

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
health and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery,
organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, over all things he gloriously
reigneth: borne as on eagle wings, safely his
saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend
thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall
ever attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty
can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

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.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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O Bless the Lord, My Soul!

Hymn 411

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.

He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.

He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5
Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody from Aaron Williams (1731-1776);
harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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