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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=9K5A5INi6S0>

Quam dilecta !

O 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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