

**Largs Church of the Nazarene**  
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**Glory to God Forever\***

Steve Fee, Vicky Beeching

Before the world was made  
Before You spoke it to be  
You were the King of kings  
Yeah You were, yeah You were  
And now You're reigning still  
Enthroned above all things  
Angels and saints cry out  
We join them as we sing

(We sing) Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God forever  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God forever

Creator God You gave me breath  
So I could praise  
Your great and matchless name  
All my days all my days  
So let my whole life be  
A blazing offering  
A life that shouts and sings  
The greatness of our King

Take my life and let it be  
All for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours  
Take my life and let it be  
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**Living by Faith**

James Wells, R.E. Winslett

I care not today what tomorrow may bring,  
If shadow or sunshine or rain,  
The Lord I know ruleth o'er everything,  
And all of my worry is vain.

Though tempests may blow and the storm clouds arise,  
Obscuring the brightness of life,  
I'm never alarmed at the overcast skies—  
The Master looks down on my strife.

Refrain: Living by faith in Jesus above,  
Trusting, confiding in His great love;  
Safe from all harm in His sheltering arm,  
I'm living by faith and feel no alarm.

I know that He safely will carry me through,  
No matter what evils betide;  
Why should I then care though the tempest may blow,  
If Jesus walks close to my side. [Refrain]

Our Lord will return to the earth some sweet day,  
Our troubles will then all be o'er;  
The Master so gently will lead us away,  
Beyond that blest heavenly shore. [Refrain]

**This is my Father's World /Holy Ground †**

Maltbie D. Babcock/Geron Davis

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and 'round me rings, The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines on all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

† We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there  
Are angels all around  
Let us praise Jesus now  
We are standing in His presence  
On holy ground

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! Let all the earth be glad!



**2 Corinthians 9 (NIV)**  
 6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under

compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (*hilaros*) giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

### Giving Wealth (2 Corinthians 9)

- **A generous life: points from the series**
  - **We give thanks because God is generous. . .**
  - **We are called to imitate a generous God. . .**
  - **We are called to do good.**
  - **We are equipped to do good.**

- **Wealth**
  - **Money is not wealth, it is a way to transfer wealth.**
  - **The wealth of the world belongs to God.**

- **2 Corinthians 9:1-5**
  - **Paul’s awkward fundraising**
  - **eulogia: blessing (good words)**

- **2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 (Paul moves from the practical to the theological)**
  - **Remember this: NOT “name it and claim it, call it and haul it” (verse 6)**
    - **Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom**

- **Verse 7: Give what you have decided; not reluctantly or compulsory but cheerful**
  - **Wesley: gain all you can; give all you can**
  - **hilaros: cheerful (hilarious giving)**

- **Verses 8-10: God is able and will provide**
- **Verse 11: the promise**
  - **You WILL BE enriched SO THAT you can be generous on every occasion (having all that you need, you will abound in every good work)**

**Let’s live a generous life!**

### Doxology

Thomas Ken  
 Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
 Praise Him all creatures here below  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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