

Verse 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
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And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth! the savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders, of his love.

Christ is welcomed by creation

Joy at the Coming of Christ

¹ *Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.*

² *The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.*

³ *He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

⁴ *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;*

⁵ *make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,*

⁶ *with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.*

⁷ *Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.*

⁸ *Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;*

⁹ *let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.*

*He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity. - Psalm 98:1-9*

Joy of Creation for Christ

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. - Psalm 19:1-4

. . . since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

- Romans 1:19-20

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." - Luke 19:37-40

Christ will renew creation

Cause for the Curse

¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." - Genesis 3:17-19

Deliver from the Curse

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." ¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

- Galatians 3:13-14

Abolish the Curse

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. - Romans 8:19-23

Christ will reign over creation

His reign will be over all.

⁵ It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. . . . and put everything under their feet." In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them.⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. - Hebrews 2:5, 8-9

His reign will benefit all

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“Something awful has happened; something terrible. Something worse, even, than the fall of man. For in that greatest of all tragedies, we merely lost Paradise—and with it, everything that made life worth living. What happened since is unthinkable: we’ve gotten used to it.” John Eldredge