

Hymn of the Month is a new worship-focused series at Salem Hellers. Worship is the most important thing we do; as part of our efforts to enrich and deepen our worship, each month we will focus on one of the less familiar or more recently composed songs from *Hymns of Grace* that we hope will be appreciated and loved by our congregation. We will explore different ways to introduce and incorporate these songs throughout the month; we want to help you become comfortable with them. May we grow together in faith as we learn these theologically rich hymns and join our voices in corporate worship.

Listen to a recording of this month's hymn on our new website at www.salemhellers.com. Look for *Hymn of the Month* in the Worship tab menu and click on "visit the download page".



Hymn of the Month

September 2025



#44
Come, Praise and Glorify

1

*Come, praise and glorify our God,
the Father of our Lord.
In Christ, He has in heavenly realms
His blessings on us poured.
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be,
and now we've been adopted through His Son eternally.!*

2

*Come, praise and glorify our God,
who gives His grace in Christ.
In Him our sins are washed away,
redeemed through sacrifice.
In Him God has made known to us
the mystery of His will,
that Christ should be the head of all,
His purpose to fulfill.*

3

*Come, praise and glorify our God,
for we've believed the Word.
And through our faith we have a seal,
The Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done,
Until we join in endless praise to God,
the Three in One.*

Chorus:

*To the praise of Your glory,
to the praise of Your mercy and grace,
to the praise of Your glory,
You are the God who saves.*

Come Praise and Glorify was written by Tim Chester, a British pastor and author. He shared the text with Bob Kauflin, an American pastor and musician, who composed a melody for the hymn.

The text draws directly from Ephesians 1:3-14. Kauflin has described it as "a veritable theological feast". Throughout the three verses and chorus the hymn incorporates the truths of our blessings in Christ, God's predestining us to be blameless in his sight, our adoption in Christ, our redemption through Christ's sacrifice, God's purposes in Christ, receiving the Word of the gospel, and our inheritance in Christ guaranteed by the Spirit. Compare the scripture passages below with the text of each verse of the hymn:

Verse 1 (Ephesians 1:3-5)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,"

Verse 2 (Ephesians 1:6-10)

"to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him."

Verse 3 (Ephesians 1:13-14)

"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory."