

# Hymn of the Week

February 10 • Epiphany V

## We Praise You, O God

**Text:** *Te Deum Laudamus*, vers. Gracia Grindal.

A versification of the fourth-century Latin hymn, written in 1985 for the dedication of the Chapel of the Incarnation at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Music:** Mark Sedio. CHAPEL OF THE INCARNATION was composed in 1985 for Grindal's text and used in the dedication of the Luther Seminary chapel in October of 1985.

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**Scriptural reference:** Isaiah 6:3

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We praise you, O God;  
we acknowledge you to be the Lord;  
all creation worships you;  
the angels cry aloud to you;  
with heaven and all its powers,  
with the Cherubim and Seraphim, they cry,  
“Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.”

The apostles unite  
as the fellowship of prophets join voices  
praising you, O God.  
The noble martyrs praise your name;  
the Church throughout all the ages  
is acknowledging that you are God; they cry,  
“Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.”

O Father of might,  
with your lovely one and only Son,  
Holy Spirit, Comforter.  
You are the King of glory,  
Christ, the Father’s eternal Son,  
who has delivered us by being born of a woman,  
overcoming death’s sharpness and the grave,  
opening heaven to all your believers.

We praise you, O Christ;  
you are seated there at God’s right hand.  
We believe that you will come to be our Judge.  
We pray for help;  
restore those who are your servants,  
whom you have redeemed by your dear blood, who cry,  
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We praise you, O Christ.  
Come deliver us and make us yours,  
numbered there among the saints  
who sing your praises day and night.  
O Lord, save your people, bless them,  
keep us free from sin; have mercy, Lord.  
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