

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

Born: 1726, Sundridge, Kent, England.

Died: January 2, 1792, Canterbury, Kent, England.

Buried: Canterbury Cathedral, Kent, England.



Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

Words by Edward Perronet, son of an Anglican minister, descended from French Huguenots who fled the continent to escape religious persecution. For a time, Perronet was a co-worker of ***John and Charles Wesley***. John Wesley was always trying to get him to preach, but Perronet, though capable, was somewhat in awe of Wesley, and always deferred to him. Any time John Wesley was present, Perronet felt Wesley should do the preaching. But John Wesley was not one to take “no” for an answer. So, one day, in the middle of a meeting, he simply announced, “Brother Perronet will now speak.” Thinking quickly, Perronet stood before the large crowd and declared, “I will now deliver the greatest sermon ever preached on earth” (you can imagine he got everyone’s attention). He then read the Sermon on the Mount, and sat down.

The first stanza appeared anonymously in *The Gospel Magazine*, November 1779. In April 1780, the same magazine published eight verses titled, “On the Resurrection, the Lord Is King.” It resurfaced half a dozen years later, again anonymously, accompanied by an acrostic poem whose letters spelled out “Edward Perronet.”

Born: September 18, 1765, Shirley, Massachusetts.

Died: September 4, 1844, Charlestown, Massachusetts. His last words are said to have been, "I have some beautiful airs running through my head, if I only had the strength to note them down." He must have been hearing the angels sing.

Buried: Phipps Street Cemetery, Charlestown, Massachusetts.



Oliver Holden (1765-1844)

Music: "Coronation," by Oliver Holden; first appeared in his *Union Harmony or Universal Collection of Sacred Music* (Boston, Massachusetts: 1793) Holden lived most of his life in Charlestown, Massachusetts, near Boston. Though a carpenter and real estate dealer in his professional life, he also organized many music schools, and served as legislator and pastor. When George Washington visited Boston in 1789, Holden wrote the lyrics and score and trained the choir which sang the music that greeted Washington at the Old State House.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This, to me, is one of the greatest of the hymns of the church. The words were written in England just three years after the magnificent document written in the United States in 1776 - *The Declaration of Independence*. The two became entwined coincidentally when an American, Oliver Holden, put more words and music together in Boston in 1789 for George Washington's visit to Boston. It is my hope that as we begin our worship with this stately hymn this Lord's Day, we do so with one great voice.

Let us sing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" to the Coronation tune, hymn 111 in our hymnal.

Faithfully, Pastor Bob+