



WORSHIP

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SANTO, HOLY

FOR CHILDREN'S VOICES
(WITH OPTIONAL ADULT VOICES, STRING QUARTET, AND CONGREGATION)

CREDITS

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LISTEN NOW!



“ SANTO, SANTO, SANTO ES EL
SEÑOR DIOS TODOPODEROSO, EL
QUE ERA, EL QUE ES, Y EL QUE HA
DE VENIR. ”

APOCALIPSIS 4:8 (NVI)

SONG CONTEXT

What does “holy” mean? The Hebrew word for “holy” is “kodesh” or “kadosh.” It means being set apart and distinct from other things. It signifies that something or someone stands out because of a specific characteristic or purpose.

With that background, the word holy carries two meanings. The first meaning is that God is completely different from His creation. God stands out because He is sinless, pure, and without comparison in majesty. In those ways, He is set apart from all other beings. Holiness is one of God’s attributes, and God is beyond all others. Isaiah saw God in a vision and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of His glory.” (Isaiah 6:3)

The second meaning relates to God’s creation, including each of us. Holiness refers to people or things set apart from ordinary, common life for use by God. God asks us to be “be holy, as I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16). In this way, all Christian believers are set apart to be holy, useful to God for His purpose and glory in all that we do. Though we are not sinless, as God is, we can offer our lives for His use as holy people. In this way, we worship God as a privileged, chosen, and holy people.

This song, **Santo, Holy**, is an expression of the first meaning of “holy.” The words speak directly to God, declaring Him holy, mighty, and worthy...set apart from all others. It also expresses our response to His holiness: “And we magnify Your name.” The song also uses both Spanish and English to express God’s holiness, symbolizing that people in every language can tell God that He is holy and that, in every language, we can magnify the name of the Lord.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, as we acknowledge that You are holy and worthy of our worship, help us today to live as holy people, chosen by You to live with a special purpose and joy as Your children. Amen.