

The Gloria in Excelsis

The Hymn of Praise

Today, we're going to talk about the Hymn of Praise. Traditionally, this is the "Gloria in Excelsis" or "Glory to God in the Highest." This hymn is taken from **Luke 2:14** and **John 1:29**.

Luke 2:14 – *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"*

John 1:29 – *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

In this song, we praise God the Father for His might and glory. We praise the Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, including ours, for being Holy and seated at the right hand of the Father. We also recognize that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the one True God.

Sometimes, we use a Hymn of Praise called "This Is the Feast," taken from **Revelation 5:12—13** and **19:5—9**.

Revelation 5:12—13 – *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

Revelation 19:5—9 – *"Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him small and great. Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure."*

This focusses our praise specifically on Jesus for the salvation we have in Him. Singing this in worship also reminds us to rejoice in everything we do as we go about our daily lives.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we praise Your holy name for the forgiveness of sins we have in You. Help us through our worship to remember to live a life of praise and rejoicing. Amen.