

TO HIM BE Glory



*For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.*

Romans 11:36

THE GLORY OF GOD

We often say we want to live for God's glory. So, today, we will seek to understand and experience what that truly means. As we move through this service, we will trace the story of Scripture through the lens of His glory. We will allow it to shape how we worship, pray, listen, and respond to Him and to one another, not just today, but forevermore.

God's glory is the visible display of who He is—His beauty, holiness, goodness, and worth. From the beginning, God created not to gain glory, but to reveal it. With that in mind, we will follow the story of the Bible through five movements, each showing us what happens to God's glory and what it means for our lives.

GLORY DISPLAYED

God reveals His glory in creation, displaying His beauty, power, and goodness in all that He has made.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19:1-4a (NIV)

- ¹ *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.*

Worship Through Song

Indescribable

How Great Thou Art

Corporate Praise

1 Chronicles 16:28-29

- ²⁸ *Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!*
- ²⁹ *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

GLORY LOST

Humanity turns from God's glory, exchanging it for lesser things.
Though God's image in us is not erased, it is deeply marred by sin.

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:23

²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 1:21-23

²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Prayer of Confession

The Book of Common Prayer

"Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen"

GLORY RESTORED

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God restores His glory by saving sinners and renewing His image in us by grace through faith.

Scripture Reading

John 1:14

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:6

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Corporate Reading

Excerpt from the Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

Worship Through Song

Death Was Arrested
His Glory and My Good

GLORY PROCLAIMED

God sends His redeemed people to proclaim His glory among the nations, bearing witness to Jesus Christ in the world.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96:3-4

*³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Corporate Prayer

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen”

Worship Through Song

Facing a Task Unfinished

GLORY FOREVER

God's glory will one day fill all things fully and eternally as He dwells with His redeemed people and is worshiped forever.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:22–23

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Revelation 5:11–13

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

Worship Through Song

Holy Forever

Holy, Holy, Holy

The glory of God is not confined to creation, history, or even this gathering—it is the purpose and hope of our lives. As we go, may we learn again and again to behold His glory, to live in light of His grace, and to trust that all things are moving toward the day when His glory fills all things forever.

Benediction

Romans 11:36

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

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