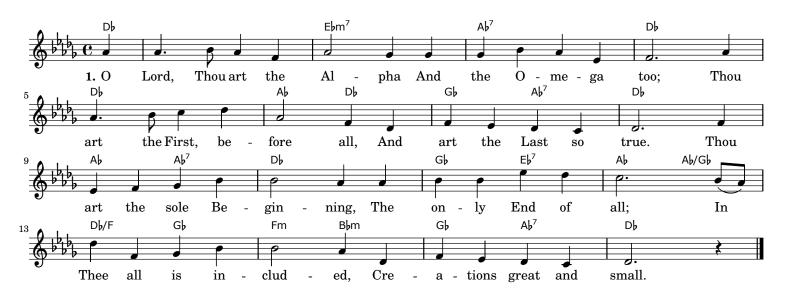
O Lord, Thou art the Alpha

Praise of the Lord — His All-Inclusiveness

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- 2. Lord, since Thou art the Alpha,
 All things commenced of Thee;
 And as the sole Omega,
 All things will end in Thee;
 As God's full Alphabet, Lord,
 All is of Thee composed;
 Since Thou art all the letters,
 All is in Thee enclosed.
- 3. As First of all the creatures,
 Thou art the Head of all;
 As Last in God's creation,
 Thou art the close of all.
 As First of all the creatures,
 All things by Thee consist;
 As Last in God's creation,
 All things for Thee subsist.

- 4. Since Thou art the Beginning,
 Thou hast preceded all;
 And since Thou art the Ending,
 Thou wilt inherit all.
 Thou, the unique Beginning,
 Didst all originate;
 Thou, as the only Ending,
 Wilt all things terminate.
- 5. O Lord, how we adore Thee And treasure Thee with love; As Alpha and Omega, Thou art all things above. We praise Thee, the Beginning, The very First we call; We worship Thee, the Ending, The only Last of all.