

Trinity Sunday Gradual Hymn



The Roman Gradual offers a unique option for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. In place of the Gradual (chant after the first reading), the hymn “Benedictus es Domine” may be sung. To my knowledge, this is the only time during the liturgical year that an official liturgical book offers this option. I have adapted this Latin hymn, from the book of Daniel, into a metered hymn, to the tune of LEONI (The God of Abraham Praise.)

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Texts

Hymn Adaptation

1. How Blessed, Lord, are you,
Our fathers' God the same,
All laud and praise is ever due
Your holy name.
How Blessed, Lord, are you,
On Temple's mountain raised,
And glorified and worthy to
be ever praised.

2. You sit in majesty
Upon your sacred throne,
Your scepter of divinity
And might is known;
Upon the Cherubim,
Into the depths you gaze;
With all the blazing Seraphim
we sing your praise.

3. All laud to you is giv'n,
Who ride the wings of wind,
While earth and sea and sky and heav'n
And all therein,
With all your angel host,
for endless days adore
And glorify your name the most,
forevermore

4. All glory be to God
The Father, and the Son,
And equally to the Holy Ghost,
The Three in One,
For as it was, is now,
And evermore shall be,
World without end, Amen. Amen.
All glory be!

*Text: Benedictus es, Domine, Dan. 3:52-56, Gradual Hymn
for Trinity Sunday, adapted Luke Massery © 2024.
Tune: LEONI, from the Yigdal.*

Original text, as translated in the Gregorian Missal

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers. *
And worthy to be praised and glorified for ever.

And blessed is your glorious, holy name. * And
worthy to be praised and glorified for ever.

Blessed are you in the holy temple of your glory. *
And worthy to be praised and glorified for ever.

Blessed are you upon the sacred throne of your
kingdom. *
And worthy to be praised and glorified for ever.

Blessed are you through the mighty scepter of
your divinity. * And worthy to be praised and
glorified for ever.

Blessed are you as you gaze into the depth,
enthroned upon the Cherubim. * And worthy to be
praised and glorified forever.

Blessed are you as you tread upon the wings of the
wind, and on the waves of the sea. * And worthy to
be praised and glorified for ever.

Let all your Angels and Saints bless you. * And
praise you and glorify you for ever.

Let the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the
things that dwell therein, bless you. * And praise
you and glorify you for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. *
Who is worthy to be praised and glorified for ever.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen. * And worthy to be
praised and glorified for ever

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers. *
And worthy to be praised and glorified forever.

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Hymn after the First Reading



1. How bless-ed, Lord, are you, Our fath-ers' God the
2. You sit in maj-es-ty Up-on your sac-red
3. All laud to you is giv'n, Who ride the wings of
4. All glo-ry be to God, The Fa-ther, and the



same. All laud and praise is ev-er due Your
throne, Your scep-ter of div-in-i-ty And
wind, While earth and sea and sky and heav'n, And
Son, And e-qual-ly the Ho-ly Ghost, The



ho-ly name. How bless-ed, Lord, are you, On
might is known; Up-on the Cher-u-bim, In-
all there-in, With all your an-gel host, for
Three in One, For as it was, is now, And



Temp-le's mount-ain raised, And glo-ri-fied and
to the depths you gaze; With all the blaz-ing
end-less days a-dore And glor-i-fy your
ev-er-more shall be, World with-out end, A-



worth-y to be ev-er-er-praised.
Ser-a-phim we sing your praise.
name the most, for-ev-er-more.
men. A-men. All glo-ry be!

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1. How bless - ed, Lord, are you, Our fath - ers' God the same.
2. You sit in maj - es - ty Up - on Your sac - red throne,
3. All laud to you is giv'n, Who ride the wings of wind,
4. All glo - ry be to God, The Fa - ther, and the Son,

All laud and praise is ev - er due Your ho - ly name.
Your scepter of div - in - i - ty And might is known;
While earth and sea and sky and heav'n, And all there - in,
And e - qual - ly the Ho - ly Ghost, The Three in One,

How bless - ed, Lord, are you, On Temp - le's mount - ain raised,
Up - on the Cher - u - bim, In - to the depths you gaze;
With all your an - gel host, for end - less days a - dore
For as it was, is now, And ev - er - more shall be,

And glo - ri - fied and worth - y to be ev - er - praised.
With all the blaz - ing Ser - a - phim we sing your praise.
And glor - i - fy your name the most, for - ev - er - more.
World with - out end, A - men. A - men. All glo - ry be!

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Hymn after the First Reading (LOW KEY)

1. How bless - ed, Lord, are you, Our fath - ers' God the same.
2. You sit in maj - es - ty Up - on Your sac - red throne,
3. All laud to you is giv'n, Who ride the wings of wind,
4. All glo - ry be to God, The Fa - ther, and the Son,

All laud and praise is ev - er due Your ho - ly name.
Your scep - ter of div - in - i - ty And might is known;
While earth and sea and sky and heav'n, And all there - in,
And e - qual - ly the Ho - ly Ghost, The Three in One,

How bless - ed, Lord, are you, On Temp - le's mount - ain raised,
Up - on the Cher - u - bim, In - to the depths you gaze;
With all your an - gel host, for end - less days a - dore
For as it was, is now, And ev - er - more shall be,

And glo - ri - fied and worth - y to be ev - er - praised.
With all the blaz - ing Ser - a - phim we sing your praise.
And glor - i - fy your name the most, for - ev - er - more.
World with - out end, A - men. A - men. All glo - ry be!