

“Responsive Reading”

(The Holiness of God)

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- What:** A traditional styled script about the holiness of God, that uses scripture to paint an accurate picture of God’s character. (Themes: Holiness, God’s Character, Heaven)
- Who:** Reader All
- When:** Present day
- Why:** Isaiah 44-46, Psalm 8:4, Revelation 21:1
- Wear (Props):** None
- How:** While this style may be perceived as “old school,” it dynamic to hear and read God’s word as the Body of Christ. Set this up properly and there will be more excitement than boredom.



Reader: I am the Lord, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself. Who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners; who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense. I form the light and create the darkness. I bring prosperity and create disaster.

All: He is the Lord, and there is no other.

Reader: I the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right. I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them they all stand up together. It is I who made the earth, and created mankind upon it. I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight.

All: He is the Lord our Holy One, Israel's Creator, our King.

Reader: I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is to come. I say: my purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do. Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. They will say of me:

All: In the Lord alone is righteousness and strength.

Reader: I live in a high and holy place.

All: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and revive the heart of the contrite.

Reader: I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and



proclaimed – I am not some foreign god among you. I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

All: He blots out our transgressions, for His own sake, and remembers our sins no more.

Reader: Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is no other. I am the Lord, and that is my name. I will not give my glory to another, or my praise to idols. I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

All: What is man that you are mindful of him; the son of man that you care for him? For we all like sheep have gone astray, each of us to his own way. But we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Reader: I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open the eyes that are blind, to free the captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

All: But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgression – it is by grace we have been saved.

Reader: But now this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”

