

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harpeth Baptist Church

The Old Testament, an overview

Job

Wisdom for times of trouble

Text: The Book of Job

Responsive reading: Psalm 140

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

[O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer](#)—click to listen

VERSE 1

*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need*

VERSE 2

*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night*

VERSE 3

*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name*

Songs for 11am service

74 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

364 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

168 He Knoweth the Way

Doxology— from Ancient Greek: doxologia, from doxa, "glory" and -logia, "saying" a short hymn of praises to God.

Hymn History—Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (The Doxology)

Before Charles Wesley or Isaac Watts, there was Thomas Ken who has been called "England's first hymnlist". He was born in 1637 in Little Berkhamstead on the fringes of greater London. When his parents died, he was raised by his half-sister and her husband who enrolled him in Winchester College, an historic boys' school. Thomas was later ordained to the ministry and returned to Winchester as a chaplain.

To encourage the devotional habits of the boys, Thomas wrote three hymns in 1674. This was revolutionary because English hymns had not yet appeared. Only the Psalms were sung in public worship. Ken suggested the boys use the hymns privately in their rooms.

One hymn was to be sung upon waking, another at bedtime, and a third at midnight if sleep didn't come. All three hymns ended with a common stanza, which has become the most widely sung verse in the world.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas died on March 11, 1711. He was buried at sunrise, and the Doxology was sung at his funeral.

-from [Then Sings My Soul](#) by Robert Morgan