

Music Workshop Theme 2012: Lift Up Your Heads

The theme of Music Workshop in 2012 is *Lift Up Your Heads*. It comes from the ending verses of the twenty fourth Psalm which prophesies of the triumphal King Jesus and his entry into Jerusalem. The 24th Psalm speaks of the glory of Jesus and declares Him to be the King of Glory and Lord of Hosts. This psalm has prophetic elements that involve both his first and second advents and it gives instructions for the saints living in all ages. It is the desire of the Workshop to spend the week contemplating the glory of the Lord. We intend to heed the call of the scripture and lift up our heads and behold the Lamb of God which has taken away the sin of the world.

The three subheadings of the theme involve three depictions of the Lord in Psalm 24. Why were the heads to be lifted up? What manner of person was this Lord? Why was He so worthy of praise? We will focus on three attributes of our Lord in the three days of worship

Day One: The Lord of All Creation Psalm 24:1-2

Psalm 24 begins by declaring that the earth and all its inhabitants belong to the Lord. The miracles of Christ show his dominion over all creation. The winds of the waves heard His voice. The ass was ready to be ridden into Jerusalem with the simple instruction: the Lord hath need of him. Day one's focus is on the Lordship that Christ over us because we are his workmanship.

Day Two :The Lord of The House of Worship Psalm 24:3-6.

The focus of day two is on the commitment to purity we are to have because of our relationship to the Lord. The individual believer and the entire body of believers are both referred to in the New Testament as being temples. Day Two we focus on the biblical commend to sanctify ourselves to participate in the activities of the house of God. Jesus twice in his public ministry cleansed the temple with a jealous regard that it was the house of God and therefore should be pure. John the Baptist lets us know that there is an expected fruit that is *meet for repentance*.

Day Three: The King of Glory and Lord of Hosts Psalm 24:7-10

The focus of the final day is one of triumph. We focus of the King of all kings and Lord of all Lords. We are to join with the ancient dwellers of Jerusalem and sing our hosannas as we acknowledge Christ of the King of Glory.

Scriptures for possible use each day

DAY 1: Lord of All Creation

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. Psalms 50:10-12

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. Deuteronomy 10:12-14

I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me. And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. Jeremiah 27:5-6

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Revelation 4:11

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. Psalms 33:6

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:3

For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. Isaiah 54:5

DAY 2: Lord of the House of Worship

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

A Psalm of David. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved. Psalms 15:1-5

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matthew 5:6-8

For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. Psalms 132:13-14

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. Hebrews 12:22-24

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Malachi 3:1-3

DAY 3: King of Glory

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD: This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter. Psalms 118:19-20

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and **the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.** The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts. Haggai 2:6-9

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Acts 2:36

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Revelation 11:15

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. Matthew 21:5

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? Matthew 21:9-10