 22; Ps 62-63; Is 11-12; Jas 5

14 Nu 23; Ps 64-65; Is 13; 1Pe 1
15 Nu 24; Ps 66-67; Is 14; 1Pe 2
16 Nu 25; Ps 68; Is 15; 1Pe 3
17 Nu 26; Ps 69; Is 16; 1Pe 4
18 Nu 27; Ps 70-71; Is 17-18; 1Pe
19 Nu 28; Ps 72; Is 19-20; 2Pe 1
20 Nu 29; Ps 73; Is 21; 2Pe 2
21 Nu 30; Ps 74; Is 22; 2Pe 3
22 Nu 31; Ps 75-76; Is 23; 1 Jn 1
23 Nu 32; Ps 77; Is 24; 1 Jn 2
24 Nu 33; Ps 78:1-39; Is 25; 1 Jn 3
25 Nu 34; Ps 78:40-72; Is 26; 1 Jn
26 Nu 35; Ps 79; Is 27; 1 Jn 5
27 Nu 36; Ps 80; Is 28; 2 Jn 1
28 Dt 1; Ps 81-82; Is 29; 3 Jn 1
29 Dt 2; Ps 83-84; Is 30; Jude
30 Dt 3; Ps 85; Is 31; Rev 1
31 Dt 4; Ps 86-87; Is 32; Rev 2

June

1 Dt 5; Ps 88; Is 33; Rev 3
2 Dt 6; Ps 89; Is 34; Rev 4
3 Dt 7; Ps 90; Is 35; Rev 5
4 Dt 8; Ps 91; Is 36; Rev 6
5 Dt 9; Ps 92-93; Is 37; Rev 7
6 Dt 10; Ps 94; Is 38; Rev 8
7 Dt 11; Ps 95-96; Is 39; Rev 9
8 Dt 12; Ps 97-98; Is 40; Rev 10
9 Dt 13-14; Ps 99-101; Is 41; Rev 11
10 Dt 15; Ps 102; Is 42; Rev 12
11 Dt 16; Ps 103; Is 43; Rev 13
12 Dt 17; Ps 104; Is 44; Rev 14
13 Dt 18; Ps 105; Is 45; Rev 15
14 Dt 19; Ps 106; Is 46; Rev 16
15 Dt 20; Ps 107; Is 47; Rev 17
16 Dt 21; Ps 108-109; Is 48; Rev 18
17 Dt 22; Ps 110-111; Is 49; Rev 19
18 Dt 23; Ps 112-113; Is 50; Rev 20
19 Dt 24; Ps 114-115; Is 51; Rev 21
20 Dt 25; Ps 116; Is 52; Rev 22
21 Dt 26; Ps 117-118; Is 53; Mt 1
22 Dt 27:1-28:19; Ps 119:1-24; Is 54; Mt 2
23 Dt 28:20-68; Ps 119:25-48; Is 55; Mt 3
24 Dt 29; Ps 119:49-72; Is 56; Mt 4
25 Dt 30; Ps 119:73-96; Is 57; Mt 5
26 Dt 31; Ps 119:97-120; Is 58; Mt 6
27 Dt 32; Ps 119:121-144; Is 59; Mt 7
28 Dt 33-34; Ps 119:145-176; Is 60; Mt 8
29 Jsh 1; Ps 120-122; Is 61; Mt 9
30 Jsh 2; Ps 123-125; Is 62; Mt 10

July

*1*Jsh 3; Ps 126-128; Is 63; Mt 11
*2*Jsh 4; Ps 129-131; Is 64; Mt 12
*3*Jsh 5; Ps 132-134; Is 65; Mt 13
*4*Jsh 6; Ps 135-136; Is 66; Mt 14
*5*Jsh 7; Ps 137-138; Jer 1; Mt 15
*6*Jsh 8; Ps 139; Jer 2; Mt 16
*7*Jsh 9; Ps 140-141; Jer 3; Mt 17
*8*Jsh 10; Ps 142-143; Jer 4; Mt 18
*9*Jsh 11; Ps 144; Jer 5; Mt 19
*10*Jsh 12-13; Ps 145; Jer 6; Mt 20
*11*Jsh 14-15; Ps 146-147; Jer 7; Mt 21
*12*Jsh 16-17; Ps 148; Jer 8; Mt 22
*13*Jsh 18-19; Ps 149-150; Jer 9; Mt 23
*14*Jsh 20-21; Act 1; Jer 10; Mt 24
*15*Jsh 22; Act 2; Jer 11; Mt 25
*16*Jsh 23; Act 3; Jer 12; Mt 26
*17*Jsh 24; Act 4; Jer 13; Mt 27
*18*Jdg 1; Act 5; Jer 14; Mt 28
*19*Jdg 2; Act 6; Jer 15; Mk 1
*20*Jdg 3; Act 7; Jer 16; Mk 2
*21*Jdg 4; Act 8; Jer 17; Mk 3
*22*Jdg 5; Act 9; Jer 18; Mk 4
*23*Jdg 6; Act 10; Jer 19; Mk 5
*24*Jdg 7; Act 11; Jer 20; Mk 6
*25*Jdg 8; Act 12; Jer 21; Mk 7
*26*Jdg 9; Act 13; Jer 22; Mk 8
*27*Jdg 10; Act 14; Jer 23; Mk 9
*28*Jdg 11; Act 15; Jer 24; Mk 10
*29*Jdg 12; Act 16; Jer 25; Mk 11
*30*Jdg 13; Act 17; Jer 26; Mk 12
*31*Jdg 14; Act 18; Jer 27; Mk 13

August

*1*Jdg 15; Act 19; Jer 28; Mk 14
*2*Jdg 16; Act 20; Jer 29; Mk 15
*3*Jdg 17; Act 21; Jer 30-31; Mk 16
*4*Jdg 18; Act 22; Jer 32; Ps 1-2
*5*Jdg 19; Act 23; Jer 33; Ps 3-4
*6*Jdg 20; Act 24; Jer 34; Ps 5-6
*7*Jdg 21; Act 25; Jer 35; Ps 7-8
*8*Ruth 1; Act 26; Jer 36,45; Ps 9
*9*Ruth 2; Act 27; Jer 37; Ps 10
*10*Ruth 3-4; Act 28; Jer 38; Ps 11-12
*11*1Sa 1; Ro 1; Jer 39; Ps 13-14
*12*1Sa 2; Ro 2; Jer 40; Ps 15-16
*13*1Sa 3; Ro 3; Jer 41; Ps 17
*14*1Sa 4; Ro 4; Jer 42; Ps 18
*15*1Sa 5-6; Ro 5; Jer 43; Ps 19
*16*1Sa 7-8; Ro 6; Jer 44; Ps 20-21

*17*1Sa 9; Ro 7; Jer 46; Ps 22
*18*1Sa 10; Ro 8; Jer 47; Ps 23-24
*19*1Sa 11; Ro 9; Jer 48; Ps 25
*20*1Sa 12; Ro 10; Jer 49; Ps 26-27
*21*1Sa 13; Ro 11; Jer 50; Ps 28-29
*22*1Sa 14; Ro 12; Jer 51; Ps 30
*23*1Sa 15; Ro 13; Jer 52; Ps 31
*24*1Sa 16; Ro 14; La 1; Ps 32
*25*1Sa 17; Ro 15; La 2; Ps 33
*26*1Sa 18; Ro 16; La 3; Ps 34
*27*1Sa 19; 1Co 1; La 4; Ps 35
*28*1Sa 20; 1Co 2; La 5; Ps 36
*29*1Sa 21-22; 1Co 3; Eze 1; Ps 37
*30*1Sa 23; 1Co 4; Eze 2; Ps 38
*31*1Sa 24; 1Co 5; Eze 3; Ps 39

September

*1*1Sa 25; 1Co 6; Eze 4; Ps 40-41
*2*1Sa 26; 1Co 7; Eze 5; Ps 42-43
*3*1Sa 27; 1Co 8; Eze 6; Ps 44
*4*1Sa 28; 1Co 9; Eze 7; Ps 45
*5*1Sa 29-30; 1Co 10; Eze 8; Ps 46-47
*6*1Sa 31; 1Co 11; Eze 9; Ps 48
*7*2Sa 1; 1Co 12; Eze 10; Ps 49
*8*2Sa 2; 1Co 13; Eze 11; Ps 50
*9*2Sa 3; 1Co 14; Eze 12; Ps 51
*10*2Sa 4-5; 1Co 15; Eze 13; Ps 52-54
*11*2Sa 6; 1Co 16; Eze 14; Ps 55
*12*2Sa 7; 2Co 1; Eze 15; Ps 56-57
*13*2Sa 8-9; 2Co 2; Eze 16; Ps 58-59
*14*2Sa 10; 2Co 3; Eze 17; Ps 60-61
*15*2Sa 11; 2Co 4; Eze 18; Ps 62-63
*16*2Sa 12; 2Co 5; Eze 19; Ps 64-65
*17*2Sa 13; 2Co 6; Eze 20; Ps 66-67
*18*2Sa 14; 2Co 7; Eze 21; Ps 68
*19*2Sa 15; 2Co 8; Eze 22; Ps 69
*20*2Sa 16; 2Co 9; Eze 23; Ps 70-71
*21*2Sa 17; 2Co 10; Eze 24; Ps 72
*22*2Sa 18; 2Co 11; Eze 25; Ps 73
*23*2Sa 19; 2Co 12; Eze 26; Ps 74
*24*2Sa 20; 2Co 13; Eze 27; Ps 75-76
*25*2Sa 21; Gal 1; Eze 28; Ps 77
*26*2Sa 22; Gal 2; Eze 29; Ps 78:1-39
*27*2Sa 23; Gal 3; Eze 30; Ps 78:40-72
*28*2Sa 24; Gal 4; Eze 31; Ps 79
*29*1Ki 1; Gal 5; Eze 32; Ps 80
*30*1Ki 2; Gal 6; Eze 33; Ps 81-82

October

*1*1Ki 3; Eph 1; Eze 34; Ps 83-84
*2*1Ki 4-5; Eph 2; Eze 35; Ps 85
*3*1Ki 6; Eph 3; Eze 36; Ps 86
*4*1Ki 7; Eph 4; Eze 37; Ps 87-88
*5*1Ki 8; Eph 5; Eze 38; Ps 89
*6*1Ki 9; Eph 6; Eze 39; Ps 90
*7*1Ki 10; Phil 1; Eze 40; Ps 91
*8*1Ki 11; Phil 2; Eze 41; Ps 92-93
*9*1Ki 12; Phil 3; Eze 42; Ps 94
*10*1Ki 13; Phil 4; Eze 43; Ps 95-96
*11*1Ki 14; Col 1; Eze 44; Ps 97-98
*12*1Ki 15; Col 2; Eze 45; Ps 99-101
*13*1Ki 16; Col 3; Eze 46; Ps 102
*14*1Ki 17; Col 4; Eze 47; Ps 103
*15*1Ki 18; 1Th 1; Eze 48; Ps 104
*16*1Ki 19; 1Th 2; Dn 1; Ps 105
*17*1Ki 20; 1Th 3; Dn 2; Ps 106
*18*1Ki 21; 1Th 4; Dn 3; Ps 107
*19*1Ki 22; 1Th 5; Dn 4; Ps 108-109
*20*2Ki 1; 2Th 1; Dn 5; Ps 110-111
*21*2Ki 2; 2Th 2; Dn 6; Ps 112-113
*22*2Ki 3; 2Th 3; Dn 7; Ps 114-115
*23*2Ki 4; 1Ti 1; Dn 8; Ps 116
*24*2Ki 5; 1Ti 2; Dn 9; Ps 117-118
*25*2Ki 6; 1Ti 3; Dn 10; Ps 119:1-24
*26*2Ki 7; 1Ti 4; Dn 11; Ps 119:25-48
*27*2Ki 8; 1Ti 5; Dn 12; Ps 119:49-72
*28*2Ki 9; 1Ti 6; Ho 1; Ps 119:73-96
*29*2Ki 10-11; 2Ti 1; Ho 2; Ps 119:97-120
*30*2Ki 12; 2Ti 2; Ho 3-4; Ps 119:121-144
*31*2Ki 13; 2Ti 3; Ho 5-6; Ps 119:145-176

November

*1*2Ki 14; 2Ti 4; Ho 7; Ps 120-122
*2*2Ki 15; Tit 1; Ho 8; Ps 123-125
*3*2Ki 16; Tit 2; Ho 9; Ps 126-128
*4*2Ki 17; Tit 3; Ho 10; Ps 129-131
*5*2Ki 18; Philemon; Ho 11; Ps 132-134
*6*2Ki 19; He 1; Ho 12; Ps 135-136
*7*2Ki 20; He 2; Ho 13; Ps 137-138
*8*2Ki 21; He 3; Ho 14; Ps 139
*9*2Ki 22; He 4; Joel 1; Ps 140-141
*10*2Ki 23; He 5; Joel 2; Ps 142
*11*2Ki 24; He 6; Joel 3; Ps 143
*12*2Ki 25; He 7; Am 1; Ps 144
*13*1Ch 1-2; He 8; Am 2; Ps 145
*14*1Ch 3-4; He 9; Am 3; Ps 146-147
*15*1Ch 5-6; He 10; Am 4; Ps 148-150
*16*1Ch 7-8; He 11; Am 5; Lk 1:1-38

*17*1Ch 9-10; He 12; Am 6; Lk 1:39-80
*18*1Ch 11-12; He 13; Am 7; Lk 2
*19*1Ch 13-14; Jas 1; Am 8; Lk 3
*20*1Ch 15; Jas 2; Am 9; Lk 4
*21*1Ch 16; Jas 3; Ob 1; Lk 5
*22*1Ch 17; Jas 4; Jon 1; Lk 6
*23*1Ch 18; Jas 5; Jon 2; Lk 7
*24*1Ch 19-20; 1Pe 1; Jon 3; Lk 8
*25*1Ch 21; 1Pe 2; Jon 4; Lk 9
*26*1Ch 22; 1Pe 3; Mic 1; Lk 10
*27*1Ch 23; 1Pe 4; Mic 2; Lk 11
*28*1Ch 24-25; 1Pe 5; Mic 3; Lk 12
*29*1Ch 26-27; 2Pe 1; Mic 4; Lk 13
*30*1Ch 28; 2Pe 2; Mic 5; Lk 14

December

*1*1Ch 29; 2Pe 3; Mic 6; Lk 15
*2*2Ch 1; 1 Jn 1; Mic 7; Lk 16
*3*2Ch 2; 1 Jn 2; Nah 1; Lk 17
*4*2Ch 3-4; 1 Jn 3; Nah 2; Lk 18
*5*2Ch 5:1-6:11; 1 Jn 4; Nah 3; Lk 19
*6*2Ch 6:12-42; 1 Jn 5; Hab 1; Lk 20
*7*2Ch 7; 2Jn 1; Hab 2; Lk 21
*8*2Ch 8; 3 Jn 1; Hab 3; Lk 22
*9*2Ch 9; Jude; Zph 1; Lk 23
*10*2Ch 10; Rev 1; Zph 2; Lk 24
*11*2Ch 11-12; Rev 2; Zph 3; Jn 1
*12*2Ch 13; Rev 3; Hag 1; Jn 2
*13*2Ch 14-15; Rev 4; Hag 2; Jn 3
*14*2Ch 16; Rev 5; Zech 1; Jn 4
*15*2Ch 17; Rev 6; Zech 2; Jn 5
*16*2Ch 18; Rev 7; Zech 3; Jn 6
*17*2Ch 19-20; Rev 8; Zech 4; Jn 7
*18*2Ch 21; Rev 9; Zech 5; Jn 8
*19*2Ch 22-23; Rev 10; Zech 6; Jn 9
*20*2Ch 24; Rev 11; Zech 7; Jn 10
*21*2Ch 25; Rev 12; Zech 8; Jn 11
*22*2Ch 26; Rev 13; Zech 9; Jn 12
*23*2Ch 27-28; Rev 14; Zech 10; Jn 13
*24*2Ch 29; Rev 15; Zech 11; Jn 14
*25*2Ch 30; Rev 16; Zech 12:1-13:1; Jn 15
*26*2Ch 31; Rev 17; Zech 13:2-9; Jn 16
*27*2Ch 32; Rev 18; Zech 14; Jn 17
*28*2Ch 33; Rev 19; Mal 1; Jn 18
*29*2Ch 34; Rev 20; Mal 2; Jn 19
*30*2Ch 35; Rev 21; Mal 3; Jn 20
*31*2Ch 36; Rev 22; Mal 4; Jn 21

New City Catechism

PART 1

God, creation and fall, law

Q 1

What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, **to God** and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Q 2

What is God?

God is the creator and sustainer of **everyone and everything**. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

Q 3

How many persons are there in God?

There are three persons in the **one** true and living **God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Q 4

How and why did God create us?

God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and **glorify him**. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

Q 5

What else did God create?

God created all things by his powerful Word, **and all his creation was very good**; everything flourished under his loving rule.

Q 6

How can we glorify God?

We glorify God **by** enjoying him, **loving him**, trusting him, **and by obeying his will, commands, and law**.

Q 7

What does the law of God require?

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; **that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves**. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

Q 8

What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. **You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.**

Q 9

What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

First, that we know and trust **God as the only true** and living **God**. **Second, that we avoid all idolatry** and do not worship God improperly. **Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence**, honoring also his Word and works.

Q 10

What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. **Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother**, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.

Q 11

What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to **our neighbor**, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. **Seventh, that**

we abstain from sexual immorality and **live purely and faithfully**, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. **Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else**, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

Q 12

What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. **Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone** or resenting what God has given them or us.

Q 13

Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

Q 14

Did God create us unable to keep his law?

No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.

Q 15

Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

Q 16

What is sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, **not being or doing what he requires in his law**—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

Q 17

What is idolatry?

Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

Q 18

Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and **God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them** in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

Q 19

Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, **reconciles us to himself** and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

Q 20

Who is the Redeemer?

The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

PART 2

Christ, redemption, grace

Q 21

What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?

One who is truly human and also truly God.

Q 22

Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Q 23

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

Q 24

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, **Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.** By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Q 25

Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and **will remember our sins no more.**

Q 26

What else does Christ's death redeem?

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of **every part of fallen creation**, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

Q 27

Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

Q 28

What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. **They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.**

Q 29

How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

Q 30

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also **receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

Q 31

What do we believe by true faith?

Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: **We 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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We 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.**

Q 32

What do justification and sanctification mean?

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. **Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness,** made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

Q 33

Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

No, they should not, as **everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ.** To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.

Q 34

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; **so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God;** so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; **and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.**

Q 35

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

All the gifts we receive **from** Christ we receive through **the Holy Spirit**, including faith itself.

PART 3

Spirit, restoration, growing in grace

Q 36

What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

Q 37

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; **and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.**

Q 38

What is prayer?

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

Q 39

With what attitude should we pray?

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

Q 40

What should we pray?

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

Q 41

What is the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily

bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Q 42

How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, **and practice it in our lives.**

Q 43

What are the sacraments or ordinances?

The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely **baptism and the Lord's Supper**, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

Q 44

What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

Q 45

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit **can cleanse us from sin.**

Q 46

What is the Lord's Supper?

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

Q 47

Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our

faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Q 48

What is the church?

God chooses and preserves for himself **a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together.** God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

Q 49

Where is Christ now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

Q 50

What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

Q 51

Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he **is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father,** preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

Q 52

What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon **we will live with and enjoy God forever** in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies **in a renewed, restored creation.**

All I Have Is Christ

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of two systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a bass line. Chord markings are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:

Chords: C, G, Am, F(add9), C

Lyrics:
 1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that
 2. But as I ran my hell bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, you looked up
 3. Now Lord I would be yours a - lone, and live so all might see the strength to

System 2:

Chords: Dm, F, G, C, G

Lyrics:
 prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would
 on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be - held God's love dis
 fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fath - er, use my ran somed

System 3:

Chords: Am, F, Cmaj7, Dm, Am

Lyrics:
 own a re - bel to your will. And if you had not loved me first,
 played, you suf - fered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me,
 life in an - y way you choose, and let my song for - ev - er be

System 4:

Chords: F, G(sus4), G(sus4), C, F, C

Lyrics:
 I would re - fuse you still.
 now all I know is grace. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I
 my on - ly hope is You.

System 5:

Chords: G, Am, F, Am, G, C

Lyrics:
 have is Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life.

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Before The Throne Of God Above

1.Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea;
 2.When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with - in,
 3.Be - hold him there the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous ness.

a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
 up - ward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
 The great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of Grace.

My name is gra - ven on his hands; my name is writ - ten
 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is
 One with him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased

on his heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 by his blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

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Behold Our God

1.Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2.Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of his words?
 3.Who has felt the nails up - on his hands, Bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a tion ris - es to re -
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath om all his won - drous
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sa vior, ris en now to

joyce. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on his throne, come, let us a -
 deeds? reign!

dore him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

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I Will Glory In My Redeemer

1. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er whose price - less blood has ran - somed
 2. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er; my life he bought, my love he
 3. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er who car - ries me on ea - gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails, and hung him on that judg - ment
 owns. I have no long ings for an - oth - er; I'm sat - is - fied in him a -
 wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness; his tri - umph song I'll ev - er

tree. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er who crushed the pow'r of sin and
 lone. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er his faith - ful - ness my stand - ing
 sing. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er who waits for me at gates of

death; my on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge; the
 place; though foes are might - y and rush up - on me, my
 gold; and when he calls me it will be par - a - dise; his

Lamb, who is my right - eous - ness, the Lamb, who is my right - eous - ness.
 feet are firm, held by his grace, my feet are firm, held by his grace.
 face for - ev - er to be - hold, his face for - ev - er to be - hold.

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O Great God

1. O great God of high - est heav'n oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it
 blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice, did not
 now to live a life, that's de - pen - dent on your grace. Keep my

all and reign su - preme. Conquer ev - ery re - bel pow'r. Let no
 know your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then your
 heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are

vice or sin re - main that re - sists your ho - ly war. You have
 Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up your Word to me, through the
 wor - thy to be praised, with my ev - ery thought and deed. O great

loved and pur - chased me; make me yours for - ev - er -
 gos - pel of your Son, gave me end - less hope and
 God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy your name through

more. 2. I was me.
 peace. 3. Help me

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

C C/E C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am Dm G C

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing,
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And tho this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That Word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

C C/E C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am Dm G C

our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing,
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing,
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph thru us,
 the Spi-rit and the gifts are ours thru him who with us sid-eth.

C Am G/B D G C G/B C F B^o/D Am E/G# Am E/B Am/C D

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe—his craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus it is he—Lord Sab-a-oth his
 The prince of dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him—his rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so—the bod-y they may

G F F/A C A/C# Dm E Am Em F C Am Dm G C

great, and, armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure: one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still: his king-dom is for-ev-er.

Words: Martin Luther, 1529; Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; Based on Psalm 46.
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All Creatures Of Our God And King

E^b Cm B^b E^b/G A^b E^b Cm B^b

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
 2. Thou rush-ing win that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a-long,
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to hear,
 4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your part,
 5. Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship Him in hum-ble-ness,

E^b/G A E^b Cm E^b B^b E^b/G Cm⁷ E^b B^b

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam,
 O praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn in praise re-joice,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and bright,
 O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and sor-row bear,
 O praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the Son,

E^b/G E^b E^bmaj⁷/B^b B^b/F A^b/C A^b E^b/G Fm⁷ A^b Cm

thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him,
 Ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him,
 that giv-est man both warmth and light, O praise Him, O praise Him,
 praise God and on Him cast your care, O praise Him, O praise Him,
 and praise the Spir-it three in one, O praise Him, O praise Him,

E^b B^b Cm⁷ Cm/E^b B^b/D Fm A^b B^b E^b

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Francis of Assis, ca. 1225; Translated by William H. Draper, 1926.
 Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623. Public Domain.

Be Thou My Vision

Unison

D G A D A D

1. Be thou my vis - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

A A/C# G D A

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

G G/D D G A

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

D D/F# G D Bm Em/G Em7 G/A D

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

Words: Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.; Tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912.
 Music: Traditional Irish melody. Public Domain.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

G7 C G F C/F G7 C

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dail - y I'm con - strained to be!
 4. O that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see thy love - ly face;

G7 C G F C/F G7 C

streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise:
 and I hope by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home:
 Let thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee:
 cloth - ed then in blood - washed lin - en, how I'll sing thy sov - reign grace;

G7 C F/C C G7 C C/F C

teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
 come, my Lord no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;

G7 C G F C/F G7 C

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.
 send thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758; alt. Music. Asahel Nettleton, 1825. Public Domain.

Doxology

G D Em Bm Em D G

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

D Em C G D Em D G D G

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

C D G D G Em Bm⁷ Am G D G C G

heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709. Music: Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551. Public Domain.

Fairest Lord Jesus

D Em A D Bm B⁷ Em A D

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

G D A⁷ D A⁷ D A

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
 and all the twin - kling star - ry host:
 Son of God and Son of Man!

D G D B⁷ Em B⁷ Em A⁷ D

Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

Bm D⁷ G D A⁷ D

thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Words: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; Tr. anon. 1850, 1873.
 Music: Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842. Public Domain.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

D Bm A D G D
 1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy saints shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 D Bm A D G D
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Bm D/F# G D G A7 D
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shall be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861. Public Domain.

How Firm a Foundation

G C/G G C G/B G G/B D
 1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose
 is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply:
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 G D/F# Em C6 C G G/B D
 What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 G C/G G C G/B Em G/D D D7 G
 to you who ro - ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

Words: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787.
 Music: Traditional American melody; Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837. Public Domain.

Immortal, Invisible

Ab Db Bbm Eb Fm Ab/Eb Eb Ab

1.Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2.Un - frest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3.To all, life thou giv - est— to both great and small,
 4.Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pur Fa - ther of light,

Ab Db Bbm Eb Fm Ab/Eb Eb Ab

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est— the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Ab Eb/G Fm Db Ab Ab/C Eb

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der— O help us to see

C/E Fm Bbm/Db Eb Ab/C Ab/Eb Eb Ab

al - might - y, vic - to - rious— thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Music: Traditional Welsh hymn melody. Public Domain.

It Is Well With My Soul

C G C Am

1.When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2.Though Sa - tan should buf - fet tho' tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3.My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin— not in
 4.And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

Am/C G/D D G C F Dm G

sea - bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

C/E C/G G C C/E G

"It is well, it is well with my soul."
 and hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

G C F C/G G C

soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul,

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873. Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876. Public Domain.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

G Em D/F# G Em Bm C G C F#°/A Em C⁶ D D⁷ G

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y the King of cre - a - tion!
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee;
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

G Em D/F# G Em Bm C G C F#°/A Em C⁶ D D⁷ G

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him.

G D/F# G C G C/E D/F# G Am G/B D

All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near;
 Hast thou not seen how all thy long - ings have been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain:

G/B C F#°/A Em Am/C B Am/C D G⁷

join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 if with his love he be - friend thee.
 glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863.
 Music: *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665. Public Domain.

Other Praise and Worship Songs

- Across the Lands (Getty/Townend)
- Be Unto Your Name (Sadler/DeShazo)
- Beautiful Savior (Townend)
- Cornerstone/Solid Rock (Mote/Lijero/Myrin/Morgan/Bradbury)
- Holy Spirit (Getty/Townend)
- How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Townend)
- In Christ Alone (Getty/Townend)
- Jesus Paid It All/O Praise the One (Nifong/Hall/Grape)
- Knowing You (Kendrick)
- My Heart Is Filled (Getty/Townend)
- O Church Arise (Getty/Townend)
- Psalm 62 (Townend/Keyes)
- Speak O Lord (Getty/Townend)
- The Power of the Cross (Getty/Townend)
- The Wonderul Cross (Watts/Tomlin/Reeves/Walt/Mason)
- We Will Glorify (Paris)
- Wonderful, Merciful Savior (Rodgers/Wyse)