

PERSEVERANCE
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I have one place of confidence, one place of rest and peace and hope.

I have one place of surety, where courage can be found and strength waits for the taking.

I have one place of wisdom where foolishness wanes and truth grants freedom.

Alone I am not confident, no pride in strength or knowledge or character.

I know who I am, the duplicity of my heart, the weakness of resolve, the covert disloyalty that makes me susceptible to temptation's hook.

I have one place of confidence; it isn't a theology a book a set of principles a well-researched observation a worldview,

No my peace is in You.

I am confident because of this solitary thing:

You are and You are good.

HALLELUJAH!
PERSEVERANCE

Musical score for 'HALLELUJAH!' with lyrics. The lyrics include: '1. What can separate my soul from the God who...', '2. Trouble, hardship, danger, sword brought by those who...', '3. Angels, demons, now or then? Wick-ed-ness dreamed...', '4. Victors we're ordained to be by the God who...', '5. We face death for God each day; what can pluck us...'. The score includes vocal lines and piano accompaniment.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q. 27 & 28

LEADER: *What do you understand by the providence of God?*

CONGREGATION: The almighty and ever present power of God¹ by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures,² and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—³ all things, in fact, come to us not by chance⁴ but by his fatherly hand.⁵

¹ Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-28 ² Heb. 1:3 ³ Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17/a>; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2 ⁴ Prov. 16:33 ⁵ Matt. 10:29

LEADER: *How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?*

CONGREGATION: We can be patient when things go against us,¹ thankful when things go well,² and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.³ All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.⁴

¹ Job 1:21-22; James 1:3 ² Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18 ³ Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38-39 ⁴ Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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BEHOLD OUR GOD • ECBC ORCHESTRA

CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

BABY DEDICATIONS

HENRY THOMAS DISOTELLE
PARKER COLE JOHNSTON
JOHN THOMAS RAVAN, IV

THE MORNING SERMON

CONRAD "BUSTER" BROWN, SENIOR PASTOR

RESPONSE HYMN

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH...

DEAN HENDERSON

As we continue to enjoy the glorious sounds of music and congregational singing in the acoustical and beautiful space of our new Sanctuary, I want to extend a personal invitation for you to be a part of our ECBC Worship Ministry. **We are looking for many new members (high school age and above) to join our ECBC Choir, Orchestra and Handbells now!**

We are currently working on music for our Fall Sundays of worship, as well as starting our Advent and Christmas season music -- and we would love to have you join us. It's already beginning to sound a lot like Christmas in our rehearsals! Now is a GREAT time to come be a part and use your gifts and talents!

If you have EVER been a part, ARE currently a part (but have been out for a while), or ever THOUGHT about being a part of our choir, orchestra or handbells -- come join us! Let everything that hath breath give Him praise!

PLEASE JOIN US ANY WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR REHEARSAL (6:30 - 8:00 PM)

For more information, contact Emily Bailey at emilyb@eastcooperbaptist.com or at (843) 856-3222, ext. 2130.

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 150 ESV)



WORSHIPGUIDE



EAST COOPER BAPTIST CHURCH

The Church in Corporate Worship | **OCTOBER 7, 2018**

Please use the following prayer to prepare your hearts for worship:

Your promise to us is never broken. We confess that we fail to trust and follow You.

Though You have bound Yourself to us, we run from Your embrace.

In Jesus Christ You serve us freely, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others.

We do not love You fully or love one another as You command.

In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.

Lead us once again to Your arms and unite us to Christ, who is the Bread of Life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

We run to You for refuge and strong encouragement in order to hold fast to the hope set before us.

Lead us, O our Great Jehovah, into sincere worship this day.

Amen.

Deep and abiding joy comes through the knowledge of who Christ is and what He has done for us. Our worship is fueled by the reality of that joy this morning as we rejoice in the sovereign rule and care of our King Jesus. How Can I Keep from Singing Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! Oh my soul, Jehovah praise!

REFLECTION THOUGHTS FOR WORSHIP PREPARATION

Our whole being by its very nature is one vast need: incomplete, preparatory, empty yet cluttered, crying out for Him who can untie things that are now knotted together and tie up things that are dangling loose.

C. S. Lewis

For when we cease to worship God, we do not worship nothing we worship anything.

G. K. Chesterton

The greatest news in the whole world is that our greatest possible joy, and God's glory, are one thing.

John Piper

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:11-13

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalms 9:1-2

Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor. For everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

I Chronicles 29

Music is one of the best arts: the notes give life to the text; it expels the spirit of sadness. Music is a glorious gift of God, and next to theology, I would not exchange my small musical talent for anything esteemed great.

Martin Luther

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

The text and tune for this popular hymn can be traced back to Rev. Robert Lowry, a Philadelphia-born minister and composer (1826-1899). Lowry is credited with having written approximately 500 songs, with "How Can I Keep From Singing?" (composed in 1860) becoming one of the most well known.

Similar to the African American spiritual tradition, the themes of hope and perseverance can be found throughout the verses of this hymn.

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though far off hymn, that hails a new creation. Above the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing. It sounds a mighty echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth. How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knell ringing. When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cell, or dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging. When friends by shame are undefiled, How can I keep from singing?

PRELUDE

ELENA CRUDGE, ORGANIST

MORNING WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER OF PRAISE

GLORIOUS AND MIGHTY SOVEREIGN GRACE MUSIC

Majesty, Your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars
Marveling, we honor and fear You
Above all gods

**Glorious and mighty, You're awesome In beauty joyful songs we raise
Glorious and mighty, You're awesome in beauty Greatly to be praised**

Majesty, You fashioned the heavens
Your decrees can never be changed
Over all the plans of the nations
Your judgments reign

Majesty, we'll sing with creation
When You come again in the clouds
Every knee will bow down and worship
The one true God

SCRIPTURE PROCLAMATION FROM PSALM 47

LEADER: Shout to God with the voice of joy. For the Lord Most High is to be feared. A Great King over all the earth.

CONGREGATION: God has ascended with a shout, the Lord, with the sound of a trumpet.

LEADER: Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a skillful psalm.

CONGREGATION: God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne. He is highly exalted.

MORNING ANTHEM

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING • ECBC CHOIR

THE LITANY OF EXALTATION

HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD!

[Shouted with rhythmic joy!]

LEADER: God is great! Let's give Him praise!
CONGREGATION: HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD!
LEADER: Joyously your voices raise!
CONGREGATION: HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD!
LEADER: Let the wings of praise take flight!
CONGREGATION: HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD!
LEADER: Praise the Lord with all your might!
CONGREGATION: HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD!

Continue in like fashion....

HALLELUJAH! By Definition

"Hallelujah," "Hallelujah" and the Latin form "Alleluia" are transliterations of the Hebrew word - meaning "Praise God!"

Hallelujah is found primarily in the book of Psalms. The word is used in Judaism as part of the Hallel prayers, and in Christian prayer. It has been accepted into the English language and has a similar pronunciation in many other languages.

In the Bible the term is used 24 times in the Hebrew Bible (mainly in the book of Psalms, e.g. 111-117, 145-150, where it starts and concludes a number of Psalms) and four times in Greek transliteration in Revelation.

The word hallelujah occurring in Psalms is a Hebrew request for a congregation to join in praise. It can be translated as "Praise Yah, you people", and is usually worded in English contexts as "Praise ye the Lord" or "Praise the Lord".

Hallel in Hebrew means a joyous praise, to boast in God, or to act madly or foolishly. The second part, Yah, is a shortened form of the name of God YHWH, sometimes rendered in English as "Yahweh" or "Jehovah".

For most Christians, "Hallelujah" is considered a joyful word of praise to God, rather than an injunction to praise him. Among many Protestant Christians, the expressions of Hallelujah and Praise the Lord are acceptable, spontaneous expressions of joy, thanksgiving and praise towards God, requiring no specific prompting or call or direction from those leading times of praise and singing.

HALLELUJAH, PRAISE JEHOVAH, O MY SOUL RIPLEY

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Love Divine is reigning o'er us;
Leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life!