

“Through It All:” Our Story, Our Song
A Black Sacred Music Vesper Service Interspersed with Psalms

Call to Worship

Leader: Servants of the Lord! Come; let us praise the name of the Lord.

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Servants of the Lord! Whose name is worthy of our praise?

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Servants of the Lord! Come; let us give thanks, for God has done great things for us.

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Servants of the Lord! Come; let us greet God with our hymn of praise!

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Words: James W. Johnson (b.1871;d.1938)

Music(ANTHEM): J. Roasmund Johnson (b.1873;d.1954)

Invocation

Come By Here

Words: traditional spiritual

Music (DESMOND): traditional spiritual; arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b.1953) ©2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

Psalm 71

We Won't Leave Here Like We Came

Words and Music: Maceo Woods ©; arr. Nolan Williams Jr (b.1969) © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

He's Done So Much For Me

Words: Theodore R. Frye and Lillian Bowles (b. ca. 1884; d. 1949)

Music (DONE SO MUCH FOR ME): Theodore R. Frye and Lillian Bowles (b. ca. 1884; d. 1949); arr. Nolan Williams Jr. (b. 1969)
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Psalm 138

Yes, God is Real

Words and Music (GOD IS REAL): Kenneth Morris (b. 1917; d. 1988); arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953) © 1944 (renewed), arr. © 2011 Martin and Morris Inc., admin Unichappell Music Inc.

Psalm 37:18-24

Order My Steps

Words and Music (IN YOUR WORD): Psalm 119:133; Glenn E. Burleigh © 1991 Glenn E. Burleigh, Burleigh Inspirations Music

Jesus Christ Is the Way

Words and Music: Walter Hawkins © 1977 Bud John Music, admin. EMICMGPublishing.com

Psalm 48

Tis the Ol' Ship of Zion

Words and Music (OL' SHIP OF ZION): traditional spiritual; arr. Stanley Thurston © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

Psalm 121

Total Praise

Words and Music: Richard Smallwood (b. 1948); arr. Stephen Key © 1996 Bridge Building Music (BMI)/T Autumn Music (BMI), admin. Bridge Building Music

Through it All

Words and Music: André Crouch (b. 1942) © 1971 Manna Music, Inc. (ASCAP), admin. ClearBox Rights

Benediction

Now may the God who found us sinking deep in sin,
the God who *saved us from us* and gave us birth again,
the God who set us apart for works too great to utter,
the God so magnificently majestic, that there is no other—
May this God, the Only Wise God, give us minds to dream dreams and imagine possibilities;
give us hope and the mind to study war no more.
May this God give us eyes to see paths of light through the pressures of poverty,
hearts that beat compassion and care instead of violence and abuse.
May our God give us hands to heal the wounds of the hurting,
and feet to run the race of righteousness with patience knowing we will overcome,
today, tomorrow and forevermore.

Amen!

The Lord Bless You and Keep You / Sevenfold Amen

Words and Music (BENEDICTION): Numbers 6:24-26; Peter C. Lutkin (b. 1858; d. 1931)

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