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"WHERE GOD IS EXALTED,
EVERYONE MATTERS,
AND YOU BELONG!"



Trans-Siberian Orchestra - Christmas Canon (Official Music Video)



Welcome



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his[a] holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

CALL TO WORSHIP

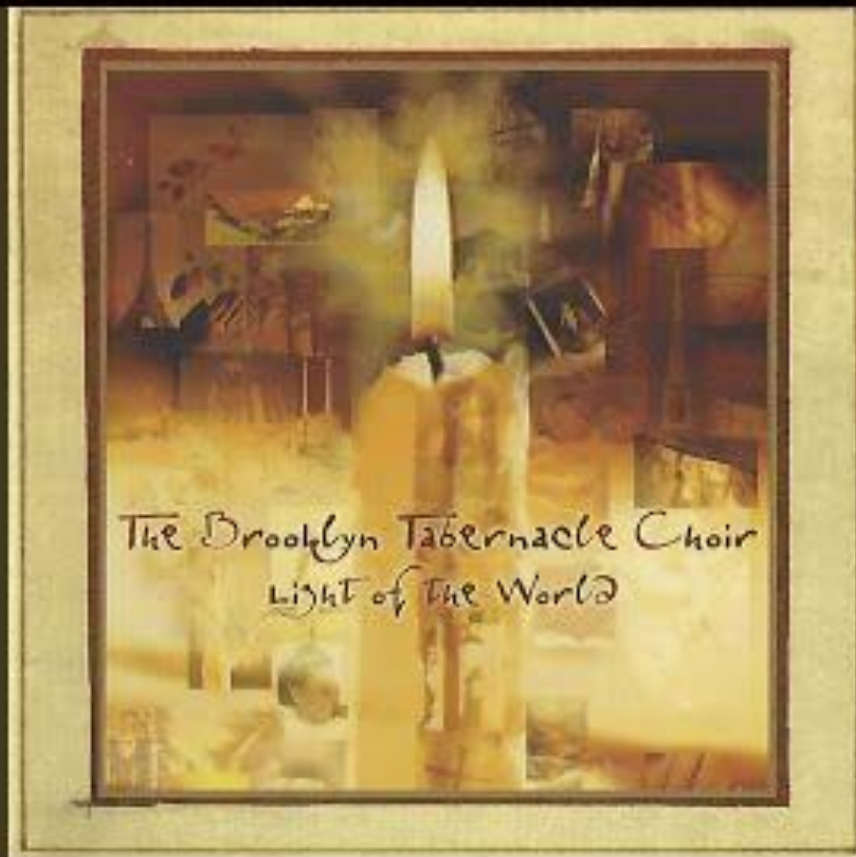
Psalms 96



Do You Hear What I Hear

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mortals. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in the Son- Jesus Christ- shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in the Son is not condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Unison Reading of
John 1:1-5 and John 3:16-17



**Peace on Earth (with Joyful, Joyful We
Adore Thee) (feat. Babbie Mason)**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servants. The Mighty One has done great things for us, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servants in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors and their descendants forever."

FIRST READING

Luke 1:46-55



O Come, All Ye Faithful

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Therefore, since Christ suffered in His body, arm yourselves with the same resolve, because anyone who has suffered in his or her body is done with sin. Consequently, he or she does not live out his or her remaining time on earth for human passions, but for the will of God.

For you have spent enough time in the past carrying out the same desires as the Gentiles: living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing, and detestable idolatry. Because of this, nonbelievers consider it strange of you not to plunge with them into the same flood of reckless indiscretion, and they heap abuse on you.

But they will have to give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. That is why the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged as mortals in the flesh but live according to God in the spirit. The end of all things is near. Therefore, be clear-minded and sober, so that you can pray.

Above all, love one another deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without complaining. As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve one another. If anyone speaks, that person should speak as one conveying the words of God. If anyone serves, he or she should serve with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Third Reading

1 Peter 4: 1-11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



The Statler Brothers - Love Lifted Me

THE MEDITATION



I Must Tell Jesus [Live]

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



**50 Countries Affected By COVID-19 Sing
Amazing Grace**

**May the blessings of the
triune God- who was and
is and is to come-first
and last, beginning and
end, Alpha and
Omega-remain with each
of us now and always.
Amen.**

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