Most Holy God,

We stand here now, in this hour, ready to sing your praises and receive your Word. Lord, remind us, though, of how precious and how frightening it is to be in Your presence. Your Word tells us that around your throne is great darkness, flashes of lighting, rumbles, and peals of thunder (Revelation 3:5).

Yet, O Lord, we acknowledge that Your Word tells us that the Savior has been exalted and seated next to you on High (Hebrews 1:3b) and that "there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

We further acknowledge as well, that you, in Your Word tell us to approach this very throne which you sit upon with confidence because it is equally a throne of grace where we can find and receive mercy in our time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

Most Holy and gracious Lord, we ask for Your mercy in being in Your Holy Presence. May You see Christ in us and we in Christ that our worship may be sweet to you. May we continually find grace in the sacrifice of Christ's shed blood on our behalf, for your glory.

Help us to appreciate the blessing we have in singing to you this hour, mediated through Your Son, at the throne of grace. Help us to worship you in the power of the Spirit and Your truth.

Amen.

