

# The Inn of God's Forgiveness

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Voice

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 8/8 time. It consists of 14 staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated to fit the rhythm. The score includes a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature of 8/8. The lyrics are as follows:

From The Inn a light is  
At the Inn there is a  
Those who stand be - fore the  
It's the Inn of God's for -  
stream - ing like the as - swer to a prayer, as a  
foun - tain, and for wash - ing there's a pool; it has  
door there, feel - ing tired and in - se - cure, from with -  
5 give - ness, with - out pay - ment, with - out price; no do -  
shin - ing in - vit - a - tion to the wel - come wait - ing  
heal - ing heat in win - ter, and in sum - mer, sooth - ing  
in hear words of wel - come that re - fresh and re - as -  
8 na - tions, com - pen - sa - tion, or ob - la - tion could suf -  
there. Oh, the kit - chen's al - ways op - pen and your  
cool. Oh, it bub - bles up for drink - ing when you're  
sure. Ev - ery pro - di - gal re - turn - ing is em -  
fice. Where the kind - ly light is shin - ing let us  
11 tab - le's al - ways free, and the comp - pa - ny is  
suf - fer - ing from thirst, and it spends it - self so  
phat - ical - ly em - braced, ev - ery fool - ish - ness for -  
14 knock up - on the door; let the Inn of God's for -  
pleas - ant, and there's nev - er any - y fee.  
free - ly that it can't be re - im - bursed.  
got - ten, ev - ery in - ju - ry e - rased.  
give - ness be our home for ev - er more.

## Second Reading

~ adapted from A.J. Swoboda in "Messy: God Likes It That Way"

God doesn't have a theology. We do. And it becomes a very personal affair. To me, so much of our theology looks like us. Everything we do as human beings proclaims the theology that we nurture and care for in our heart. When we hate our neighbor for being of a certain religion or political party, it proclaims to the world what we think about God. Or when we forgive someone for hurting us, we pronounce to the world something about what we believe about God. Our way of life is God's microphone. Our life preaches. Everything we do. When we accept this, we realize that there is ultimately no easy way out, no way to actually escape the necessity of theology in our lives. Theology is something we do, not just something we believe. The same is true for church. At our community gatherings on Sunday, we have a communal meal, the Eucharist—the essence of Christ. When we allow everyone to participate, it says something about God. Everything we do says something about God.

## HOMEWORK

*What are some things you do that say something about God, and what do they say?*

*How many times do you forgive someone who wrongs you?*

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