

Revelation 19:6-8
Children's SS Service

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Dear Saints of God, dearly loved –

We have reason to sing, don't we? Creation's song inspires ours. Why? *Our God has been good to us!* But it's much more than just the life he has given and the stuff we enjoy, isn't it? No matter what this year brought you, no matter what gifts you'll be opening up under that tree, *our God has been good to us!*

Sure, sometimes that sin in us wants to distract us with frustration and failure and selfishness so that we don't see it, but I'm telling you: *Our God has been good to us!* When we refuse to acknowledge that and worry and complain and are less than satisfied, he should strike us down and send us out of his presence, but *our God has been good to us!*

He did what we'll be singing about all day today, all this week, and really, for the rest of our lives – into eternity. God sent his Son to pay the price for our rebellion. *Our God has been good to us!* And because he has been so good to us, we'll be singing with saints and angels forever. We'll be singing with those saints - all believers – made holy by his work – “sanctified”.... and angels, whose job it has been to praise God's name since their creation. And we get to join their song! *Our God has been good to us!*

Our text is from Revelation 19, and really is the basis for this whole service this morning. In our reading, we get a glimpse of that song we'll be singing around God's throne for all eternity. *Our God has been good to us!*

The Apostle John writes: **Revelation 19:6-8** ⁶**Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. ⁷Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."** (Fine linen stands for the righteousness* of the saints.) This is God's Word.

Can you imagine what it will be like to join that great multitude, singing and shouting at the top of our lungs, “*Our God has been good to us!*”? “**Hallelujah** (they sang) **for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad!**” How can we not? *Our God has been good to us!* Through the coming of His Son, through the birth of this baby, HE has made us ready for that heavenly choir. Through his perfect life he gives in exchange for our sins, we are dressed in righteousness, perfection and joy. Yes, *our God has been good to us!* Let's sing his praise. In Christ, Amen