# Bible/Hymn Study #23 ELW #414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Psalm 113:1-3 and Revelation 4:8-11

#### Psalm 113:1-3

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<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time on and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

### Revelation 4:8-11

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<sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

"Holy, holy, holy,

the Lord God the Almighty,

who was and is and is to come."

<sup>9</sup>And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

<sup>11</sup>"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

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# **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

- The text of the *Te Deum* dates back to the fourth century, possible around the years 380 395 C.E., approximately 1,630 years ago. Imagine singing this text in the fourth century and what the world was like in that time.
- In liturgical traditions the *Te Deum* has been a part of Morning Prayer for centuries. Begin your devotional time each morning with the words or the *Te Deum* or by singing *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*.
- Sometime this week, listen to the hymn at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5vLtzrM 4E

# Holy God, We Praise Your Name



# We Praise You, O God (Te Deum) ELW #228

- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
- 2 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
- 3 Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
- 4 The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
- 5 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy church acclaims you:
- 6 Father, of majesty unbounded; your true and only Son, worthy of all praise; the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
- 7 You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.
- 8 When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
- 9 You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- 10 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
- 11 We believe that you will come to be our judge.
- 12 Come, then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,
- 13 and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

[Verses 14-17 are not part of the original canticle but have often been appended.]

- 14 Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance. Govern and uphold them now and always.
- 15 Day by day we bless you. We praise your name forever.
- 16 Keep us today, Lord, from all sin. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
- 17 Lord, show us your love and mercy, for we have put our trust in you. In you, Lord, is our hope: let us never be put to shame.

#### TE DEUM

Source: Parish Book of Chant, CMAA 2012; http://musicasacra.com/pbc/

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious choir of the apostles praise Thee.

The admirable company of the prophets praise Thee.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee,

the Father of infinite majesty,

Thy adorable, true, and only Son. And the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

Thou, having taken upon thee to deliver man, didst not disdain the Virgin's womb.

When Thou hadst overcome the sting of death,

Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We pray Thee, therefore, help Thy servants,

whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we bless Thee.

And we praise Thy Name for ever, yea for ever and ever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day to keep us without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as we have hoped in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I hoped, let me not be confounded for ever.