**Worship Text for Sunday, August 30, 2015**

Anticipating Next Sunday

***God makes us into a holy and royal priesthood with a mission to glorify Him!***

**How does this text enlarge your hope in the supremacy of Christ?** 1. Pray: “*Holy Spirit* *Please, open my eyes to see wonderful things in this text*.” 2. Write your thoughts and thanks. 3. Joyfully share your thoughts with someone else.

**Why do we offer spiritual sacrifices to God and live good lives among unbelievers?**

**1 Peter 2:4-6, 9-12 (NIV84)**

4 As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.”

**9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.** 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.

**Worship Songs for Sunday, August 23, 2015**

**Our God**

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Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind   
There's no one like You, none like You!  
Into the darkness You shine; out of the ashes we rise   
There's no one like You, none like You!

Our God is greater, our God is stronger,   
God, You are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? (repeat)

What could stand against?

**Praise Him**

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To the amazing One; To the unchanging One   
To Him the anthem raise; Lift up Your hymns of praise …

For all the things He's done; For all the things to come   
To Him the anthem raise; Lift up a shout of

*Praise Him with all of the music, Praise Him in all of the nations   
Praise Him with all of creation, We praise Him. We praise Him.*

See now the risen One; See the exalted Son   
To Him the anthem raise; Lift up your hymns of praise   
For all the things He's done; For all the things to come   
To Him the anthem raise Lift up a shout of …

*Praise Him with all of the music, Praise Him in all of the nations   
Praise Him with all of creation, We praise Him. We praise Him.*

*Praise Him with all of your heart sing   
Praise Him in this generation Jesus the light of salvation   
We praise Him. We praise Him*

*We praise Him …We praise Him …We praise Him …We praise Him*

Shine Your light forever and ever; Shine Your light   
forever and ever; Shine Your light; Shine Your light in the world.

**O Church Arise**

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1. O church, arise and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,   
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—  
An inheritance of nations.

3. Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

4. So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle.  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

**How Can I Keep From Singing?**

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There is an endless song, Echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.  
And though the storms may come, I am holding on to the Rock I cling.

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough? How amazing is Your love.  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King and it makes my heart want to sing.*

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night for I know my Savior lives.  
And I will walk with You knowing You’ll see me through  
And sing the songs You give.

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.  
I can sing when I lose my step, and I fall down again.  
I can sing ‘cause You pick me up, sing ‘cause You’re there.

I can sing ‘cause You hear me, Lord when I call to You in prayer.  
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know   
That I’ll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne.

**Song of Moses**

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1. Oh the Lord, our strength and song,   
Highest praise to Him belongs  
Christ the Lord, the Conquering King,   
Your Name we raise, Your triumphs sing

*Praise the Lord, our Mighty Warrior  
Praise the Lord, the Glorious One  
By His hand we stand in victory,By His Name we overcome*

2. Though the storms of hell pursue,   
In darkest night we worship You  
You divide the raging sea, From death to life You safely lead

3. All the saints and angels bow, Hosts of heaven crying out  
Glory, glory to the King, You reign for all eternity

The Lord shall reign forever and ever  
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