

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander · 1680 · Tune: *Lobe den Herren* (Stralsund Gesangbuch (anon.))
Meter: 14.14.4.7.8

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.

History

Written by German Reformed pastor Joachim Neander in 1680 (the year before his death at age 30) and based on Psalms 103 and 150. Catherine Winkworth's English translation appeared in 1863. The tune 'Lobe den Herren' first appeared in the Stralsund Gesangbuch in 1665.

Scripture References (KJV)

Psalm 103:1-2

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Psalm 150:6

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.