

2025-12-02 Meditation for Tuesday in the First Week of Advent is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

Theme song (7<sup>th</sup>-century hymn):

Creator of the stars of night  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe . . . .

### ***O God Beyond All Praising***

Lyrics: Michael A. Perry (1942-1996; written 1982) verses 1 and 3  
Richard Proulx (1937-2010), verse 2 based loosely on 1 Corinthians 15

Tune: THAXTED (Holst)

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934; composed 1918)

Artists: Coventry Catholic Chamber Choir, Northern Kentucky University Chamber Choir, and the University of Louisville Cardinal Singers, Kent Hatteberg (dir.), Katie Baron (organ)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnUAgyuH3Xs&list=RDxnUAgyuH3Xs&start\\_radio=1&rv=XnUAgyuH3Xs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnUAgyuH3Xs&list=RDxnUAgyuH3Xs&start_radio=1&rv=XnUAgyuH3Xs)

1. O God beyond all praising,  
We worship you today  
And sing the love amazing  
That songs cannot repay;

For we can only wonder  
At every gift you send,  
At blessings without number  
And mercies without end:

We lift our hearts before you  
And wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you,  
Our great and mighty Lord.

2. The flower of earthly splendor  
In time must surely die,

Its fragile bloom surrender  
To you, the Lord most high;

But hidden from all nature  
Th'eternal seed is sown—  
Though small in mortal stature,  
To heaven's garden grown:

For Christ the man from heaven  
From death has set us free,  
And we through him are given  
The final victory!

3. Then hear, O gracious Savior,  
Accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor  
May serve you as our king;

And whether our tomorrows  
Be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows  
And rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty  
And glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty  
Our sacrifice of praise.