



Anthem: I Will Praise Thee, O Lord

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In a song of praise, it might seem irrelevant to begin with a petition to God. The requests in the first two lines of the text are to be saved by God and to have God’s help in time of trouble. These requests are acknowledgement of our most important needs – salvation and God’s presence in our lives. With the assurance and security of these needs, praise begins and is our heartfelt response.

The remainder of the text is beautiful praise for our Almighty God and Jesus the Lamb of God.

[Scripture references on back]

**Prayer:** God Almighty and Jesus our Savior, we claim Your mercy and salvation though we’re undeserving of it. Your love and truth are constant and just; our hearts are fixed on these as we live with the challenges of this world. We praise you with our hearts, voices, and instruments, and we give all honor and glory to You. Amen.

-----Our Praise Continues-----

As noted, this anthem was written for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church.

-Praise God for the faithful men and women who answered God’s call to establish this church.

-Praise God for the faith legacy of those who came before us. It is our desire to continue their legacy of serving others in Jesus’ name, proclaiming the Good News, and worshipping God and Jesus Christ.

Praise God for the pastors, staff, and congregants who have faithfully supported and carried out the church’s mission for 150 years.

Praise God for our present pastors and staff who lead and serve along with us and through whom God continues to bestow strength and life to our church community.

Praise God for those whose lives have been changed for eternity through our church community.

Anthem Text

Save me, O God. Give us help from trouble,  
O save me, O God, with Thy right hand.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people.  
I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the nations.

For Thy mercy is great above the heavens:  
and Thy truth, it reacheth unto the clouds.  
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens  
and Thy Glory above all the earth.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people.  
I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the nations.

O God my heart is fixed. I will sing and give You Praise.  
Awake, psaltry and harp. Awake unto His praise.  
I myself will praise His Name.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people.  
I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the nations.

I will praise Him! Praise the Lamb for sinners slain!  
I’ll sing praises unto Thee among the nations.



## Scripture references for "I Will Praise Thee, O Lord"

### Stanza 1

*The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to **save**.* Zephaniah 3:17a

*My soul clings to you; your **right hand** upholds me.* Psalm 63:8

### Stanza 2

*For the Lord your God is a **merciful** God...* Deuteronomy 4:31a

*...I, the Lord, speak the **truth**; I declare what is right.* Isaiah 45:19b

### Stanza 3

***Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds...*** Deuteronomy 11:18a

*...make **music** to him with tambourine and **harp**.* Psalm 149:3b

### Stanza 4

***Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,** to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and **glory and praise.*** Revelation 5:12

*Therefore I will **praise you among the nations, O Lord; I will sing praises** to your name.* Psalm 18:49