



Hymnal Insert

Independence Day Lovefeast
June 28, 2026

NATIONAL OCCASIONS

(Standing)

NATIONAL HYMN

Trumpets

God of all a - ges, whose al - might - y
Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
way; lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace,

our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live upon it. Let all people everywhere know that the supreme God has power over the human kingdom and that he can give it to anyone he chooses — even to the least important. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,

For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

BATTLE HYMN

It is God who holds the na - tions in the
 God re - minds us ev - 'ry sun - rise that the

hol - low of his hand; it is God whose light is shin - ing in the
 world is ours on lease - for the sake of life to - mor - row may our

dark - ness of the land; it is God who builds his cit - y on the
 love for it in - crease; may all rac - es live to - geth - er, share its

rock and not the sand: the liv - ing God be praised!
 rich - es, be at peace: the liv - ing God be praised!

(Kneeling or sitting)

Almighty God, ruler of nations, to whose grace we owe the manifold blessings of this land,

We worship you with grateful hearts.

We confess that in many ways we have turned aside from your commandments, and it is because of your steadfast love that we are not consumed. You offer us mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against you, and have not obeyed your command to walk in your laws, which you have set before us.

Lord, have mercy on us, and blot out our transgressions.

We pray, Lord, that you will guide and bless all who are in places of authority. Protect them from violence, and fill the hearts of the people with respect and love for them, because you have established their authority. Raise up for us leaders who will carry out all your purpose, and, in patience and courage, will depend on you.

Save your people, and bless your heritage.

Make of this nation an instrument for the promotion of peace, freedom, and righteousness. May it be a haven for the oppressed of other lands, a home of happiness for all who dwell within its borders; and may our commitment to liberty and justice for all be preserved for the generations to come.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Guide us and our leaders through the Spirit of Christ's love as we struggle with matters of teaching and learning, home and family, health and security, work and justice. Turn the hearts of all people to you, that they may seek eternal life through Jesus Christ, who redeems us and our world.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Grant wisdom to those who are of the family of faith. Enable us to accept the authority of government for your sake, ready for every good work, abstaining from every form of evil, and paying to all whatever is due them. As citizens of this nation may we bring credit to our Savior in all we do.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Grant to the people of this and all other lands a love of peace and order, that the nations shall learn war no more. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

(Standing)

LANCASHIRE (151 M)

O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and
From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and
Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall

land, re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand; where
right, from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night, from
cease, when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace, till

hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled, in
pride of race and na - tion, and blind - ness to your way, de -
dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign, and

love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife - torn world.
liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main. A - men.

O God of Ev'ry Nation

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al-might-y hand,
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us, and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard,
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Highly Favored Congregation

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1 High - ly fa - vored con - gre - ga - tion, loved by
 2 Ground - ed on your Sav - ior's mer - it, blessed in
 3 Wit - ness here to all a - round you of your
 4 Ev - i - dence by word and ac - tion that your

Je - sus and es - teemed, ne'er for - get your des - ti -
 his com - mun - ion sweet, des - tined heav - en to in -
 Sav - ior's dy - ing love; tell them how he sought and
 faith is not in vain, that your high - est sat - is -

na - tion, why from this vain world re - deemed.
 her - it, and the church a - bove to meet.
 found you, gave you grace from heav'n a - bove.
 fac - tion cen - ters in the Lamb once slain.

5 By love's closest bonds united,
 as the Lord's own family,
 be to serve his name excited,
 be to him a fruitful tree.

Our Tithes and Off'rings, Lord, We Bring 815

Our tithes and off'rings, Lord, we bring;
with grateful hearts to you we sing.
You are the source of ev'ry gift,
to you our song of thanks we lift.

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