

**Bible/Hymn Study #25**  
***ELW #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***  
**Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150**

***Psalm 103:1-6***

***New Revised Standard Version***

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits —

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

***Psalm 150***

***New Revised Standard Version***

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

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

<sup>5</sup>Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

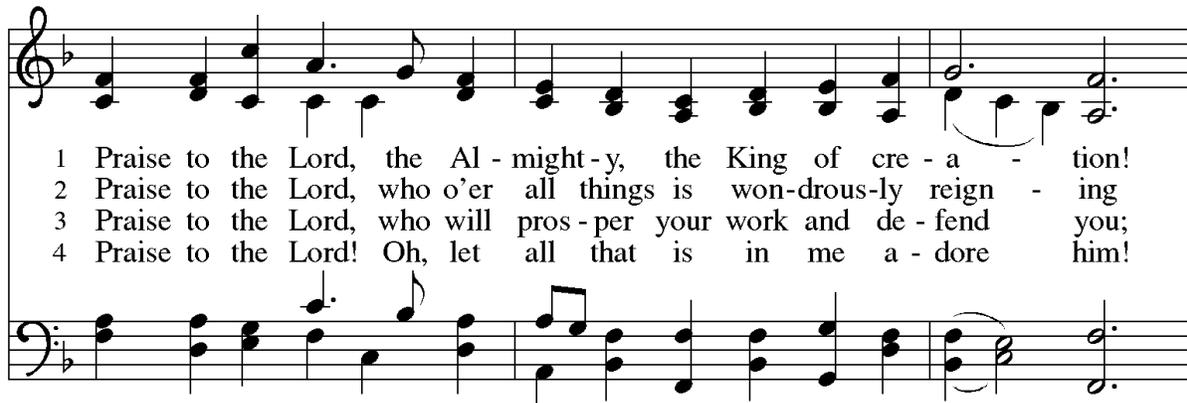
<sup>6</sup>Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

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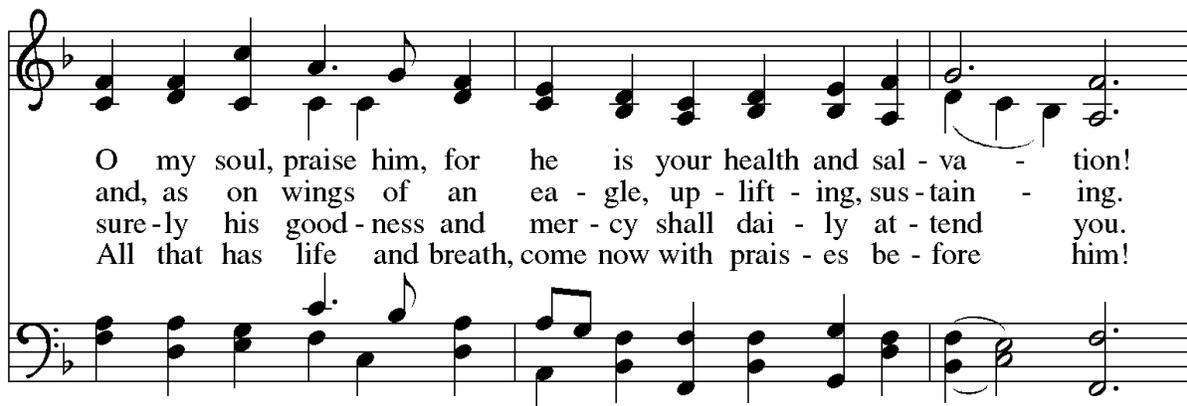
**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

- This week, as you wake up each morning, say “I praise the Lord because \_\_\_\_\_” and fill in the blank with a different reason to praise the Lord every day.
- Compare the two translations that are printed in the handout. Note how the newer translation refines some questionable theology found in the older translation.
- Sometime this week, listen to an anthem based on this familiar hymn at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NNatbKemz0&pp=QAA%3D> Note that a different English translation is used, presumably the translation we would find in the Latter Day Saints hymnal.

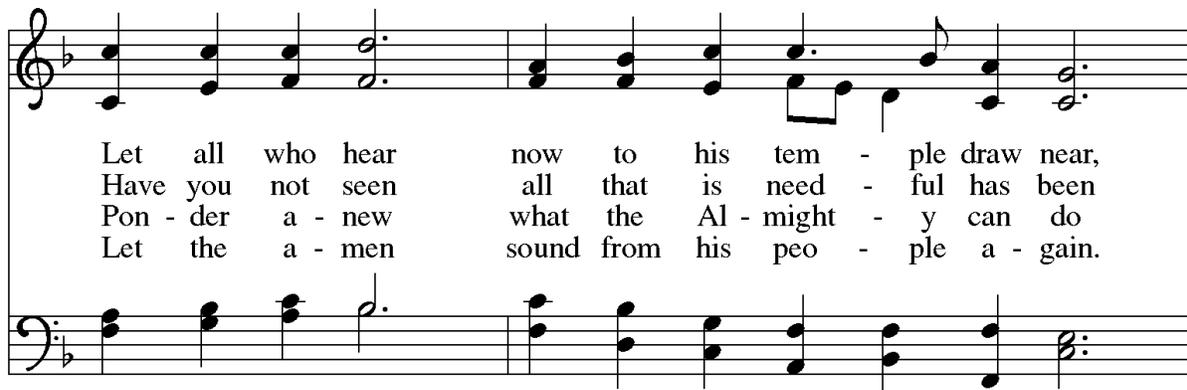
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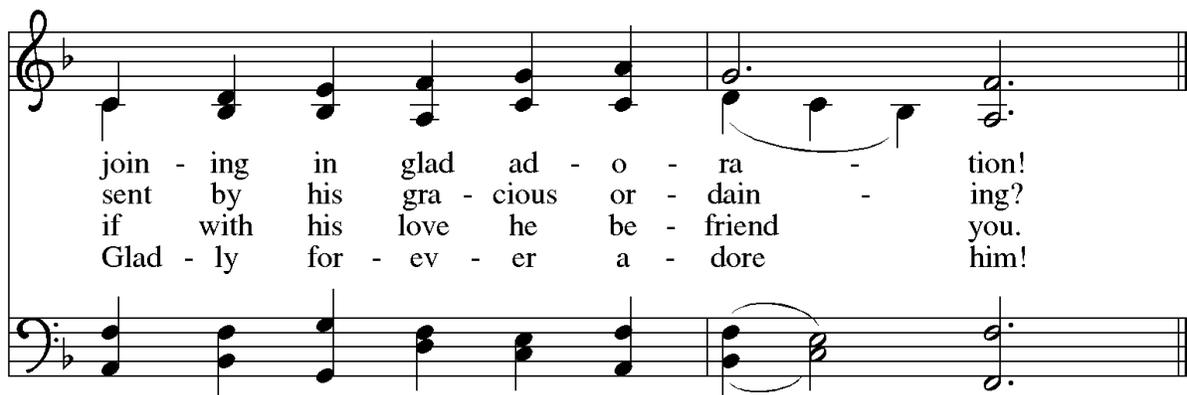
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW #859, alternate translation

Adapted from Winkworth's translation by Martin A. Seltz

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!  
My heart is longing to offer up sweet adoration.  
Melody make; dulcimer, harp, now awake.  
Sound forth your praise, ev'ry nation.
  
- 2 Praise the Almighty, o'er all life so wondrously reigning,  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been  
sent by God's gracious ordaining.
  
- 3 Praise the Almighty, who prospers your work and defends you;  
see from the heavens the showers of mercy God sends you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do;  
Infinite Love here befriends you.
  
- 4 Praise the Almighty! In wonder my spirit is soaring!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises outpouring.  
Let the amen sound from God's people again,  
gladly forever adoring.

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