

# 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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## PSALM 98

- 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!

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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

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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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# Singing in creation

God spoke... & created wrens



Rock wren (US)



Bay wren (Panama)



House wren (US)



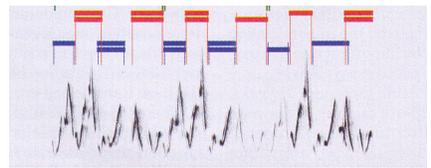
Timberline wren (Costa Rica)

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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]

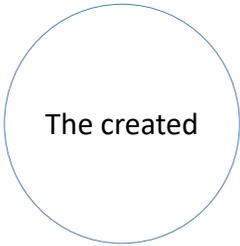
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# Making sense of it all...

## What we believe in the Nicene Creed

The uncreated



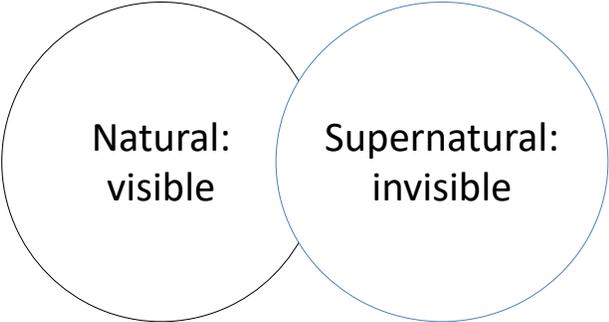
The created

“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

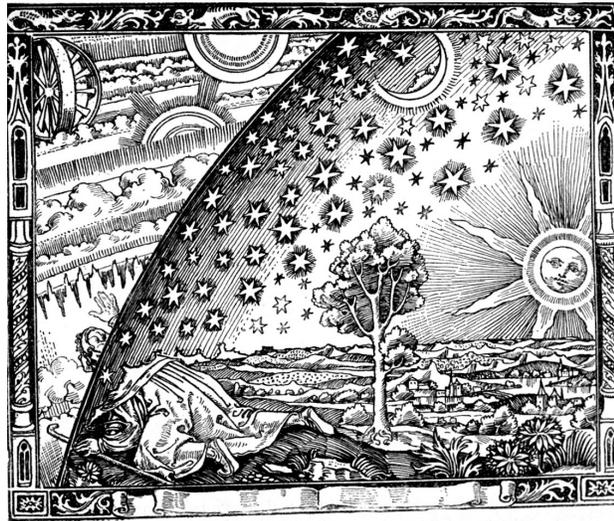
Supernatural: invisible

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"  
14<sup>th</sup> 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"  
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 Acrylic, ink, gouache on paper  
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