THE NAMES OF GOD

A READERS THEATRE PRESENTATION FOR WORSHIP OR SPECIAL SERVICES

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(This is a reader's theatre drama using prepared scripts, dramatic interpretation, movement, audience participation and music)

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning, God ...

<u>T1</u>

God who?

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning, God ...

T1

God who?

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning, God ...

<u>T1</u>

If you want to address me, call me by my name and answer the question.

In the beginning, God ...

<u>T1</u>

What's the matter? My name isn't good enough for you?

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning, God ...

<u>T1</u>

GOD WHO?

<u>S1</u>

The Creator

<u>T2</u>

The Eternal

<u>A1</u>

The Father of Lights

<u>B2</u>

Jehovah

<u>A1</u>

El Shaddai

<u>S2</u>

Ruach Elohim – The Spirit of God

<u>T2</u>

The Great I AM

<u>A2</u>

The A1mighty

<u>S1</u>

The Fortress

<u>T2</u> & <u>A2</u>

The Holy One

The Most High

<u>S2</u>

The Judge

B2

The A1pha

<u>A1</u>

The Omega

A2

The beginning and the end

<u>B1</u>

Our Father

<u>T2&A2</u>

Our Father

<u>B2</u>, <u>T2</u>, <u>A1,A2</u>, <u>S1</u>, <u>S2</u>

OUR FATHER

<u>S1</u>

Which art in heaven

T2

Hollowed ...

<u>B2</u>, <u>S2</u>, <u>A2</u>

Hollowed ...

<u>B1</u>

Be thy name ...

<u>T2</u>

And the name of thy son.

<u>T1</u>

Wait! I was just beginning to grasp this God thing. Now you throw his son at me. Who is this son?

<u>A2</u>

The Author and finisher of our faith

<u>S1</u>

The Bread of Life

<u>B2</u>

Counselor

<u>T2</u>

The Good Shepherd

<u>S2</u>

The King of the Jews.

<u>51</u> &<u>52</u>

The Lamb of God

<u>B2</u>

The Man of Sorrows

<u>T1</u>, <u>A2</u>, <u>S1</u>

The Lord of Lords

<u>B2</u>, <u>A1</u>, <u>T2</u>, <u>S2</u>

The King of Kings

<u>S1</u>

The Prince of Peace

<u>A2</u>

Of Peace

<u>B1</u>

Of Peace

<u>T2</u>

Rose of Sharon

<u>B2</u>

Son of David

<u>A2</u>

Rod of Jesse

<u>A1</u>, <u>T2</u>, <u>B1</u>

Son of Man

<u>**S2**</u>

Jesus

<u>S1</u>, <u>B2</u>, <u>A2</u>

Jesus

<u>B1,S1</u>

Jesus

A1,<u>T2</u>

Jesus

<u>B2,S2</u>

J	es	u	S

A2

Jesus ...

<u>T1</u>

Now him I've heard of. Virgin birth. Star of Bethlehem. Three wise guys.

Christmas Trees. There isn't much you can tell me about him. Anyone else you think I should know about?

<u>B1</u>

He that hath an ear, let him listen.

<u>B2</u>

Hereby know ye the spirit of God!

<u>B1</u>, <u>B2</u>, <u>T2</u>

Hereby know ye the SPIRIT OF GOD!

<u>S1</u>

Spirit of Comfort

<u>A2</u>

Spirit of Glory

<u>T2</u>

Spirit of Understanding

<u>A1</u>

Spirit of Strength

<u>B2</u>

Spirit of Love

<u>A1</u>

Grace

Holiness

<u>T1</u>

Knowledge

<u>T2,S1</u>

And Wisdom

<u>B1</u>

The Spirit of God

<u>B2,S1</u>

The Father

A1

Christ

<u>T2,A2</u>

The Son

Look, this really isn't for me. I'm not really into all that spiritual mystical religious stuff. It's not really necessary to go through all this because

I've heard it all before and it really isn't relevant to my life.

When you start talking about ...

<u>B1</u>

God

<u>T2</u>

The Father

<u>S1</u>

The Eternal

<u>\$1,\$2</u>

A1mighty

<u>S1</u>, <u>S2,A1</u>, <u>A2</u>

Creator

<u>A2</u>

So loved the world

<u>S1</u>

That he gave his only begotten son

<u>A1</u>, <u>T2</u>

His ONLY begotten Son

<u>S2</u>

The Lamb of God

<u>A2</u>

The Bread of Life

<u>B2</u>

The Prince of Peace

<u>S1</u>

That whosoever believeth in him

<u>B1</u>, <u>T2</u>

The King of Kings

<u>A1</u>

The Christ

<u>A2</u>

The Messiah

<u>S2</u>

His only son

<u>B1</u>

Yes, whosoever believeth in Him

<u>T1</u>

Shall not perish

<u>A2</u>, <u>S2</u>, <u>B2</u>

SHALL NOT PERISH

<u>T2</u>

but have everlasting life

<u>A1</u>

Everlasting Life

<u>B1</u>, <u>A2</u>, <u>S1</u>

Everlasting Life!

<u>T1</u>

And Christ

<u>A2</u>

The Son of God

<u>S2</u>

The Son of Man

<u>B2</u>

The Man of Sorrows

Having died of the tree to free man

<u>T1</u>

Having sacrificed of the cross to save man

<u>S1</u>

Having laid down his life for all men

<u>B1</u>

Was buried.

(long Pause)

<u>T1</u>

Well? What next? That can't be the end of the story. What happened?

<u>B1</u>

He arose.

<u>T1</u>

What?

<u>T2</u>, <u>S1</u>

He arose!

<u>A2</u>

On the third day

<u>T2</u>, <u>S1</u>, <u>B2</u>, <u>B1</u>, <u>A1</u>, <u>A2</u>

HE AROSE!

<u>S2</u>

Because he died

<u>S1</u>

Because he arose

<u>B1</u>

Because he is the Son of the Living God

He gave us a gift!

A1,<u>A2</u>

A GIFT!

<u>T1</u>

What kind of gift? I'll bet there's strings attached. You don't get something for nothing, not even from God.

<u>B1</u>

If you believe, the gift is free.

<u>T2, S1</u>

If you believe

<u>A2</u>, <u>B2</u>, <u>S2</u>

The Gift is FREE

<u>B1</u>

The free gift of the Spirit

The Spirit of God

<u>T2</u>

The Spirit of Christ

<u>S1</u>

The Spirit of Glory

<u>B2</u>

And Grace

<u>S2</u>

And Holiness

<u>B1</u>

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God

<u>T2</u>

The Father of Christ

The Father of Man

<u>B1</u>

They are the sons of God

<u>A2</u>, <u>T2</u>

The sons of the Almighty

<u>S1</u>

The sons of the creator

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning ...

<u>T1</u>

God

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning ...

<u>T1</u>

Come on, finish it ... God

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning ... was the Word

<u>T1</u>

Hold it right there. Cut! Stop! Hold the camera! Now I had this all figured out.

What is this? In the beginning was the Word?

It's supposed to be in the beginning ... God.

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning was the word?

<u>T1</u>

Are you sure about this?

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning was the word

And the Word was with God

<u>S1</u>

And the Word was God

<u>B1</u>

And the same was in the beginning with God.

<u>T1</u>

What word?

<u>S2</u>

God's Word

A1,<u>A2</u>

God's Promise

<u>B2</u>

God's Light

<u>S1</u>

Jesus is the word

<u>T2</u>

Jesus is the way

ВΙ

Jesus is the word AND the way

<u>A2</u>

Jesus was in the beginning with God

<u>S2</u>

The Father

<u>A1</u>

The Judge

<u>B2</u>

The Alpha and the Omega

<u>S1</u>

The Beginning of all things

<u>A2</u>

The End of all things

<u>T1</u>

In the beginning was Jesus. No. No way. He lived during the Roman Empire. Even I know that much.

<u>B1</u>

God

<u>A1</u>

The Father

<u>BI</u>

Sent Jesus

<u>A2</u>

The Son

<u>B2</u>

But in the beginning

<u>B1</u>, <u>B2</u>

Was the word

<u>\$1,\$2</u>

And the word was with God

A1,<u>A2</u>

And the word was God

<u>T2</u>

The word was God.

<u>T1</u>

So you're trying to tell me that God the Father and God the Son were both there in the beginning?

<u>B1</u>

The Father

The Son

<u>S1</u>

And the Holy Spirit

<u>T1</u>

He was there, too?

<u>A2</u>

A1I are part of the whole

<u>T2</u>

The three are one

<u>B1</u>

God the Father

<u>B2</u>

God the Son

<u>S1</u>

God the Holy Spirit.

And God the Father didst give unto man

<u>B2</u>

God the Son, who didst give unto man

<u>S1</u>

The Holy Spirit

<u>T2</u>

So that all men may know the presence of God

(pause)

<u>T1</u>

So... go on.

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning, God

Are we back to that? You sound just like a scratched record.

<u>B1</u>

In the beginning, God created the heaven and earth

<u>T1</u>

Now we're getting some where.

<u>B2</u>

All things were made by him

A1

And without him was not anything made that was made.

<u>T1</u>

Everything?

<u>S1</u>, <u>T2</u>, <u>A2</u>, <u>B2</u>

ALL THINGS!

And God said "Let us make man in our image; after our likeness.

<u>T1</u>

OK. You got me. Which God are we talking about here?

God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit?

B1

And God said "Let US make man."

<u>T1</u>

I get it. They were all there!

<u>B2</u>

So God created man in his own image.

<u>T1</u>

And they were one!

<u>B1</u>

God the Father

<u>B2</u>

God the Son

<u>S1</u>

And God the Holy Spirit

T1

And they made me!

<u>B1</u>

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the earth

<u>B2</u>

Stand in awe and sin not!

<u>T1</u>

Whoa! Hold it right there. How'd we get to this? What is this Sin Not? We're talking God, creation, etc.

In the beginning, God

<u>T2</u>

The Judge

<u>**S2**</u>

The Redeemer

<u>A1</u>

The Lawgiver

<u>A2</u>, <u>S2</u>

The Truth

<u>T1</u>

But I didn't sin!

<u>A2</u>, <u>S2</u>, <u>T2</u>

THE TRUTH

<u>T1</u>

Not much

A2, S2, T2, B1, B2, T2, S1 THE TRUTH

<u>T1</u>

OK. A lot. But it's all relative. When you think about the world we live in and

<u>B2</u>

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

<u>A2</u>. <u>S2</u>

All have sinned.

<u>T2.B2</u>

All fall short

<u>B2</u>

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

A1

The True Light

The Most High

<u>T1</u>

Well. If I'm so bad why did God bother to send his Son.

<u>B1</u>

I thought you'd never ask

<u>T2</u>

For God

<u>B1</u>

The Father

<u>S1</u>

The A1mighty

<u>A2</u>

The Just One

<u>T2</u>

Sent not his Son

<u>B1</u>

His Beloved Son

<u>52</u>

The Bread of Life

<u>A1</u>

The Lamb

<u>S1</u>

The perfect presence

<u>B2</u>

The Redeemer

<u>T2</u>

Into the world not to condemn the world

<u>A2</u>

But that through Him

<u>A1</u>

The Prince of Peace

<u>B1</u>

The son of man

<u>S2</u>

The Son of David

<u>S1</u>

Jesus

<u>T2</u>

That through Him the world might be saved.

<u>T1</u>

Saved? From What?

<u>S2</u>

The wages of sin is death

<u>A2</u>,A1

Death

<u>B2</u>

Eternal Darkness

(pause)

<u>T1</u>

But He sent His Son to save mel I

<u>B1</u>

For God

<u>T2</u>

The Father

The Creator

<u>S1</u>

So loved the world

<u>S2</u>

The world of man

<u>A2</u>

A world of sin

<u>S1</u>

That He gave

<u>B2</u>

Willingly

<u>T2</u>

His only begotten Son

<u>A1</u>

The Messiah

<u>S2</u>

The Christ

<u>A2</u>

The Light of the World

<u>B2</u>

Jesus

<u>A1</u>> <u>S1</u>

Jesus

<u>T2</u>

That whosoever believeth in Him

<u>A2</u>

The Prince of Peace

<u>52</u>

The Lamb of God

<u>T2</u>

The Horn of Salvation

<u>S1</u>

Shall have everlasting life

<u>A1</u> & <u>A2</u>

everlasting life

<u>B2</u> & <u>S2</u> & <u>T2</u>

everlasting life

ΤI

If I believe then I gain everlasting life?

<u>B1</u>

And the gift of the Son

<u>T1</u>

The Holy Spirit?

<u>B1</u>

Bingo

<u>**S1**</u>

The man sees light

<u>T1</u>

And the Holy Spirit is ...?

<u>B1</u>

The power of the Highest

<u>T2</u>

The Spirit of understanding

<u>A2</u>

Wisdom

<u>S2</u>

Grace

<u>B2</u>

Knowledge

<u>A1</u>, <u>A2</u>, <u>S1,S2</u>

And Life

<u>T1</u>

I get all that for believing the Truth?

<u>A2</u>

And ye shall know the truth

<u>S1</u>

And the truth will make you free.

<u>T1</u>

God puts a lot of stock in His name!

<u>B1</u>

The Alpha

<u>S2</u>

The Omega

<u>A2</u>

The First

<u>B2</u>

The Last

<u>**S1**</u>

The Everlasting Father

<u>T2</u>

The Author

A1

And Finisher

<u>52</u>, <u>51</u>

Of our Faith

<u>\$1,A2</u>, <u>A1</u>, <u>A2</u>, <u>T2</u>, <u>B1</u> THE MIGHTY GOD

<u>B2</u>

In the beginning ... God

<u>T1</u>

AWESOME!