

WHEN PARADISE IN ORDER STOOD

1 When Paradise in order stood,
Our Lord was there to call it good.
Four rivers flowed, and good fruit grew,
And in the midst was man made new.

2 “You shall not eat,” the Maker spoke.
And yet His perfect Word they broke.
The Law transgressed, the order marred,
From paradise we all were barred.

3 But to reopen that blest place,
God sent His Son in boundless grace.
Christ bled and died that we might live,
And rose a paradise to give.

4 His holy house we tend with care.
His greatest gifts are flowing there:
Baptismal streams with altar fruit
Of paradise the earthly root.

About the Hymn

This hymn was written while reflecting on the propers for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity in the One-year Lectionary. The Old Testament Reading, Genesis 2:7–17, details God’s meticulous arrangement of the Garden of Eden. In the Epistle, Romans 6:19–23, Paul laments the disorder that rules the life of sin—a far cry from Eden’s harmony. Yet, Paul proclaims that in Christ, order and bounty are restored and given to us. The Christian life is ordered by continual reception of Christ in Word and Sacrament. Thus, in the Divine Service, we inhabit Eden, reliving its order and bounty, even as we anticipate the paradisaical life of the world to come.

—Henry Eising

O CREATOR, UNCREATED

1 O Creator, uncreated,
O'er the sea your Spirit breathed,
Shaping light and life from nothing,
From the dust we were conceived.
Sing all praises, waves and mountains,
Sing all praise eternally!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Praise the Holy Trinity!

2 Faithless children, for their treason,
Handed over to the fiend.
But your Word will bring salvation!
What was good will be redeemed!
Sing all praises, line of Adam,
Sing all praise eternally!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Praise the Holy Trinity!

3 Born of virgin, by the Spirit,
Born to die and save from hell,
Highest throne, a lowly manger,
God has come with us to dwell.
Sing all praises, host of heaven,
Sing all praise eternally!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Praise the Holy Trinity!

4 Giving sight and feeding thousands,
O'er the sea your feet have tread,
Calling Laz'rus out of darkness,
Bringing life to all born dead!
Sing all praises, all you faithful,
Sing all praise eternally!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Praise the Holy Trinity!

5 All my sins upon your shoulders,
Put to death upon a tree.
Holy blood and water flowing,
God the off'ring made for me.
Sing all praises, whole earth trembling,
Sing all praise eternally!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Praise the Holy Trinity!

6 Lord of lords o'er all creation
Death could not hold Christ the King!
At the final trumpet's sounding,
Heav'n and earth, in union sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise to God who set me free!
From creation to creation,
Sing all praise eternally!

About the Hymn

Sing All Praise captures moments from the all-encompassing story of God's creative and redemptive work in creation, from the opening seconds of the universe as told in the Genesis narrative to the new creation promised in the Apocalypse of John. Set to the powerful Welsh tune *Ton-y-Botel*, the hymn seeks to convey the Godhead's unconstrained glory and might in the patient work of restoration, and creation's grateful response in praise and worship. This work and worship culminate in the final stanza with Christ's glorious return and the new song of a new creation eternally redeemed.

WHEN ALL WAS NAUGHT



1 When all was naught, You spoke Your Word, the u - ni - verse be -
2 You saw man's vain at - tempts to name him - self as God a -
3 O Word of God come down from heav'n, by You all things were
4 By tongues of flame, a - pos - tles spread good news to all the
5 Your glo - ry, which was once con - cealed, in Word, You now re -



came; The world o - beyed, bowed un - to You and
bove, Con - fused our tongues to keep us safe, a
made; A - part from You all light is dark, our
earth; Your Spir - it filled the voice of man with
veal; Christ's sac - ri - fice for all the world, our



Your most bless - ed Name. Your im - age framed in
Fa - ther's act of love. Though we are weak and
speech is cloud - ed shade. The Scrip - tures al - ways
long for - sak - en worth. We share com - mu - nion
sin - stained wounds to heal. In Ho - ly Word and



dust - y earth: man - kind, cre - a - tion's crown. One
dis - o - bey, You give Your Word once more; The
point us to Mes - si - ah, Might - y Word; In
in Your Word, Your Bod - y now are we; With
sac - ra - ments, You grant us u - ni - ty. One



speech for all You gave to us— in Word, Lord, You came down.
Church built on Your Son re - stores man's speech for - ev - er - more.
You, O Christ, all life is found, Your mes - sage ev - er heard.
all the saints, we worship You, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
Church, one Gos - pel— Lord, in You, we live e - ter - nal - ly!

About the Hymn

The focus of this hymn is the Word of God. Each stanza portrays a major theme or story of the Word in the biblical narrative. The first stanza focuses on creation by the Word and God's bestowal of language to man. The second stanza discloses man's fall and misuse of language. The following stanzas proclaim Christ's Incarnation and the Spirit's miraculous translation of the Word at Pentecost. The final stanza speaks of God's Word at work in the Church today. This hymn is motivated by God's linguistic revelation, in the Scriptures and through His Son.