

## Are Doxologies moments of Worship? See the Post below this one

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### Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

This is a Doxology song in many mainline churches by the choir after the Morning Pastoral Prayer or the Responsive Reading.

Another version is spoken several times during an Episcopal Service, usually after Reading of the Psalms and certain Prayers or Canticles

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

I do not consider these Doxologies [the word means "word of praise"] to be actual praise to God because they do not address Him. However, an expanded version of the Doxology, called the "Greater Doxology" or *Glória in excélsis* or simply The Gloria, is a good example of a true Hymn of Worship. Notice the 2nd Person pronouns.

### The Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen*

Another Doxology, sung in many churches as the ushers bring the Offering forward to the Pastor, is this one, written in 1673 Is it praise to God or is it a command to praise God?

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

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*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

### The Sanctus

For me personally, the most worshipful moment in the Anglican Liturgy is when I can fervently sing the *Sanctus* at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. [The Book of Common Prayer, Rite II-]

*The people remain standing.*

*The Celebrant ... faces them and sings or says: The Lord be with you.*

*People: And also with you.*

*Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.*

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

[Note: This is the *Sanctus*. It is common to add *Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest*

. But I have an issue with this and do not sing it. At any rate it is not directed to God as praise.]

Then the Priest continues with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the Sacrifice of Christ and our Salvation through it.

To me this is full of Worship. I miss it in Evangelical Churches and I am blessed by it in Liturgical ones.