

O Lord We Praise Thee

PRAISE

(also known as May God be Praised Henceforth and Blest Forever or Let God Be Blest)

Words: Martin Luther, 1524. Translation composite.

Music: 'Gott Sei Gelobet und Gebenedeiet' or 'Enchiridion' or 'Gud Være Lovet Evig Nu'
traditional German c. 1400 found in Klug's Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1533.

Setting: Johann Hermann Schein, 1627, alt.

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1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - - dore Thee, In thanks - giv - ing
 2. Thy ho - ly bo - dy in - to death was gi - ven, Life to win for
 3. May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor To please Him with

bow be - - fore Thee Thou with Thy bo - dy and Thy blood didst nou - rish
 us in hea - - ven. No great - er love than this to Thee could bind us;
 our be - - ha - - vior And live as breth - ren here in love and un - ion

Our weak souls that they may flou - - rish: O Lord, have mer - - - cy!
 May this feast there - - of re - - mind us! O Lord, have mer - - - cy!
 Nor re - - pent this blest Co - - mmun - - ion! O Lord, have mer - - - cy!

May Thy bo - dy, Lord, born of Ma - ry, That our sins and
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy blood should
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - - sake us; Grant that heav'n - ly

sor - - rows did car - - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 min - - ded He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - - - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - - - cy.
 Days of peace and u - - ni - - ty: O Lord, have mer - - - cy!