

Praise The Lord The King Of Glory

Verse 1

Praise the Lord the King of glory
Gracious Son of God is He
Long foretold by prophets holy
Great in pow'r and majesty
With the Father thro' creation
Heav'n and earth now sing His fame
Hope and joy of ev'ry nation
Life and light are in His name

Verse 2

Blessed be the Lord of glory
Sun of righteousness and grace
Sing O earth the wondrous story
Christ redeems the fallen race
Praise Him for His great salvation
Precious Lamb of God adore
Lord and light of all creation
Praise and serve Him evermore

Verse 3

Mighty is the King of glory
His great works the heav'ns proclaim
Full of majesty and holy
Lord of Sabaoth His name
Countless tongues in joyful chorus
Sing His praise with sweetest chords
God Himself is singing o'er us
King of kings and Lord of lords

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- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his own right hand and with his holy arm, *
he has won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord declared his salvation; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Show yourselves joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- 6 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.
- 7 With trumpets also and horns, *
O show yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, *
the round world, and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together
before the Lord, *
for he has come to judge the earth.
- 10 With righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

He's On Our Side

Verse

Our help has come in the Name of the Lord
The One who formed all the earth and the sky
Behold He comes to destroy the chains of death
And raise us up to life

Chorus

O bless his name for he has given us
Everything we need to fly
Our broken wings they have not hindered us
We have the Lord He's on our side

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Lord Of All Good

Verse 1

Lord of all good, we bring our gifts to you,
Pledges of love and offerings of our skill;
Through them fulfill your purpose ever true
As our whole life is offered to your will.

Verse 2

We give our minds to understand your ways;
Hands, voices, eyes to serve your great design.
Your flame of love has set our hearts ablaze:
Thus for your glory all our powers combine.

Verse 3

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose sacrifice our lives are new;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
We give ourselves in gratitude to you!

Albert S. Bayly, Sydney Watson

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Immortal Invisible

Verse 1

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great name we praise

Verse 2

Unresting unshaking
And silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting
Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

Verse 3

To all life Thou givest
To both great and small
In all life Thou livest
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree
And wither and perish
But naught changeth Thee

Verse 4

Great Father of glory
Pure Father of light
Thine angels adore Thee
All veiling their sight
All praise we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth Thee

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Here Am I, O Lord Send Me

Verse 1

Don't you hear my Savior callin'
I said who will go and work today
The fields are ripe and harvest waiting
Who will bear the sheaves away?

Chorus

Here am I, O Lord send me (4X)

Verse 2

If you can't speak like angels
If you can't preach like Paul
You can tell the love of Jesus
You can say how He died for us all

Mississippi John Hurt

Singing at the Interface:

Inviting God's people to transcendence & worship

Revive 2020
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In this talk we will...

- ...reflect on what is really going on when we sing together in worship,
- ...by catching a glimpse of what singing is...
 - in creation
 - in scripture
 - & by making sense of it all in the Nicene Creed
- ...and in the end discover the wonder of living at the Interface.

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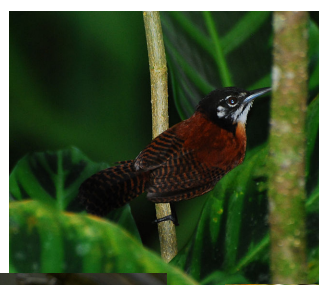
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Singing in creation

God spoke... & created wrens



Rock wren (US)



Bay wren (Panama)



House wren (US)



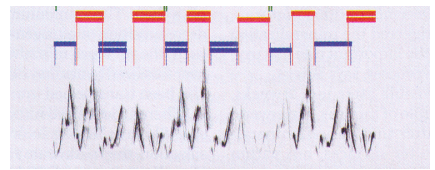
Timberline wren (Costa Rica)

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The plain-tailed wren (Ecuador)



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Singing in Scripture

God spoke... through prophets & apostles

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
[Isaiah 51:11]

Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;
break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it! [Isaiah 44:23]

The number of them along with their
brothers, who were trained in singing to the Lord,
all who were skillful, was 288. [1 Chronicles 25:7]

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing. [Zephaniah 3:17]

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes. [Ps 96:11-13]

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Singing in Scripture

is described in two lovely keys

Practical/history/immanent

Let the word of Christ dwell
in you richly, teaching and
admonishing one another in all
wisdom, singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your
hearts to God.

[Colossians 3:16]

Poetic/metaphor/transcendent

The morning stars sang
together
and all the sons of God
shouted for joy.

[Job 38:7]

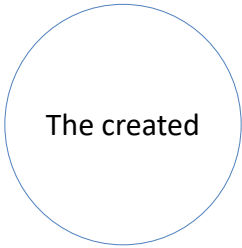
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Making sense of it all...

What we believe in the Nicene Creed

The uncreated



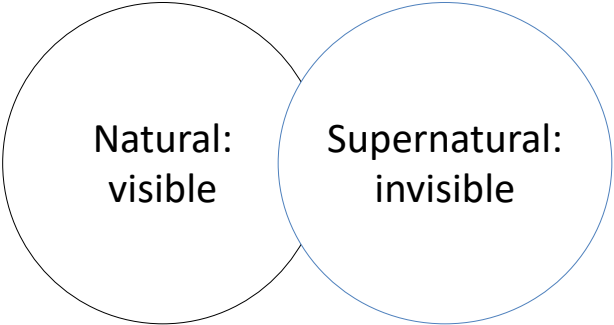
The created

“We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth...”

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We live moment by moment in
the created = one reality = two realms = equally real



Natural:
visible

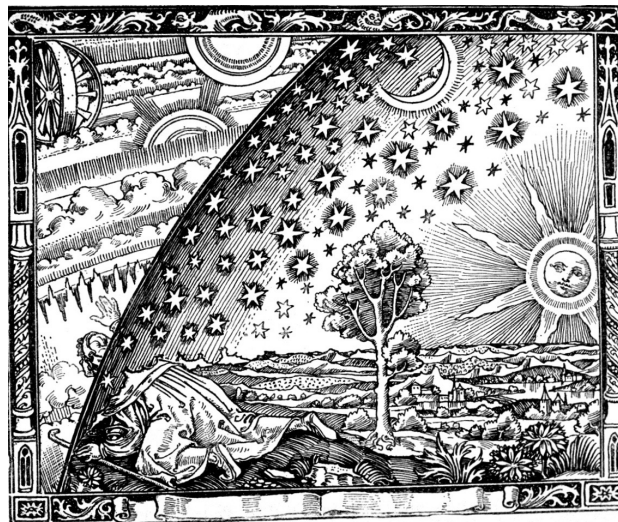
Supernatural:
invisible

At the Interface

“We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.”

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Unknown artist
"The Cloud of Unknowing"
14th century
Engraving

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Jodi Hays
"Window"
2018
Gouache, ink on paper
7" x 5"

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At the interface

where do people experience transcendence?

- Jesus
 - *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.* [John 1:14]
- Word
 - *The word of the Lord / Thanks be to God*
- Sacrament
 - *Take... this is my body... this is my blood* [Matthew 26:26, 28]
- Creation
 - *The Heavens declare the glory of God.* [Psalms 19:1]
- Love
 - *God is love.* [1 John 4:8]
- Music (art & creativity)
 - *God created man in his own image* [Genesis 1:27]

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Singing as God's people

Practical / history

- Teach, lead songs
- Deepen worship beauty
- Instrumentation...



Poetic / metaphor

- Music leaders are greeters at the Interface
- God's people meet transcendence at the Interface and worship

Marcello Bittencourt
 "The Man Who Flies"
 2014
 Acrylic, ink, gouache on paper
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