

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD¹

(words by **Martin Rinkart** (1586-1649) and translated by **Catherine Winkworth** (1827-1878))

Now thank we all our God,
With heart² and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath³ done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven⁴ adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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¹ The German original was entitled '**Nun danket alle Gott**' when published in 1636 but '**Tisch-Gebetein**' in 1663.

² In some hymn books, '**heart**' has been altered to the plural form '**hearts**'.

³ In some hymn books, '**hath**' has been altered to the modern word '**has**' in verse 1 lines 3 and 6.

⁴ In the hymn book *BBC Songs of Praise*, it reads '**whom heaven and earth adore**';.

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