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Theme song (7th-century hymn):

Creator of the stars of night
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe

Psalm 84

Lyrics Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
Artists: Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge
 Live Choral Evensong in Trinity College Chapel, February 16, 2023
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9K5A51Ni6S0>

Quam dilecta !

- 0 HOW amiable are thy dwellings, * thou LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; *
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest,
 where she may lay her young; * even thy altars, O LORD of hosts,
 my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; * they will be alway praising
 thee.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; * in whose heart are thy
 ways.
- 6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; * and the pools are
 filled with water.
- 7 They will go from strength to strength, * and unto the God of gods
 appeareth every one of them in Sion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God our defender, * and look upon the face of thine anointed.

- 10 For one day in thy courts * is better than a thousand.
- 11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, * than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- 12 For the LORD God is a light and defence; * the LORD will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
- 13 O LORD God of hosts, * blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost :
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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