

Largs Church of the Nazarene

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Psalm 98 (NRSV)

0 sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

2 The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee

Henry J. van Dyke

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God of glory, Lord of love.

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,

Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

Drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness,

Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,

Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.

Stars and angels sing around Thee,

Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,

Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird, and flowing fountain

Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,

Ever blessing, ever blest.

Wellspring of the joy of living,

Ocean depth of happy rest.

Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,

All who live in love are Thine.

Teach us how to love each other,

Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,

Which the morning stars began.

Father love is reigning o'er us,

Brother love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward,

Victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music lifts us Sunward

In the triumph song of life.

Hark the herald angels sing

Charles Wesley

Hark the herald angels sing,

Glory to the newborn King.

Peace on earth and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful, all ye nations rise,

Join the triumph of the skies;

Nature rise and worship Him,

Who is born at Bethlehem.

Hark the herald angels sing,

Glory to the newborn King.

Christ by highest heaven adored,

Christ the everlasting Lord.

Late in time behold Him come,

Offspring of a Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,

Hail the incarnate deity.

Pleased as man with men to appear,

Jesus, our Emmanuel here.

Hark the herald angels sing,

Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace,
Hail the Son of Righteousness.
Light and life around He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that men no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King.

Let Heaven and Nature Sing (Psalm 98)

- **Introduction: Joy to the World in review**

- **Let Heaven and nature sing (Psalm 98)**

- **Who is our audience?**
- **Why do we worship?**
 - **What God has done**
 - **What God will do**

- **The judge who forgives**
 - **John the Baptist (Luke 3)**

- **Harmony: *shalom***
 - ***Eirene*: Ephesians 2**
 - **On earth as it is in Heaven**

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu:
 - “Dear Child of God, I write these words because we all experience sadness, we all come at times to despair, and we all lose hope that the suffering in our lives and in the world will ever end. I want to share with you my faith and my understanding that this suffering can be transformed and redeemed. There is no such thing as a totally hopeless case. Our God is an expert at dealing with chaos, with brokenness, with all the worst that we can imagine. God created order out of disorder, cosmos out of chaos, and God can do so always, can do so now--in our personal lives and in our lives as nations, globally. ... Indeed, God is transforming the world now--through us--because God loves us.”

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