

Song of Deliverance

A Worship Service after the Exodus from Egypt

Exodus 15:1-17

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Singing _____ God's _____

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. **Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.**"² "The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him."³ The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.⁴ **Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea.**

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Singing _____ God with _____

Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy.⁷ "In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble...."⁹ The enemy boasted, "I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them."¹⁰ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.¹¹ Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?¹² **"You stretch out your right hand, and the earth swallows your enemies.** (Exodus 15:6-7 & 9-12)

Singing _____ God's _____ Home

In your unending love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.¹⁴ The nations will hear and tremble; anguish will grip the people of Philistia.¹⁵ The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away;¹⁶ terror and dread will fall on them. By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone— until your people pass by, LORD, until the people you bought pass by.¹⁷ **You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance— the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established.** (Exodus 15:13-17)

WORSHIP VALUES

Evangelical Free Church of Bozeman

1. **God-centered Worship:** God, the source of all things, is to be the central focus of our worship services. Our primary aim is for the Triune God to be glorified; our secondary aim is for worshipers to be edified (Romans 11:36).
2. **Bible Based and Biblically Saturated:** Our philosophy of worship is developed from Scripture. Our practice in worship is to weave God's Word throughout the service (Matthew 4:10).
3. **Head and Heart:** We value worship that aims at kindling and carrying deep, strong, real emotions toward God, but does not manipulate people's emotions by failing to appeal to clear thinking and biblical truth (John 4:23).
4. **Un-distracting Excellence:** We will try to sing and play and pray and preach in such a way that people's attention will not be diverted from worship by shoddy ministry or by excessive elegance. Natural un-distracting excellence will allow the truth and beauty of God to radiate throughout the congregation (1 Corinthians 10:31).
5. **The Mingling of Historic and Contemporary Music:** The God who inspired composers and lyricists of the past still inspires them today. We believe both historic and contemporary music have a place in today's worship services (Colossians 3:16, Psalm 33:3).
6. **Participatory Rather than Performance-oriented:** We strive to make the singing and worship musically accessible to the majority in order to encourage the congregation to participate rather than spectate (Ephesians 5:18-19).
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8. **Believer Focused and Unbeliever Friendly:** We seek to plan worship services that are primarily directed toward believers but relevant and coherent to unbelievers. Our desire is that when unbelievers observe our worship they will: "...fall down and worship God, exclaiming, 'God is really among you!'" (1 Corinthians 14:25).
9. **Ordered Spontaneity:** We value planning the worship services in advance, in order to ensure a coherent and well-ordered service, while being sensitive and submissive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the moment. We seek to maintain a balance between doing everything in a, "...fitting and orderly way" (1 Corinthians 14:40) while seeking not to "quench the Holy Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:19).
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