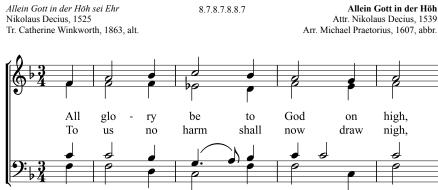
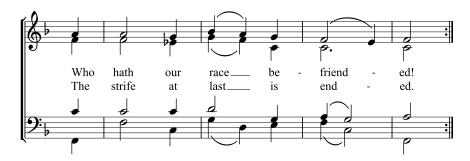
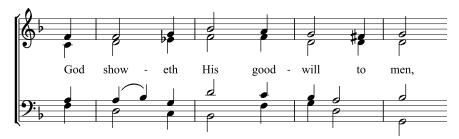
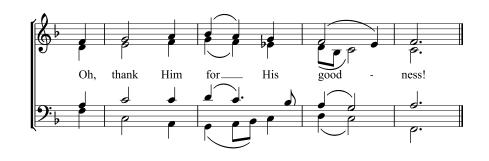
## All Glory Be to God on High











- We praise, we worship Thee, we trust, And give Thee thanks forever, O Father, that Thy rule is just And wise and changes never. Thy boundless pow'r o'er all things reigns, Done is whate'er Thy will ordains: Well for us that Thou rulest.
- 3 O Jesus Christ, Thou only Son Of God, Thy heav'nly Father, Who didst for all our sins atone And Thy lost sheep dost gather: Thou Lamb of God, to Thee on high From out our depths we sinners cry, Have mercy on us, Jesus!
- 4 O Holy Ghost, Thou precious Gift, Thou Comforter unfailing,
  O'er Satan's snares our souls uplift And let Thy pow'r availing
  Avert our woes and calm our dread.
  For us the Savior's blood was shed; We trust in Thee to save us.

"All Glory Be to God on High" ("*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*") is a metrical setting of the Gloria in Excelsis written by Nikolaus Decius. It was first printed, in Low German and with no melody, in the Rostock *Gesangk Boek* of 1525. Its standard High German form appeared in Valentin Schumann's Leipzig hymnal of 1539, where its melody also first appears. The melody was likely written by Decius himself, based upon the plainchant of the Easter Gloria. Decius's hymn was never adopted in hymnals under Luther's direction, though Valentin Babst's hymnal of 1545 included the melody with a different text. It did nevertheless become an enduring favorite throughout the generations following Luther.

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