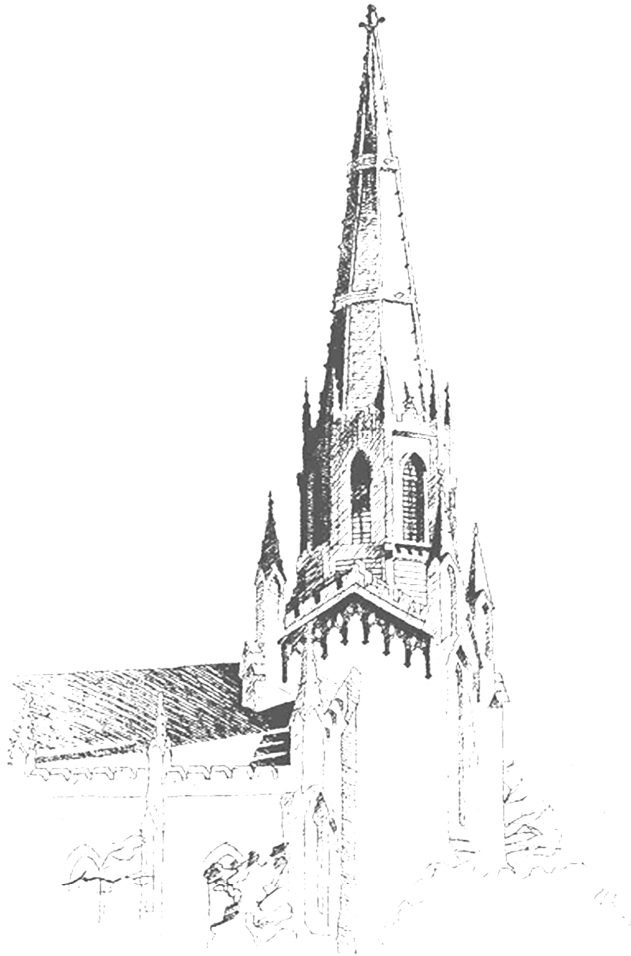


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(ESV Standard Bible page 471; Children's Bible page 604)

**SERMON** "The Sword and the Wedding Ring"

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

### **PRAYER**

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LEOMINSTER

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory  
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

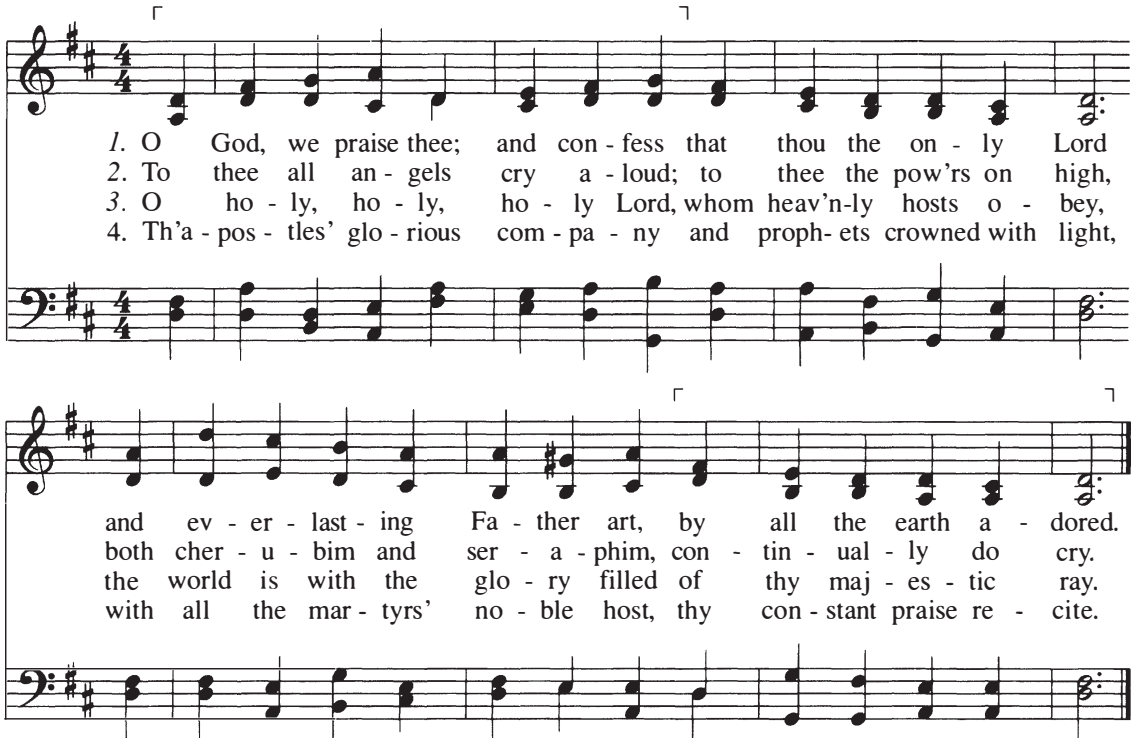
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

# O God, We Praise Thee

105

*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Is. 6:3*



1. O God, we praise thee; and con - fess that thou the on - ly Lord  
 2. To thee all an - gels cry a - loud; to thee the pow'rs on high,  
 3. O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, whom heav'n-ly hosts o - bey,  
 4. Th'a - pos - tles' glo - rious com - pa - ny and proph - ets crowned with light,

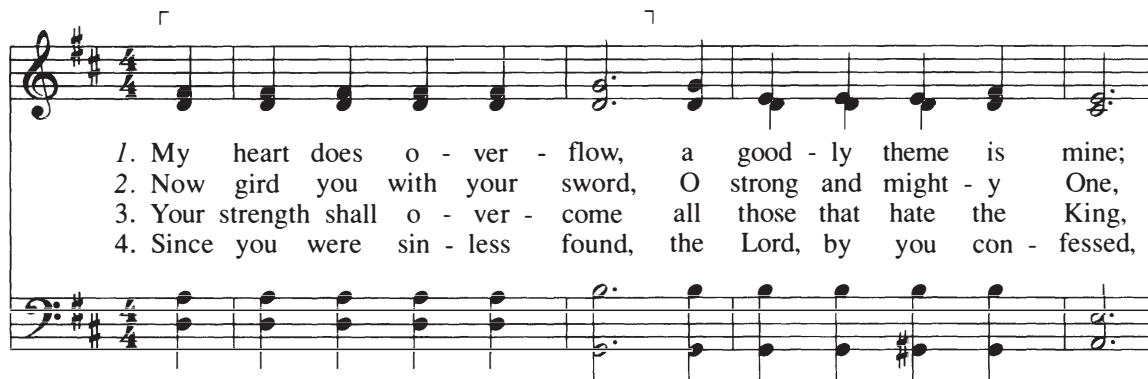
and ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther art, by all the earth a - dored.  
 both cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, con - tin - ual - ly do cry.  
 the world is with the glo - ry filled of thy maj - es - tic ray.  
 with all the mar - tyrs' no - ble host, thy con - stant praise re - cite.

5. The holy church throughout the world,  
 O Lord, confesses thee,  
 that thou Eternal Father art,  
 of boundless majesty;

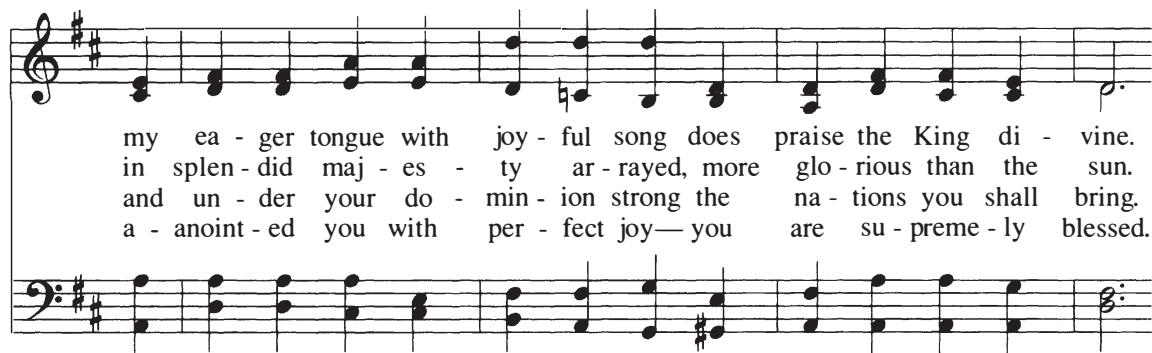
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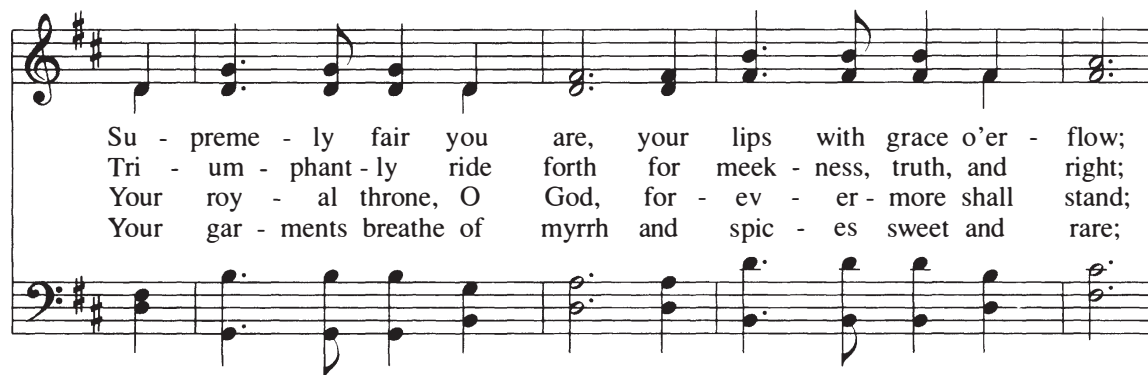
*My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king. Ps. 45:1*



1. My heart does o - ver - flow, a good - ly theme is mine;  
 2. Now gird you with your sword, O strong and might - y One,  
 3. Your strength shall o - ver - come all those that hate the King,  
 4. Since you were sin - less found, the Lord, by you con - fessed,



my ea - ger tongue with joy - ful song does praise the King di - vine.  
 in splen - did maj - es - ty ar - rayed, more glo - rious than the sun.  
 and un - der your do - min - ion strong the na - tions you shall bring.  
 a - anoint - ed you with per - fect joy— you are su - preme - ly blessed.



Su - preme - ly fair you are, your lips with grace o'er - flow;  
 Tri - um - phant - ly ride forth for meek - ness, truth, and right;  
 Your roy - al throne, O God, for - ev - er - more shall stand;  
 Your gar - ments breathe of myrrh and spic - es sweet and rare;

his rich - est bless - ings ev - er - more does God on you be - stow.  
 your arm shall gain the vic - to - ry in won - drous deeds of might.  
 e - ter - nal truth and jus - tice wield the scep - ter in your hand.  
 glad strains of heav'n - ly mu - sic ring through - out your pal - ace fair.

5. Amid your glorious train kings' daughters waiting stand,  
 and fairest gems bedeck your bride, the queen at your right hand.  
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 for Christ, the King, forsake the world and ev'ry former friend.

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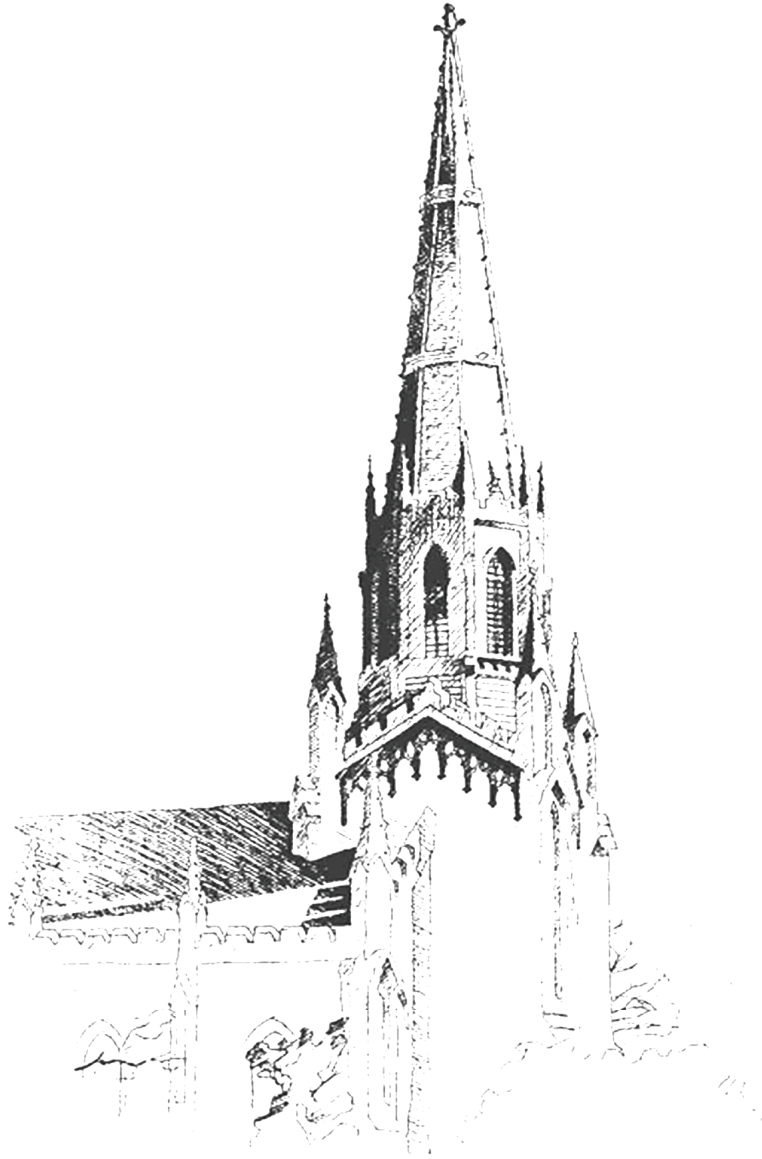
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Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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*O God, We Praise Thee* (Stanzas 1–3)

DUNDEE

O God, we praise thee; and confess  
That thou the only Lord  
And everlasting Father art,  
By all the earth adored.

To thee all angels cry aloud;  
To thee the pow'rs on high,  
Both cherubim and seraphim,  
Continually do cry.

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grace is poured upon your lips;  
therefore God has blessed you forever.
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in your splendor and majesty!



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let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

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in the heart of the king's enemies;  
the peoples fall under you.

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The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;  
<sup>7</sup> you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;  
<sup>8</sup> your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.  
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;  
<sup>9</sup> daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;  
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.  
<sup>10</sup> Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:  
forget your people and your father's house,  
<sup>11</sup> and the king will desire your beauty.  
Since he is your lord, bow to him.

<sup>12</sup> The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,  
the richest of the people.

<sup>13</sup> All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven  
with gold.

<sup>14</sup> In many-colored robes she is led to the king,  
with her virgin companions following behind her.

<sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.

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you will make them princes in all the earth.

<sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
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My eager tongue with joyful song  
Does praise the King divine.  
Supremely fair you are,  
Your lips with grace o’erflow;  
His richest blessings evermore  
Does God on you bestow.

Now gird thee with your sword,  
O strong and mighty One,  
In splendid majesty arrayed,  
More glorious than the sun.  
Triumphantly ride forth  
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Your arm shall gain the victory  
In wondrous deeds of might.

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The nations you shall bring.  
Your royal throne, O God,  
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The scepter in your hand.

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