



Te Deum

detail from stained glass in the Sorrowful Mother Shrine Chapel

'*Te Deum laudamus*,' 'You are God, we praise You,' is the Catholic Church's ancient hymn of praise and thanksgiving for God's Grace.

It is prayed on Sundays and solemnities in the Divine Office, the daily prayer of the Church.

The English hymn 'Holy God we Praise Thy Name' is based on the *Te Deum*.

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You are God: we praise you; You are God: we acclaim You;

You are the eternal Father: All creation worships You.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise You. The noble fellowship of prophets praise You. The white-robed army of martyrs praise You.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim You: Father, of majesty unbounded, Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When You became man to set us free You did not spurn the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that You will come, and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of Your own Blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance. Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day we bless You. We praise Your name forever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in You.

In you, Lord, is our hope:

And we shall never hope in vain.