

## ***Gloria Patri (1746)***<sup>1</sup>

[Baker list, #126]

### **Editorial Introduction:**

In October 1746 Charles Wesley issued another pamphlet collection of hymns, titled *Gloria Patri; or Hymns to the Trinity*. Recalling that he had just issued a series of such pamphlets for celebrating Christmas, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, it is possible that he intended this collection for the celebration of Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost). However, he does not make this connection explicit, nor did he publish the collection immediately prior to the festival as in the other cases.

It is more likely that Wesley intended this collection to resource Methodist worship throughout the year. He had already included a set of short hymns of praise to the Trinity in *HSP* (1740), 100–104; and a second set, under the subheading “Gloria Patri,” in *Hymns on God’s Everlasting Love* (1742), 54–60. Citations in Wesley’s *MS Journal* make clear that these short hymns were sung frequently both in public services and at home. Such everyday use would fit with the second printing of this new collection being combined with a collection of hymns for meals that was published the same year—*Graces* (1746).

Charles appears to have guided this collection to publication and is the author of most, if not all, of the verse included. Of the twenty-four short hymns, eight were drawn from the earlier sets mentioned above (and are indicated in [blue font](#) in the Table of Contents below). One of these eight (#5) is an adaptation of a verse from a hymn by Samuel Wesley Sr., Charles’s father.

The collection went through nine British printings during Charles Wesley’s life, with very minimal revisions. It appears to have fallen into disuse in later years as the selected collections of hymns edited by John Wesley became the standards of Methodist worship. Over 1,000 copies of the last printing of *Gloria Patri* remained in the inventory at John Wesley’s house, London, in 1791.

### **Editions:**

[Charles Wesley.] *Gloria Patri; or Hymns to the Trinity*. London: Strahan, 1746.

Dublin: Powell, 1747. [as pp. 15–23 of *Graces* (1746)]

2<sup>nd</sup> Bristol: Farley, 1749.

3<sup>rd</sup> London: Cock, 1753.

4<sup>th</sup> London, 1757.

5<sup>th</sup> London, 1757.

4<sup>th</sup> Bristol: Pine, 1764.

5<sup>th</sup> Bristol: Pine, 1771.

6<sup>th</sup> London: Hawes, 1775.

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**GLORIA PATRI, etc.  
OR  
HYMNS  
TO THE  
TRINITY.**

**1.<sup>2</sup>**

Fountain of deity,  
    Father, all hail to thee!  
Ever equally adored,  
    Hail the Spirit and the Son,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
    One in Three, and Three in One.

**2.<sup>3</sup>**

Sing we to our God above  
Praise eternal as his love:  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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<sup>2</sup>Appeared first in *HSP* (1740), 100.

<sup>3</sup>Appeared first in *HSP* (1740), 101.

3.<sup>4</sup>

- [1] Father live, by all things feared;  
Live the Son, alike revered;  
Equally be thou adored,  
Holy Ghost eternal Lord.
- [2] Three in Person, One in power,  
Thee we worship evermore:  
Praise by all to thee be given,  
Endless theme of earth and heaven.

4.<sup>5</sup>

- 1 Praise be to the Father given!  
Christ he gave  
Us to save,  
Now the heirs of heaven.
- 2 Pay we equal adoration  
To the Son:  
He alone  
Wrought out our salvation.
- 3 Glory to the eternal Spirit!  
Us he seals,  
Christ reveals,  
And applies his merit.
- 4 Worship, honour, thanks and blessing,  
One in Three,  
Give we thee,  
Never, never ceasing.

5.<sup>6</sup>

To God, who reigns enthroned on high,  
To his dear Son who deigned to die  
Our guilt and misery to remove,  
To that blest Spirit who life imparts,  
Who rules in all believing hearts,  
Be endless glory, praise and love.

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<sup>4</sup>Appeared first in *HSP* (1740), 101.

<sup>5</sup>Appeared first in *HSP* (1740), 101–2.

<sup>6</sup>Appeared in *HSP* (1740), 102. This is a slightly revised version of verse 2 of Samuel Wesley Sr.'s adaptation of Psalm CXVII, in *The Pious Communicant Rightly Prepared* (London: Charles Harper, 1700), 259–60.

6.<sup>7</sup>

- 1 Let heaven, and earth agree,  
The Father's praise to sing,  
Who draws us to the Son, that he  
May us to glory bring.
- 2 Honour and endless love,  
Let God the Son receive,  
Who saves us here, and prays above,  
That we with him may live.
- 3 Be everlasting praise  
To God the Spirit given,  
Who now attests us sons of grace,  
And seals us heirs of heaven.
- 4 Drawn, and redeemed and sealed,  
We'll sing the One and Three,  
With Father, Son, and Spirit filled,  
To all eternity.

7.<sup>8</sup>

- 1 Father of mankind be ever adored:  
Thy mercy we find, in sending our Lord,  
To ransom and bless us; thy goodness we praise,  
For sending in Jesus salvation by grace.
- 2 O Son of his love, who deignest to die,  
Our curse to remove, our pardon to buy;  
Accept our thanksgiving, Almighty to save,  
Who openest heaven, to all that believe.
- 3 O Spirit of love, of health, and of power,  
Thy working we prove; thy grace we adore,  
Whose inward revealing applies our Lord's blood,  
Attesting and sealing us children of God.

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<sup>7</sup>Appeared first in *HSP* (1740), 102–3.

<sup>8</sup>Appeared first in *HSP* (1740), 103–4.

**8.**

Hail Father, friend of human race,  
Hail Jesus full of truth and grace,  
Hail Holy Spirit of love;  
Thy triune majesty we show,  
With all thy suffering saints below,  
Thy glorious saints above.

**9.**

Glory to God on high!  
The God of love and power  
Who made both earth and sky,  
Let all his works adore:  
Praise to the great Three-One be given  
By all in earth and all in heaven.

**10.**

- 1 All glory and praise,  
To the God of all grace!  
The Father of him,  
Who died on a cross, the whole world to redeem.  
All honour and love  
To the Saviour above,  
The glorified Son,  
Who remembers and sends us the Comforter down.
- 2 The Spirit adore,  
Till time is no more,  
And then the One-Three,  
Our matter of endless rejoicing shall be,  
We then in the sky  
Hallelujah shall cry,  
And the praise of our King,  
Through the days of an happy eternity sing.

**11.**

- [1] To Father, Son, and Spirit  
Ascribe we equal glory!  
One deity  
In Persons Three,  
Let all thy works adore thee.

[2] As was from the beginning,  
Glory to God be given,  
By all who know  
Thy name below;  
And all thy hosts in heaven!

**12.**

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God in Persons Three,  
Give praise, ye saints and heavenly host,  
Through all eternity.

**13.**

- 1 Hail holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Thrice blessed Trinity,  
By all thy heavenly hosts adored,  
Ere man began to be;  
Worshiped by all thy saints below,  
The God of truth and grace,  
Through faith, the great Three-One they know,  
And triumph in thy praise.
- 2 The upper and the lower choir  
Shall soon be joined in one,  
And both triumphantly conspire  
To worship round thy throne:  
Angels and saints, when time shall end,  
Shall all thy love display,  
And in thy glorious praises spend  
An everlasting day.

**14.**

Paternal source of deity,  
Accept the thanks thy creatures bring;  
Jesus thy filial Godhead we  
With angels and archangels sing:  
Honour divine and equal praise  
To thee, O Holy Ghost, be given  
In glorious everlasting lays,  
When earth is swallowed up in heaven.

**15.**

Glory to God the Father give,  
Glory ascribe to God the Son,  
Glory let God the Spirit receive  
Inexplicably Three and One,  
Angels and men his tribute raise,  
A whole eternity of praise.

**16.**

Father, Lord of earth and heaven,  
Take the praise  
Of thy grace  
By thy creatures given.  
Son of God, let all confess thee  
One with him,  
God supreme,  
Saints and angels bless thee.  
Holy Ghost, let all before thee  
Prostrate fall,  
Lord of all,  
Very God adore thee.  
Let us soon in heavenly places,  
One and Three,  
Render thee  
Everlasting praises.

**17.**

- 1 Live our great God on high  
Eternally adored,  
Who gave his Son to die,  
Our dear redeeming Lord  
He from his throne and bosom gave,  
A world, a sinful world to save.
- 2 Worship and praise and power  
Ascribe we to the Lamb,  
His bleeding wounds adore,  
And kiss his precious name,  
Jesus the name to sinners given,  
The name that lifts us up to heaven.

- 3 That blessed Spirit praise  
Who shows th' atoning blood,  
Applies the Saviour's grace,  
And seals the sons of God;  
Spirit of grace and glory too  
He claims eternal praise his due.
- 4 We with our friends above,  
When time and death shall end,  
In ecstasies of love  
An heavenly life shall spend,  
Spend in the great Jehovah's praise  
An age of everlasting days.

**18.**

- [1] Father of all above, below,  
Thy praise let every creature show,  
In thee who live and move and are;  
The Father's fellow and his Son  
Eternal sharer of his throne  
Let all in heaven and earth declare.
- 2 Hail, Holy Ghost, alike adored,  
One with the Father and the Word,  
The Lord of life, the great I AM,  
Coequal coeternal Three,  
Thy<sup>9</sup> glorious triune deity  
Let all eternally proclaim.

**19.**

- 1 Thee Father of men  
And angels we praise,  
Whose wonders are seen  
In nature and grace  
Throughout thy creation,  
Whose goodness we prove,  
And boundless compassion  
And infinite love.
- 2 Thee, Jesus, the Son  
Of God we confess,  
Whose passion alone  
Hath purchased our peace;

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<sup>9</sup>“Thy” changed to “The” in 4<sup>th</sup> edn. (1764) and following.

With cherubs before thee  
And seraphs we fall,  
And prostrate adore thee  
The Saviour of all.

3 O Spirit of might,  
Of joy, and of love,  
Who guidest us right  
To mansions above,  
Whose hallowing graces  
For heaven prepare;  
We pay thee our praises  
'Till glorified there.

4 There, there we shall see  
The substance divine,  
And fashioned like thee  
Transcendently shine,  
Thy personal essence  
Be bold to explain,  
And wrapped in thy presence  
Eternally reign.

**20.**

All glory to God  
In his highest abode  
Who sits on the throne!  
All glory to Jesus his crucified Son!  
All glory and praise  
To the Spirit of grace!  
The eternal I AM  
Let his saints and his angels forever proclaim!

**21.**

Shout to the great Jehovah's praise,  
Ye sons of glory and of grace,  
One God in Persons Three adore,  
The same in majesty and power;  
Ye suffering, and triumphant host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

22.<sup>10</sup>

Praise God, from whom pure blessings flow,  
Whose bowels yearn on all below,  
Who would not have one sinner lost,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

23.

- 1 All worship and praise  
    To the ancient of days,  
The Father, the Word, and the Spirit of grace!  
    With our friends in the sky  
    Let us glorify  
The mystical Three that bear record on high!
- 2 The Three that are one  
    In a *manner unknown*  
The substance divine in a mystery own;  
    Till in him we remove  
    To his presence above,  
And eternally plunge in the depths of his love.

24.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
    Thy Godhead we adore,  
Join with the celestial host  
    Who praise thee evermore;  
Live, by earth and heaven adored,  
    Three in One, and One in Three,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
    All glory be to thee!

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<sup>10</sup>Appeared first in *Hymns on God's Everlasting Love* (1742), 56.