

All Creatures of Our God and King

Do you have breath? Then praise our God and King!

Psalm 148

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Scripture Reader and Reading: Paul Hannan – Psalm 147.1–9

Song Leader and Song Suggestions: Kevin Michael – Songs on creation, including Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Prelude:

- I. The original had seven verses, but our version has five verses.
- II. It took 400 years before this hymn finally was published.
 - A. Written 1225
 - B. Published 1623
- III. Reading of Psalm 148

Persuasion:

- I. All Creatures: Sun and Moon, Praise God

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- A. May every creature praise our God.
 1. How every creature praises God.
 2. How we praise God.
- B. The rest of the song specifies certain parts of creation, beginning with:
 1. How the sun praises God.
 2. How the moon praises God.

- II. All Creatures: Wind, Clouds, Moon, and Stars, Praise God

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,

O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- A. How the wind praises God.
- B. How the clouds praise God.
- C. How the rising morning praises God.
- D. How the stars praise God.

III. All Creatures: Water, Music, Fire, Praise God

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- A. How water praises God—water makes music for the Lord.
- B. How fire praises God, giving man—God's creation—warmth and light.

IV. All Creatures: Forgiving Men, Suffering Men, Praise God

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- A. How tender hearts of forgiveness praises God.
- B. How bearing long pain and sorrow praise God—casting on Him your care.

V. All Things: Bless and Worship the Creator

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- A. Worship Him with humility.
- B. Praise the Father.
- C. Praise the Son.
- D. Praise the Spirit.
- E. They are three in one.