

O God, We Thank Thee For Thy Grace

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Nicolaus Boye, 1541

Strassburg Hymnal, 1569

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O God, we thank Thee for Thy grace
For gifts out-poured in every place

Through Christ our blessed Savior,
Up on us by Thy favor.

All that hath breath is well sup-plied With need-ful fare Thou dost pro-vide.

To Thee be praise and glo-ry, Glo-ry.

- 2 As Thou with food hast richly blessed
The body that will perish,
So also be the soul Thy guest,
Which life from Thee inherits.
Thy wholesome Word its fare shall be
Until it hungers but for Thee,
Relying on Thy mercy.
- 3 All glory, praise, and thanks to Thee,
Thou God of might unbounded,
Who cleansest of iniquity
Through faith, most firmly founded
On Christ, Thy one and only Son,
That we with Him may all be one
And sing Thy praises, Amen.

Nicolaus Boye's after-meal hymn, "O God, We Thank Thee for Thy Grace (*O Gott, wir danken deiner Güt*)," was first printed in Low German in 1541. It was originally intended to be sung to the tune *Nun freut euch*, from Luther's "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice," but in 1569 a proper melody was provided in the Strassburg hymnal. The present musical arrangement follows the original melody, but incorporates harmonies from a setting of a later form of the melody by Joachim Decker, *Melodeyen Gesangbuch*, Hamburg, 1604. The text has been newly translated for the Free Lutheran Chorale-Book.

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