

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Edward Perronet's majestic hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," is among the most frequently published hymns in the United States. Since its first American appearance in two hymnals (Baptist and Universalist) in 1792, it has been included in some 2,300 American collections. It has been widely translated for use by Christians around the world.

The son of an Anglican vicar who actively supported the evangelicalism of the Wesleys, Edward Perronet worked for a time with the Methodists. His disagreements with the Wesleys over the relationship of Methodism with the Anglican Church resulted in Perronet's severing his ties to the Methodism. Misgivings about church-state relationships estranged him from the larger Church. He withdrew from the Anglican Communion and accepted the pastorate of a small Congregational church in Canterbury where he remained until his death in 1792. Throughout his life, Perronet wrote hymns, publishing them anonymously in small collections. "All Hail the Power" is the third hymn in a rare volume, *Occasional Verses, Moral and Sacred. Published for the instruction and amusement of the Candidly Serious and Religious* (1785). The heading over the hymn reads "On the Resurrection."

Perronet wrote "All Hail the Power" in 1779. He published (anonymously) the first stanza with a tune, MILES LANE (also anonymous), in *The Gospel Magazine* for November 1779. In April 1780, the same magazine reprinted the hymn with eight stanzas and another reference to MILES LANE as a suitable tune. In 1787, the Baptist John Rippon included "All Hail the Power" in his important *Selections of Hymns from the Best Authors, intended to be an Appendix to Dr. Watts' Psalms and Hymns*. He edited the text extensively, omitting Perronet's 2nd, 3rd and 6th stanzas and providing two new stanzas. Later renderings often omit one of Rippon's stanza's while retaining the other as the final stanza of Perronet's hymn:

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.

The authorship of the original hymn remained in question for nearly a century. It took less time to establish that the familiar English setting, MILES LANE, was the work of William Shrubsole, a nineteen-year-old organist and chorister in Canterbury, and Perronet's close friend. The tune most familiar to Americans is CORONATION, composed by Oliver Holden, a Boston musician, in 1793. Holden prepared this tune expressly for Perronet's words and

named it CORONATION from the song's refrain "Crown Him Lord of all." Another tune often found in American hymnals is DIADEM. Composed by John Ellor (another nineteen-year-old) for a Sunday school anniversary in Droylsden, England, in 1838, DIADEM often appears in hymnals that also include MILES LANE and CORONATION. "All Hail the Power" is perhaps the only hymn regularly published in American hymnals with three tunes.

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SATB, organ, Brass Quartet, and opt. cong.

Edward Perronet, 1780, alt.; st. 6 John Rippon, 1787, alt.

CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793
setting by John Ferguson

1

Brass

6

f

A Unison choir + cong.

All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate

A conductor's score with instrumental parts is available separately (425-874)

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The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle staff is in bass clef, and the bottom staff is also in bass clef. The music is in common time (indicated by '4'). The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. A large, diagonal watermark reading "for review only" is overlaid across the middle section of the score.

15 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him

19 Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and

23 crown him Lord of all.

rich 8' + gentle 4'

B

5

27 S.A. + women of congregation

Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the

4' + 2' only

fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him

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Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and

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6
39 crown him Lord of all.

relax tempo slightly
dim. pp

43 (c) Sin - ners, can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the
mp Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

47 mp Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and
gall, gall, mf go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him

51

crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

Lord of all. *mf* Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

55

crown him Lord of all.

Lord of all.

crown him Lord of all.

a tempo

f

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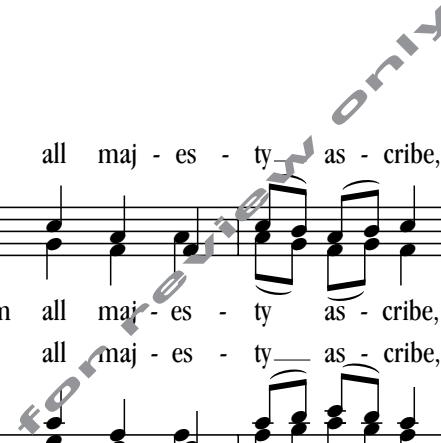
8

+ unison congregation

59

D f Let ev - 'ry kin and tribe on this ter - res - trial
Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial
Let ev - 'ry kin and tribe on this ter - res - trial

63 ball, _____ all maj - es - ty as - crite, crown him _____
ball, _____ to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him
ball, _____ all maj - es - ty as - crite, crown him
ball, _____ to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him



67

Lord of all.
Lord of all. To him all maj - es - ty as - crie, and
Lord of all. To him all maj - es - ty as - crie
Lord of all. To him all maj - es - ty as - crie, and

71

crown him ____ Lord of all.
crown him Lord of all.
crown him Lord of all.
crown him Lord of all.

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8' + 4' flutes with 8' gentle reed

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10 TB + men of congregation

75 *f* (E)

Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar

solo 8' reed

with 32' flue

79 S.A. *f*

call: praise him whose ways of pain—ye—trod, and crown him

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83

Lord of all.

Lord of all. Praise him whose ways of pain—ye—trod, and

87

f

Crown him Lord of all.

crown him Lord of all.

Brass

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Musical score for "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" page 12. The score consists of two staves of music. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes. Performance instructions include dynamics like **f** (fortissimo), **A.T.B. + cong.** (Antiphony + Congregation), and **Organ**. A dynamic instruction **- 32' flue** is placed below the bass staff. A large diagonal watermark reading "only" is overlaid across the middle of the page.

12
92 Soprano descant **F** **f**
O that with_
A.T.B. + cong. **f**
O that with yon - der
Organ
- 32' flue

96 sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall, we'll join the song,
sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er -
add reeds

100

and crown him Lord of all, We'll join the song, the
last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all, We'll join the ev-er -
+ 32' flue

105

+ Alto

ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all.
last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

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14
optional ending
109
S.A.
all. Lord of all!
T.B.
all. Lord of all!
B.C.
T.C.