



The Worship of God

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The New Heaven and the New Earth. 21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 **And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."**

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

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WE WORSHIP GOD BY GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS (*Our mailing address is: Harbor Church, PCA, P.O. Box 4025, Mooresville, NC 28117*) *counted & deposited every two weeks

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS" (DOXOLOGY)

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. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD: *Acts 23:6-10*

"Resurrection Confusion"

Pastor Michael Colvard

"COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY"

Come behold the wondrous mystery 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 mystery, 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 mystery, 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 mystery; 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 deliverance; how unwavering our hope.

Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

Harbor's mission is to exist as a FAMILY of God's people to GLORIFY God in all things, by PREACHING the gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, EQUIPPING His saints, and ENGAGING our community and the world with the love of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Welcome visitors! To stay connected, go to harborchurch.org and sign up for our emails)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: *Isaiah 25:6-9 (selections)*

(Please Read Responsively)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His **salvation.**"

WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US (PRAYER OF INVOCATION)

"COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING" *Trinity Hymnal #457*

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS *(silently)*

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: *Romans 4:23-5:1*

But the words “it was counted to Him” were not written for His sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in Him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

“HIS MERCY IS MORE”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus:

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more *(chorus)*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more *(chorus)*

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER Westminster Shorter Catechism #37-38

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 15:16-20

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

“ONLY A HOLY GOD”

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God!

2. What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendour outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God!

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

3. What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God! (Chorus)

4. Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God!
Only my Holy God! (Chorus)

5. Come and behold Him
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(Chorus)

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WE READ FROM GOD’S WORD Revelation 20:11-21:4

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. From His presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. 13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 **And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**