

LESSON 16: GOD ALMIGHTY: OUR CREATOR AND OUR FATHER

Memory work

Either memorize the catechism answers below or the stanzas 1 , 2 & 4 of the song on the back of this sheet. The melody of the song is that of Psalm 42 in the Book of Praise.

26. Q. What do you believe when you say: *I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?*

*A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and all that is in them,
and who still upholds and governs them
by His eternal counsel and providence,
is, for the sake of Christ His Son,
my God and my Father.*

*In Him I trust so completely
as to have no doubt
that He will provide me
with all things necessary for body and soul,
and will also turn to my good
whatever adversity He sends me
in this life of sorrow.
He is able to do so as almighty God,
and willing also as a faithful Father.*

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with all things necessary for body and soul
He is able to do so as almighty God,
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28. Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

*A. We can be patient in adversity,
thankful in prosperity,
and with a view to the future
we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father
that no creature shall separate us from His love;
for all creatures are so completely in His hand
that without His will they cannot so much as move.*

Homework

Do some research online or in the school library to find the answers to the first two questions.

1. What is the theory of *Intelligent Design*? _____

2. What does *Deism* teach concerning God's involvement with creation? _____

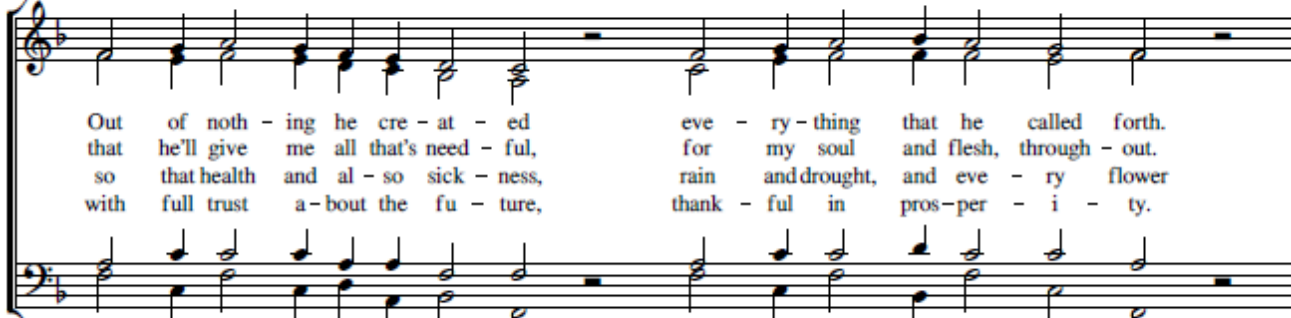
3. Do you agree with the Catechism that all adversity is sent by God? _____
Find a Bible text to support your answer: _____
4. Of what value is it to know that drought, barren years, sickness, and poverty come by God's fatherly hand? _____

I Believe in God the Father

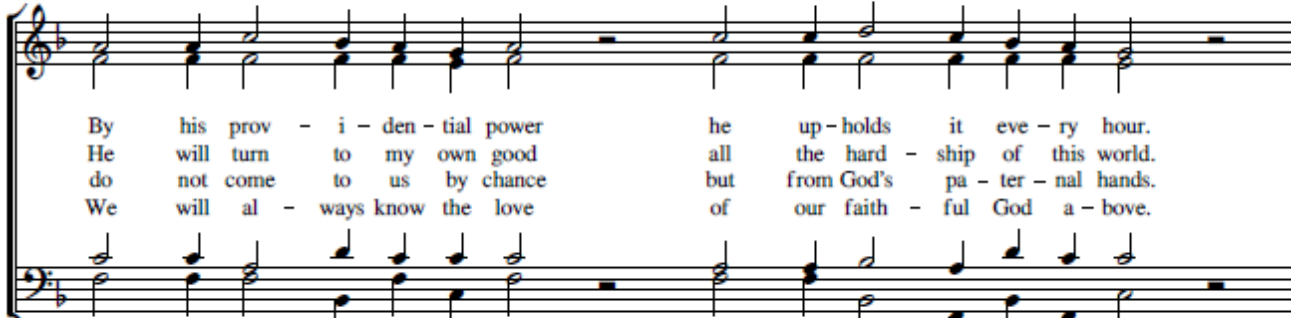
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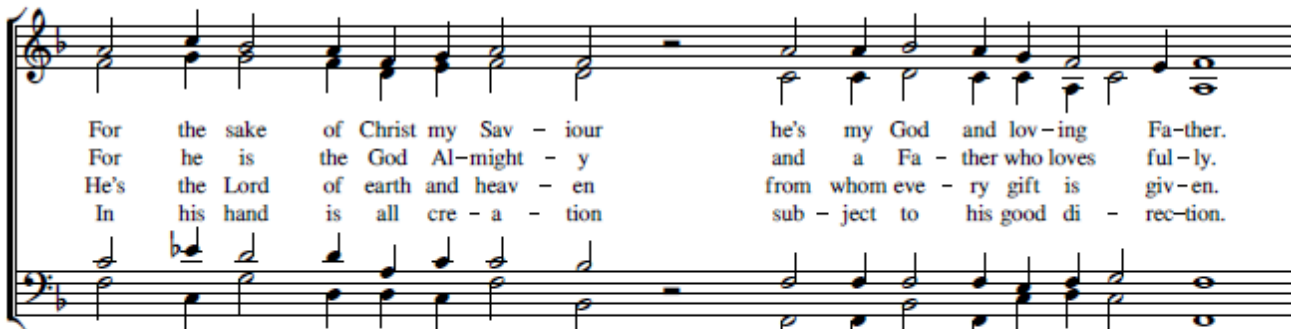
1. I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, he who made both heaven and earth.
 2. I re - ly on him com - plete - ly as to have no anx - ious doubt
 3. God up-holds all of cre - a - tion by his ev - er pre - sent power
 4. We'll be pa - tient in our suf - fering, when we face ad - ver - si - ty



Out of noth - ing he cre - at - ed eve - ry - thing that he called forth.
 that he'll give me all that's need - ful, for my soul and flesh, through - out.
 so that health and al - so sick - ness, rain and drought, and eve - ry flower
 with full trust a - bout the fu - ture, thank - ful in pros - per - i - ty.



By his prov - i - den - tial power he up - holds it eve - ry hour.
 He will turn to my own good all the hard - ship of this world.
 do not come to us by chance but from God's pa - ter - nal hands.
 We will al - ways know the love of our faith - ful God a - bove.



For the sake of Christ my Sav - iour he's my God and lov - ing Fa - ther.
 For he is the God Al - might - y and a Fa - ther who loves ful - ly.
 He's the Lord of earth and heav - en from whom eve - ry gift is giv - en.
 In his hand is all cre - a - tion sub - ject to his good di - rec - tion.

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 Dedicated to John and Bonita van Popta, after John's DBS for PD

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