



The Timeless Psalms

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A Call to Worship

Psalm 96, Christmas Eve/Day, Year B 2011

Blessings and honour are given to our Most High God!
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised - forever!
We join in the anthem of praise to our Glorious God.

We gather to worship God whose holy splendour is
beyond our knowledge, experience and understanding!
Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise and reverence.

Let all creation be united in its praise and worship of our
God the King, and the Wondrous Creator of all things.
**We gather as God's people in this place and time, adding
our worship to the endless chorus of thankfulness to God. Amen.**

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Prayers of Praise and Thankfulness

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Creating God, we gather to add our voices; our songs
of praise; our prayer of thankfulness; and our whole
being - communally and individually – to the never-ending
anthem of joy-filled worship of our Life-Renewing God.

Sustaining God, each day, a new song bubbles up in our
hearts and minds; each night a new prayer of praise and
thankfulness rises and reaches out to our God. Each moment,
we have an awareness of the glories of our God, and our
limited souls, minds and hearts seek to stretch in response
to the presence of our Radiant God, whose light and love
streams down upon all creation, giving it life and purpose,
strength and joy. All this in the knowledge that we worship
a God whose truth and righteousness is utterly to be trusted.

Glorious God, we gather together to share this good news,
and to remind each other that God has firmly established
this world, and nothing in life or death can shake our God.
We gather as flawed humanity in the presence of the Holy
One; whose creativity is continually expressed in the earth,
in the heavens, in the seas, and in outer space; and we offer
our worship, our reverence, and our praise to this our God. Amen.

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