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dox·ol·o·gy  (dŏk-sŏl ə-jē)

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n. pl. **dox·ol·o·gies**

An expression of praise to God, especially a short hymn sung as part of a Christian worship service.

[Medieval Latin *doxologia*, from Greek *doxologiā*, praise : *doxa*, glory, honor (from *dokein*, to seem; see **dek-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *logos*, saying; see [-LOGY](#).]

dox'o·log **i·cal** (dŏk'sə-lŏj ɪ-kəl) *adj.*

dox'o·log **i·cal·ly** *adv.*

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