

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 42

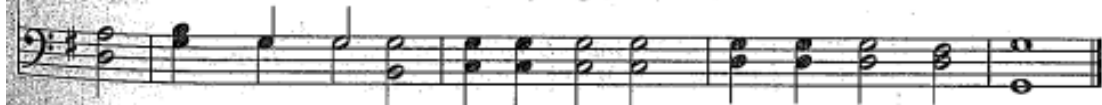
Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease
4 Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given



The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.



The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839
Alternate tune: RICHMOND

Resources

- Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation from *Unfolding Light*: <https://unfoldinglight.net/2023/02/01/ot-11-2/>
- Prayer of Confession is from the *Book of Common Worship*.
- Commission and Benediction is from re:worship and is based on Romans 8. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/06/benediction-proper-10a.html>

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Cathy Rentzel

PRELUDE

Mr. Cody Eckenrode

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God, you are in the world with love and grace.

All: *You heal us when we are broken and cleanse us of our shame.*

Liturgist: You cast out the demons of injustice and embrace the outcast.

All: *You raise the dead, giving power to the powerless and hope to the despairing.*

Liturgist: You have called disciples and sent them into the world in love.

All: *You call us now to come close, and we come. Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: *Eternal God, Jesus gathered his disciples, blessed them with his teachings, and sent them out to join in his work of the blessing of the world. Gather us now and transform us by your Word, so that we will be ready to go out into the world to serve you, in the grace of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ. Amen*

HYMN

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Romans 5:1-8)

Pastor: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith, let us confess our sins before God and one another, beginning first with a moment of silent confession. *(Moment of silence observed for confession)* Let us now confess together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: *Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul, and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on Romans 5:1 and 8:34)

Pastor: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear the good news! Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the gospel!

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!*

PRAISE HYMN

Gloria Patri

Hymnal, #493

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: Since we have peace through Jesus Christ let us share this peace with one another, with a sign of peace and the words, “The peace of Christ be with you.”

All: *“And, also with you.”*

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, “LET THE CHILDREN COME”

HYMN

Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way

Hymnal, #262

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Judges 16:1-17

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 9:35-10:7

SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER “Basics in Ministry” Rev. Dr. Christopher Anderson

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “sins”)

All: *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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mr. Cody Eckenrode, piano

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: Let’s pause in our worship to just look around us - at this gathering – at one another. (Go ahead – look around.) We are a community of people who want to follow Jesus. We share so much with those early Christians who “struggled in the work of the gospel” but also found joy in the Lord - joy in the life they shared together. No matter what we are carrying this morning, or what we face, we are not alone. At this moment in our worship, we’re invited to share what we have so that others will find the same welcome, and the same joy that we have known. Let’s dedicate our gifts and offer them to God in in gratitude with praise and prayer.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, #258

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: *In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to you, O God. We share our time, skills, and money and in so doing, we say “yes” to following Jesus’ example. Through these offerings which support the ministries of this local church, Starview United Church of Christ, may those who experience healing and justice as a result, give witness to “the kingdom of heaven come near.” Amen.*

HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Hymnal, #35

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Pastor: As you go from here, remember this:
the same Spirit of God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead,
also lives in you,
breathing new life and freedom into your hearts and minds.
So go from here with joy and confidence,
knowing that God is at work within you and among you.

All: *Amen.*

POSTLUDE