

What is a Doxology?

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Doxology (n): : a usually liturgical expression of praise to God: *Merriam-Webster*

Doxology; doxological: Referring to acts of praise and glorifying the triune God. *Companion to the Common Book of Worship*

“Doxology” passed into English from Medieval Latin *doxologia*, which in turn comes from the Greek term *doxa*, meaning “opinion” or “glory,” and the suffix *-logia*, which refers to oral or written expression. It’s logical enough, therefore, that “doxology” has referred to an oral expression of praise and glorification since it **first appeared in English around 1645**. The *Gloria in Excelsis* and the *Gloria Patri* are two of the best-known and most often sung doxologies in contemporary Christianity. *Merriam-Webster*

“As we offer our gifts for God’s service, we praise God for letting us have use of all the resources the Lord has provided for us, and we praise God for the opportunity to serve on God’s behalf. The Doxology is an ancient chorus of praise with a vision of joining all the created beings of all times and places who forever sing praise to God. (Imagine joining the grand chorus of praise ringing through all of creation.)” *From Our Order of Worship by Teresa Lockhart Stricklen*

Doxologies in the Old Testament:

- 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (p. 671)
- Psalm 72:17-19 (p. 909)

Doxologies in the New Testament:

- Ephesians 3:20-21 (p. 1820)
- 1 Timothy 1:17 (p. 1846)
- Revelation 5:12-13 (p. 1919)

* These words were written in 1674 by Thomas Ken as the final verse of two hymns, “Awake, my soul, and with the sun” and “Glory to thee, my God, this night,” intended for morning and evening worship at Winchester College. This final verse, separated from its proper hymns and sung to the tune “Old 100th,” “Duke Street,” “The Eighth Tune” by Thomas Tallis, among others, frequently marks the dedication of alms or offerings at Sunday worship. *Wikipedia*