



Celebrate Our Lord and Savior

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice in the Lord, who did not abandon us and leave us to our doom, but in His amazing mercy, sent His only Son to rescue us from our sins.

Response: Oh, celebrate a love so magnificent, a love so unbelievable, a love so freely given. Celebrate our risen Lord Jesus!

Leader: Ah, do you hear it! It is the glad outpouring of praise resounding through the universe. From the first tiny chirp of the morning dove to the last trickle of the setting sun, the earth vibrates with the message - celebrate! Celebrate His love!

Response: From sunrise to sunset and all through the watches of the night, the Great Creator calls us to celebrate!

Leader: From our getting up to our lying down, our hearts beat to a glad refrain of praise.

Response: As we break bread at every meal time, and as we partake of bread so divinely blessed at the communion feast, He stretches out His nail-scarred hands to us in love and reconciliation ... how awesome! How we celebrate!

Leader: But in the nitty-gritty of everyday life on this earth, it isn't always easy. In politics and commerce, in banking and bilking, in all the blasphemies and all the betrayals, in all the degradation and immorality of modern life, let us rejoice that God in His tremendous power still reigns!

Response: Yes, He understands our woes and He is with us always. The battle is His! The victory is His! O, celebrate our Sovereign Lord!

Leader: Oh, let us gather before His throne, revel in His presence, join hearts and spirits and voices in resounding praise!

Response: Yes, *Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice* (Philippians 4:4 KJV)!

Leader: To rejoice is to celebrate, to be jubilant, to come before our Lord in festivity, with trumpets blaring, flags flying, and in great ovations of praise!

Response: Let us celebrate the Lord whole-heartedly, with every ounce of our being, with every in-take of breath, celebrate Him endlessly, in glad adoration!

Leader: Let us celebrate how He delivers us from the stormy seas of life. We come out of the waters, dripping and panting, and fall on our knees before our Strong Deliverer.

Response: Ah, how can we do less, how can we ever cease to bring praise to the God of our Salvation! Celebrate Him!

Leader: How beautiful His sacred feet, His thorn-pressed brow! How beautiful the walk He took for us to a cross on a faraway hill.

Response: And He did it for you and for me. He suffered the agony of the cross. Celebrate His sacrifice and His unfathomable love!

Leader: Celebrate in Joy! See a little sliver of a moon in the evening sky! And celebrate its Creator. See a field of white lilies, and rise up on a carpet of fragrance, remembering His Easter promise.

Response: Ah, dear Jesus, we love You, we celebrate You! We praise You and adore You!

All: Forever and ever, we will rejoice in You, our Savior and our Lord. We celebrate You, world without end! Amen.

Close by singing "*Beautiful Savior*" (*LSB 537; LBW 518*).

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