

PRAISE TO THE LORD

(revised edition)

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

SATB divisi, a cappella



Edited by Anton Armstrong
and John Ferguson

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.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Wonder* anew
what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, 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 for aye we adore him!

Joachim Neander, 1650–1680
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

**original: "Ponder"*

Performance notes for this edition

This edition of F. Melius Christiansen's setting of "Praise to the Lord" reflects the musical and textual changes that have occurred in the performance of this composition by the St. Olaf Choir under the leadership of Olaf C. Christiansen, Kenneth Jennings, and Anton Armstrong. Because it is sung unaccompanied, a new keyboard reduction has been provided in place of the original organ part. "Wonder anew" replaces "Ponder anew" in m. 66, and the choir sings "Hallelujah" in mm. 112–117.

This is the version as recorded by the St. Olaf Choir on the CD *Great Hymns of Faith, Vol. 1*, available from St. Olaf Records.

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Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665
arr. F. Melius Christiansen, 1871–1955, revised

Allegro (♩ = 126)
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Soprano
Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Allegro (♩ = 126)
for rehearsal only

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