

Magnify the Lord

This worship theme can be spoken and sung in this order or in the suggested order given on the next page. However, you should shape it to the practices of your congregation, possibly placing different elements at different places, or skipping or adding elements as needed.

Psalm 34:1-8, ESV

¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

² I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

³ *Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together. [key verse]*

⁴ **I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.**

⁵ **Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.**

⁶ **This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.**

⁷ **The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.**

⁸ **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

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- This can be on a handout or presentation, or the congregation can read it from their Bibles
 - Song leader reads normal text, congregation joins on bold text
 - Can be read in KJV instead
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Songs

Jesus, Thou Mighty Lord	CH 150	HC 192	MH 96
Bless, O My Soul, the Living God		HC 25	MH 72
I will Extol Thee, O My God	CH 73	HC 92	
I Sing the Mighty Power of God		HC 127	MH 50

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- Choose from these songs, perhaps interspersing them throughout.
 - CH = Christian Hymnary
HC = Hymns of the Church
MH = Mennonite Hymnal
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Meditation

In the KJV, the Psalm we read says, “O, magnify the Lord with me; and let us exalt His name together.” What does it mean to magnify the Lord? Is God so small we need to “magnify” Him so we can see Him? No! God is big; He is the definition of big, since nothing can be greater than God. We need to see Him for who He is and help others see how great He is.

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- Use this for your personal preparation or read it for the congregation
 - Extemporize on these questions or invite response from the congregation
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God is bigger than our imagination. Ponder who God is, what He has done in your life and creation, then proclaim His greatness to others. Glorify His name in all your conversations. Invite fellow believers to join you in proclaiming how big God is “and let us exalt His name together!”

1. How do you see God—Big, Medium, Small?
2. We know intellectually God is the definition of big—do you believe it in your heart?
3. Are there things that you are afraid God can't do?

Suggested order

- I. “Bless, O My Soul, the Living God”
- II. Scripture reading
- III. “Jesus, Thou Mighty Lord,” “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
- IV. Meditation
- V. “I Will Extol Thee”
- VI. A prayer