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ANTIPHONAL PRAISE (WE WORSHIP YOU)

FOR CHILDREN'S VOICES

(WITH OPTIONAL ADULT VOICES, STRING QUARTET, BELLS, AND CONGREGATION)

CREDITS

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ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE GLORY
DUE HIS NAME; BRING AN
OFFERING AND COME BEFORE HIM!
WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE
SPLENDOR OF HOLINESS

1 CHRONICLES 16:29 (ESV)



SONG CONTEXT

"Ascribe" is not a word we use in everyday modern language. Its meaning is to give agreement, or acknowledge, that certain characteristics belong to something or someone: a kind of stamp of agreement. In 1 Chronicles, the scripture agrees and acknowledges that God is great, so that we give Him the glory that He deserves. In that way, we "ascribe" to the Lord glory, we bring an offering, and we worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Another word we don't often use is "antiphonal." It literally means "to sound against," which sounds a little harsh, doesn't it? In practice, it meant singing or playing from one location to another. In some cathedrals, there were side balconies, and often singers or instrumentalists were stationed in both. From those locations, they would sing or play from one balcony, and the other balcony would sing or play something back in return. Sometimes this was quite complex music, as they answered back and forth, echoing each other at times and at other times returning different music from one side to the other. As you can imagine, this style of music was amazing for those in the congregation below, hearing it sound above their heads from one balcony to the other.

In the case of **Antiphonal Praise (We Worship You)**, there is a great opportunity to sing from one person or group to another. The antiphonal principle in this case is an exact echo. That means that if one person or group learns and sings the first line, the other group can respond immediately, without the need for any rehearsal on the part of the answering group. The hope for this song is that a child or children would be the leaders and sing the first line, and that the congregation could sing the echo in response. While this may not be from balcony to balcony, it can easily be back and forth between the platform and the people. Try it...it's a wonderful and creative way to "ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name." (See the sample order of worship that includes this music.)

PRAYER

Dear Lord, as we sing back and forth from one another, we thank You that we can not only sing for each other but also to each other. In this way, we are glad we can bring You the honor and glory that You deserve. We worship You, Almighty God. Amen.