

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

Give Thanks to God

A Responsive Hymn Based on Psalm 136
A Cappella or Accompanied; Unison or in Parts

♩ = ca. 108

*Leader C F C People C E/A C/G G sus G7 C

1. Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love endures for - ev - er.
2. Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love endures for - ev - er.
3. Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love endures for - ev - er.

Leader C F C People C E/A C/G G sus G7 C

Give praise to Him, the Lord of Lords. His love endures for - ev - er.
He bro't us out from sin and death. His love endures for - ev - er.
We join the song that nev - er ends: His love endures for - ev - er.

All C G C/G G7 G C F/C C C/E G7 D7sus/A D7/A G7/B G7G7/F C/E FDm7/E

He spread the earth and sea and sky. He filled them all with light and life.
He stood and stretched His might - y hand. He bowed Him - self, be - came a man -
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow! Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low!

A m E7/G# E+ E7 A m F C/E C C E/A C/G G sus G7 C

May God a - lone be lift - ed high! His love endures for - ev - er.
A gulf that on - ly love could span. His love endures for - ev - er.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! His love endures for - ev - er.

* "Leader" may be sung by soloist, choir, or half the congregation.

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TOPICS: God's Love; Praise & Worship; Thanksgiving

LEAD-IN: Psalm 136 begins:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

This psalm was originally sung responsively. Now thousands of years later, we're going to sing it that way again.

(Explain how you'll sing the psalm.)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

His Love Endures Forever

Psalm 136 begins:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

to him who alone does great wonders,

His Love endures forever. (NIV)

The psalm recounts God's mighty deeds on behalf of His people. After each line His people respond, *His love endures forever.*

We're going to take that as a pattern and thank the Lord together tonight (today). I'm going to give each of you, as many as want to, the chance to pray a short prayer of thanksgiving to God. Thank Him for a recent blessing or answer to prayer. You might thank Him for His daily goodness. Or thank Him for some special deliverance in your life. Your word of thanks can be for yourself, or for your family, or for our church or nation. It can recall a blessing from the past or in the present or one you that by faith you know is coming in the future.

Then after each individual prayer, we'll pray in unison,

Thank You, Lord God!

Your love endures forever!

Our God is a mighty God whose blessings span all of time and beyond. Let's thank Him together! I'll start.