



SERMON NOTES

April 27, 2025

"Day of Music"

Psalm 98; Psalm 150



I. Make a Joyful Noise

- A. Because God is _____.
- B. Because God is _____.
- C. Because God _____ .

John Wesley's Direction for Singing (*United Methodist Hymnal, page vii*)

1. _____ these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards _____ as many as you please.
2. _____ them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
3. Sing _____. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
4. Sing lustily and with a good _____. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
5. Sing _____. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
6. Sing in _____. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
7. Above all sing _____. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *April 28 – May 3, 2025*

INTRODUCTION

From our earliest childhood moments drumming on any solid surface (including ourselves) to learning to play the most difficult of instruments, music is a part of life. Throughout time, people have used music in their worship of the Lord. This Sunday is a day of music where many of our musical groups come together to offer their best to the Lord. As you continue your study of the Bible this week, enjoy the exploration through the written and sung word. May the music help draw you into greater contemplation. Amen?

Monday: “Amazing Grace” UMH#378 (or <https://www.hymnsite.com/lyrics/umh378.sht>)

A song known within and outside the church, “Amazing Grace” speaks to the power of God’s salvation. The lyrics take us through someone’s conversion and the ultimate reality of an eternity with our Creator in the company of the saints. The song was inspired by King David’s words in 1 Chronicles 17:16-17. What verse most speaks to you in this season of your life and why? What would you add to this great song from your experience with the Lord?

Tuesday: “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH#377 (or <https://hymnary.org/hymn/UMH/377>)

Useful in teaching about our Justifying Grace as well as comfort as we consider our own mortality, this song calls us both to be at peace and rejoice. John 14:27 tells us of how Jesus offered us peace; and not just any old peace, but his own peace. Closely consider verse 3 in the Eastertide. What emotions do you feel as you consider how your sin “is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more...”? How does this impact you to share the Good News to others?

Wednesday: “Holy, Holy, Holy!” UMH#64 (or <https://hymnary.org/hymn/UMH/64>)

This song evokes worship not only by the singer but the saints and angels as well. God is worthy of all our praise. This echoing truth resounds in the Bible from cover to cover. Read Revelation 4:8-11 and meditate upon this scene. Offer up your worship to the Lord today, whether it is first thing in the morning, the last action of the night or anytime in between. How do you understand the matchless reality of the God we serve?

Thursday: “This Is the Feast of Victory” UMH#638

Even as we continue to consider Maundy Thursday and Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples, we prepare for our next celebration of Holy Communion on May 4. Revelation 5:12-13 helped to inspire this hymn and its celebration of Christ who has won the victory over sin and death. While taking Communion, do you offer God something, receive something or perhaps a combination?

Friday: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” UMH#672 & 673 (or <https://hymnary.org/hymn/UMH/672>)

Lastly, much like we do with every time of gathered worship, we are sent forth with blessing. This hymn facilitates that blessing in song. Let your church family come to mind and invite God’s unique blessing upon each of them. Trust that the Lord knows what they need better than we ever could. Look forward to seeing them again in our next worship service. Consider: how does worshipping with other Christians enhance your experience?

MOVING FORWARD

There are a multitude of other hymns that could be covered - whole volumes, in fact. As you continue to study the Bible and offer your worship to the Lord, may the lessons of said music enhance your experience and invite others to join you in the song. Amen?

Answers to the sermon notes: 1A) good B) worthy, C) loves you.

1) learn 2) Sing 3) all 4) courage 5) modestly 6) time 7) spiritually