

**Hymn of the Month** is a worship-focused initiative of the Salem Hellers Music Ministry. 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 a less familiar or more recently composed song or hymn that we hope will become 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](http://www.salemhellers.com). Look for *Hymn of the Month* in the Worship tab menu and click on "visit the download page".



*Eternal God, I Seek You Now*  
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*Eternal God, I seek you now;  
all time is in your hands.  
For you are Ruler, Judge, and King;  
your presence is revealed.*

2

*All perfect God, to you I bow;  
my praise belongs to you.  
For you are holy; just and right,  
your majesty revealed.*

### **Chorus**

*O sov'reign Lord, I sing your praise! To you all glory be!  
My loving Father, Holy One through all eternity,  
through all eternity.*

3

*O loving God, in you I rest;  
all comfort comes from high.  
For you are loving; kind and good,  
your mercy is revealed.*

4

*Creator God, to you I come;  
all honor you deserve.  
The Source Support and End of all,  
your greatness is revealed.*

### **Chorus**

5

*All knowing God, to you I look;  
exalted and revered.  
For you are truthful; wise and strong,  
your greatness is revealed.*

6

*O triune God, to you I sing;  
all glory yours alone.  
For Father, Son, and Spirit;  
one, your deity revealed.*

### **Chorus**

**The Story Behind the Hymn:** *Eternal God, I Seek You Now* was written in 1988 by Robert Hochstaetter. The lyrics were composed on a sunny afternoon when he had finished preparing a series of Bible study lessons to be taught on the attributes of God. Robert identified the familiar hymn tune, DUNDEE (often used as a setting for *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*) as a possible melody for his hymn. His lyrics also work well with a more recent hymn tune with chorus by K. Jason French, found in *Hymns of Grace #88*.

**The Meaning:** If we have an earnest desire to seek and know the eternal God, our creator, then he graciously promises to reveal himself to us. So how does this occur? First, from general revelation (the creation) and then specific revelation (God's written word, the Holy Bible). As we read the Bible, we learn about God's unique attributes (divine characteristics) that set him apart from all of his creation.

The lyrics of this hymn identify some of the titles ascribed to God that focus upon his authority. Then some absolute attributes that describe the inner being of God are revealed followed by the relative attributes that correspond to these absolute attributes.

The lyrics also list an appropriate conclusive thought about these attributes in each stanza to what has been acknowledged. The hymn ends by recognizing the trinitarian nature of God giving him all the glory he deserves.

Let us sing this hymn with reverence and a heart-attitude of praise and thanksgiving that he desires to be known and gives us the opportunity to do so through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ that is accomplished and applied to our lives. Soli Deo Gloria! -- **Robert Hochstaetter**