

Part 1:

The Glory of the Triune God

Praise and Thanksgiving (1–6)

1. *Hymn to the Trinity*¹

1. God of unexhausted grace,
Of everlasting love,
Overpowered before thy face
I fall, and dare not move.
What hast thou for sinners done,
For so poor a worm as me?
Thou hast given thine² only Son,
To bring us back to thee.
2. Suffering, sin-atoning God,
Thy hallowed name I bless;
Jesus, lavish of thy blood
To buy the sinner's peace!
Gushing from thy sacred veins
Let it now my soul o'erflow,
Purge out all my sinful stains,
And wash me white as snow.

1. *HSP* (1742) 121; original title.

2. First edition has “thy” but was changed to “thine” in second edition (1745).

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3. Holy Ghost, set to thy seal,
The life of Jesus breathe;
The deep things of God reveal,
Apply *my* Saviour's death:
With the Father and the Son
Soon as one in thee I am,
All my nature shall make known
The glories of the Lamb.
4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Thy Godhead we adore,
Join with the triumphant host
Who praise thee evermore;
Live, by heaven and earth adored,
Three in One, and One in Three,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
All glory be to thee!

2. *To the Trinity*³

1. Father, in whom we live,
In whom we are and move,
The glory, power, and praise receive
Of thy creating love.
Let all the angel-throng
Give thanks to God on high,
While earth repeats the joyful song
And echoes to the sky.
2. Incarnate Deity,
Let all the ransomed race
Render in thanks their lives to thee,
For thy redeeming grace;

3. *Redemption Hymns* (1747) 44-45, No. 34; original title.

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The grace to sinners showed
Ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
And cry Salvation to our God,
Salvation to the Lamb.

3. Spirit of holiness,
Let all thy saints adore
Thy sacred energy, and bless
Thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel-tongues can tell
Thy love's ecstatic height,
The glorious joy unspeakable,
The beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God,
Let all the hosts above,
Let all the sons of men record
And dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
Before thy glorious face,
Sing all the saints thy love hath made
Thine everlasting praise.

3. *Three Persons Divine inexpressibly One*⁴

1. While the Army above
Overwhelmed by his love
The Trinity sings,
With their faces inwrought in their shadowing wings;
Holy Father, we cry,
Holy Son we reply!
Holy Spirit of grace!
And extol the Three-One in a rapture of praise!
2. Many gods we disclaim
For the Three are the same

4. *Trinity Hymns* (1767) 90, Hymn 3.

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In a *manner* unknown
Three Persons Divine inexpressibly One;
Who all homage demands
From the work of his hands
Re-created to know
And resemble his God manifested below.

3. Their omnipotent Lord
By angels adored
When their being began,
And in Eden extolled by the primitive man;
As it was, and as now
To the Triad we bow,
Men and angels shall fall,
And eternally praise the Creator of all.

4. *Lord of hosts, we bow before thee*⁵

1. Lord of hosts, we bow before Thee
God made known, Three in One,
One in Three, adore thee;
Far above our comprehending,
God of grace, take the praise
Never, never ending.
2. Thee, the bright harmonious choir
Three and One, on thy Throne
Joyfully admire;
With triumphant acclamation
Night and day thee we pay
Threefold adoration.
3. Glorious God, like them we bless thee,
God most high magnify,
Lord of all confess thee;

5. *Trinity Hymns* (1767) 89–90, Hymn 2.

'Till we mount through Jesus' merit,
There to gaze, there to praise
Father, Son and Spirit.

5. *For the Anniversary Day of One's Conversion*⁶

1. Glory to God, and praise, and love
Be ever, ever given;
By saints below, and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.
2. On this glad day the glorious Sun
Of Righteousness arose,
On my benighted soul he shone,
And filled it with repose.
3. Sudden expired the legal strife,
'Twas then I ceased to grieve;
My second, real, living life
I then began to live.
4. Then with my *heart* I first believed,
Believed, with faith divine,
Power with the Holy Ghost received
To call the Saviour *mine*.
5. I felt my Lord's atoning blood
Close to *my* soul applied;
Me, me he loved, the Son of God—
For *me*, for *me* he died!
6. I found, and owned his promise true,
Ascertained of *my* part,
My pardon passed in heaven I knew
When written on my heart.

6. *HSP* (1740) 120–23; original title.

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7. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.
8. My gracious Master, and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name.
9. Jesus the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace!
10. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.
11. He speaks; and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor *believe*.
12. Hear him ye deaf, his praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ,
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy.
13. Look unto him, ye nations, own
Your God, ye fallen race!
Look, and be saved thro' faith alone;
Be justified, by grace!

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14. See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain,
His soul was once an offering made
For *every soul* of man.
15. Harlots, and publicans, and thieves
In holy triumph join!
Saved is the sinner that believes
From crimes as great as mine.
16. Murderers, and all ye hellish crew,
Ye sons of lust and pride,
Believe the Saviour died for you;
For me the Saviour died.
17. Awake from guilty nature's sleep,
And Christ shall give you light,
Cast all your sins into the deep,
And wash the *Ethiop* white.
18. With me, your chief, you then shall *know*,
Shall feel your sins forgiven;
Anticipate your heaven below,
And own, that love is heaven.

6. *Praise the Lord who reigns above*⁷

1. Praise the Lord who reigns above
And keeps his court below;
Praise the holy God of love
And all his greatness show;
Praise him for his noble deeds,
Praise him for his matchless power;
Him from whom all good proceeds
Let earth and heaven adore.

7. *CPH* (1743) 122.

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2. Publish, spread to all around
The great Jehovah's name,
Let the trumpet's martial sound
The Lord of hosts proclaim:
Praise him, in the sacred dance,
Harmony's full concert raise,
Let the virgin-choir advance,
And move but to his praise.

3. Celebrate th'eternal God
With harp and psaltery,
Timbrels soft and cymbals loud
In his high praise agree:
Praise with every tuneful string,
All the reach of heavenly art,
All the powers of music bring,
The music of the heart.

4. Him, in whom they move and live,
Let every creature sing,
Glory to their Maker give,
And homage to their King:
Hallowed be thy name beneath,
As in heaven on earth adored;
Praise the Lord in every breath;
Let all things praise the Lord!

God's Nature (7–11)

GOD AS MYSTERY (7–9)

7. *'Tis all a mystery*⁸

What angel can explain
The love of God to man,
The secret cause assign
Of charity divine?

8. *Scripture Hymns* (1762) 1:93.

Nothing in us could move,
Deserve, or claim his love:
'Tis all a mystery,
And must for ever be!

8. *Incomprehensible—Unsearchable*⁹

1. Shall foolish, weak, short-sighted man
 Beyond archangels go,
The great almighty God explain,
 Or to perfection know?
His attributes divinely soar
 Above the creatures' sight,
And prostrate *Seraphim* adore
 The glorious Infinite.
2. *Jehovah's* everlasting days
 They cannot numbered be,
Incomprehensible the space
 Of thine immensity;
Thy wisdom's depths by reason's line
 In vain we strive to sound,
Or stretch our labouring thought t'assign
 Omnipotence a bound.
3. The brightness of thy glories leaves
 Description far below;
Nor man, nor angels' heart conceives
 How deep thy mercies flow:
Thy love is *most* unsearchable,
 And dazzles all above;
They gaze, but cannot count or tell
 The treasures of thy love!

9. *Scripture Hymns* (1762) 1:231–32, based on Job 10:7: “Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?”

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9. *Incomprehensible thou art*¹⁰

When he did our flesh assume
That everlasting Man,
Mary held him in her womb
Whom heaven could not contain!
Who the mystery can believe!
Incomprehensible thou art;
Yet we still by faith conceive,
And bear thee in our heart.

GOD AS DIVINE ENERGY AND DIVINE ESSENCE (10–11)

10. *The energy divine*¹¹

1. Can these dry bones perceive
The quickening power of grace,
Or Christian infidels retrieve
The life of righteousness?
All-good, almighty Lord,
Thou know'st thine own design,
The virtue of thine own great word,
The energy divine.
2. Now for thy mercy's sake
Let thy great word proceed,
Dispensed by whom thou wilt, to wake
The spiritually dead;
Send forth to prophesy
Thy chosen messenger,
And thou the gospel-word apply,
And force the world to hear.

10. *Scripture Hymns* (1762) 2:32, based on Jer 31:22: "A woman shall compass a man."

11. *Scripture Hymns* (1762) 2:51, based on Ezek 37:3–4: "And he said unto me, Son of man, can these" bones live?"

11. *Essence incomprehensible*¹²

Essence incomprehensible
Jehovah, who can know,
Who was, and is, and comes to dwell
With all his saints below!
Then the whole world shall be restored
And bow to Jesu's name,
Filled with the knowledge of the Lord,
The infinite I AM.

Providence (12)

12. *Providential care*¹³

1. Where is the Hebrews' God,
Who kept them night and day,
Where is the heavenly fire and cloud,
Which showed thy church their way?
No symbol visible
We of thy presence find,
Yet all who would obey thy will,
Shall know their Father's mind.
2. Father, thou still dost lead
The children of thy grace,
The spiritual, believing feed
Throughout this wilderness:
Our chart thy written word,
Thy Spirit is our guide,
And Christ, the glory of the Lord,
Doth in our hearts reside.

12. *Scripture Hymns* (1762) 2:33, based on Jer 31:34: "They shall all know me."

13. *Scripture Hymns* (1762) 1:63–64, based on Num 9:16: "So it was always: the cloud covered the tabernacle by day, and the appearance of fire by night."

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3. Thy providential care,
Lord, we with joy confess,
Assured thou wilt our paths prepare
And order all our ways;
Thy presence shall direct
Our journeys here beneath,
And convoy home thine own elect
Through a triumphant death.

Creation (13)

13. *Psalm 104*¹⁴

1. Author of every work divine,
Who dost through both creations shine,
The God of nature and of grace!
Thy glorious steps in all we see,
And wisdom attribute to thee,
And power, and majesty, and praise.
2. Thou didst thy mighty wings outspread,
And, brooding o'er the chaos, shed
Thy life into th'impregn'd abyss,
The vital principle infuse,
And out of nothing's womb produce
The earth and heaven, and all that is.
3. That All-informing Breath thou art,
Who dost continued life impart,
And bidd'st the world persist to be:
Garnished by thee yon azure sky,
And all those beauteous orbs on high
Depend in golden chains from thee.

14. *Pentecost Hymns* (1746) 31–32, Hymn 28.

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4. Thou dost create the earth anew,
(Its Maker and Preserver too)
By thine almighty arm sustain;
Nature perceives thy secret force,
And still holds on her even course,
And owns thy providential reign.

5. Thou art the Universal Soul,
The Plastic Power that fills the whole,
And governs earth, air, sea, and sky:
The creatures all thy breath receive;
And who, by thy inspiring live,
Without thy inspiration die.

6. Spirit immense, Eternal Mind,
Thou on the souls of lost mankind
Dost with benignest influence move,
Pleased to restore the ruined race,
And new create a world of grace
In all the image of thy love.