

All Saints' Sunday
November 3, 2024
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An Order for Holy Communion 8 am and 10:30 am
(Setting Two, *Lutheran Book of Worship*)

Please Note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave.

Bold print indicates Congregation.

HYMNS ARE PRINTED IN THE BACK OF OUR BULLETIN AS WELL AS HYMNALS (LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book)

****Please stand as you are able.***

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

On All Saints Sunday we both celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, and grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come. Our roll of those who have passed from "death to life eternal" since last All Saints' Sunday, 2023 will be read this morning.

PRELUDE *Cortege et Litanie* Marcel Dupre

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

our refuge,

our delight,

our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the One who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Kneel/stand. A brief silence is observed.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

***HYMN For All the Saints**

LBW, “Green”, 174

***THE GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



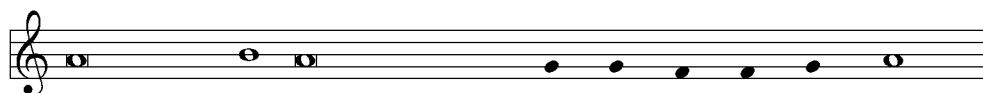
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING.....Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

1 The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

2 **For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

3 Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

4 **Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,**
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.

5 They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

6 **Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,**
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

8 **Who is this | King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

10 **Who is this | King of glory?**

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.

THE SECOND READING.....Revelation 21:1-6a

1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6a Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

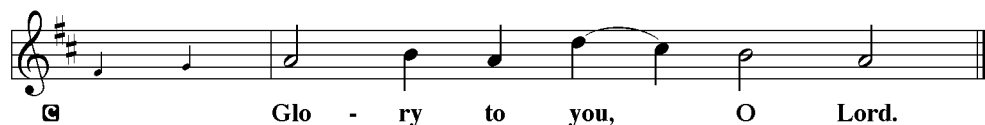
*THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE GOSPEL.....John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *After each petition, “Merciful God/Receive our prayer”.*

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

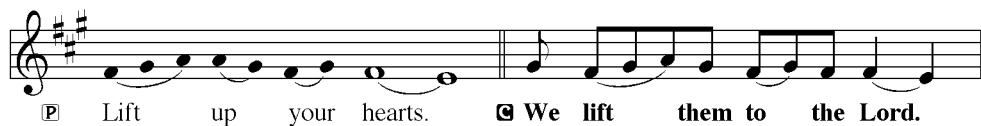
All may greet one another with these or similar words and/or gestures of peace.

ANTHEM *At the River* Aaron Copland

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. Ⓞ And al - so with you.



Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. Ⓞ We lift them to the Lord.

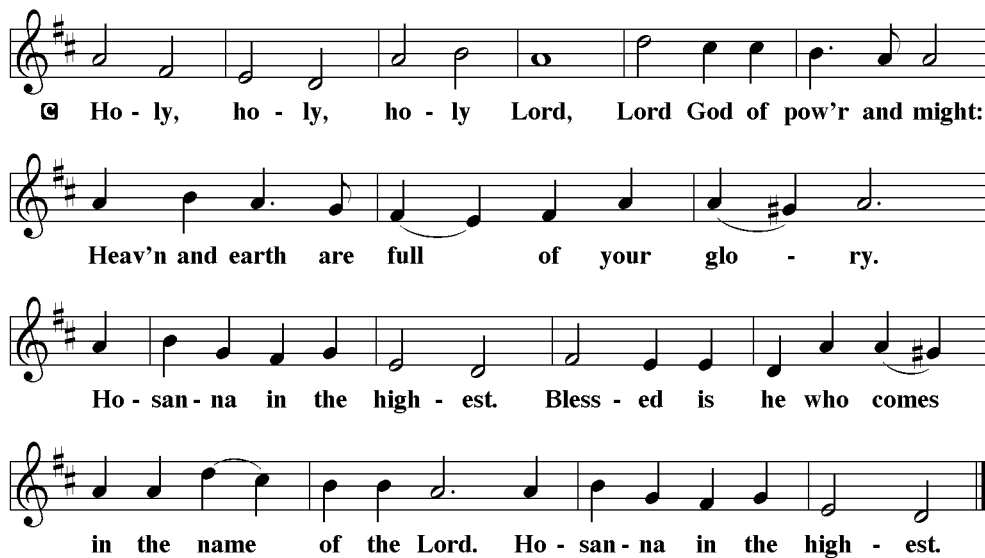


Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Ⓞ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the blessedness of all your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
 You have filled all creation with light and life;
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.
 You rescued slaves in Egypt, your chosen people.
 Through prophets you renewed your promise;
 and, at the fulness of time, you sent your Son,
 who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom.
 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread,
 gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
 saying: "Take and eat;
 this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks,
and gave it to all to drink
saying: "This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And believing the witness of his resurrection,
share with him and all the faithful the great and promised feast.

Amen.

Send now, we pray, we pray,
your Holy Spirit,
the Spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him in him, in the unity of the Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

***LAMB OF GOD**



☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

***INVITATION**

Come, all are welcome to dine with our risen Lord. Amen.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Use the center aisle, pick up a small glass on the way. Receive the bread and then proceed to receive the wine by way of a pouring chalice. After communing return to your pew using a side aisle. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

Know that the crucified and risen Christ gives himself to you in his supper. If you cannot eat bread, drink only the wine. If you cannot drink wine, eat only the bread

***AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon with favor and ☩ and give you peace.
Amen.

***HYMN** **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** **LBW, “Green”, 320**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Chaconne in D-minor* Louis Couperin

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Yvonne and Gerry Myers, Ariel, John Bower, Joseph Baur, John Tartline, Bob Miller, Carl Hieber, Ann Kuntz, Donna Baker, Gary Weber, Tom Waffenschmidt, Phil and Barb Thomas, victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

TODAY IS ALSO STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY! Pledge cards are available in the narthex and may be returned to the church by way of the offering plate. If you cannot return your pledge card today, please do so in the near future. In 2025, Christ calls us to support the work of the church through our prayers, presence, gifts and service. May the faithfulness of all God's saints inspire us to faithfully serve our Lord through St. Mark's and beyond.

OUR STEWARDSHIP October 27, 2024

Regular offering	\$2,486.00
Plate Offerings	20.00
Memorials	1,405.00
Synod Benevolence	46.00
Lutheran Disaster Response	377.00
Grand Total	4,334.00

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and

+ In loving memory of my loved ones by Norma Feig Prato;

+ In loving memory of Gwyn M. Rees by Ruth Rees and son, Grant Rees.

WORSHIP LEADERS November 3, 2024

Lector 8 am Becky Pryor
 10:30 am Brenda Gair

Communion Assistants 8 am Drew Haussmann
 10:30 am Dan Zeigler

Ushers 8 am Herb Poff and Richard Miller
 10:30 am Jensen Team

Altar Guild (NOVEMBER) Cindy Huff and Linda Rosini

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

End of year Congregational Reports of all church committees and ministries are now due! Please file reports with the Church Office. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

Sunday, November 3	Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:15 am
Monday, November 4	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Tuesday, November 5	Church Office Hours, 9 am-1 pm Safety Committee, 11:30 am <i>Don't forget to vote!</i>
Wednesday, November 6	Church Office Hours, 9 am-1 pm
Thursday, November 7	Church Office Hours, 9 am-1 pm
Friday, November 1	Church Office Closed
Saturday, November 2	Church Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS

John Bower	November 7
Ann Kuntz	November 7
Brenda Gair	November 8
Darian Johnson	November 8
Cathy Fenderson	November 9
Becky Pryor	November 9

ANNIVERSARY

Jennifer & Rick Robertson	November 5
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+ When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) email

(bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org) or his cell phone (272-788-0161). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.

+ When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.

To keep members of the church update on new address, phone number, change in marital status or anything else that needs updated, you will see in the weekly bulletin and the “Lion”, updates on the information. If you have any information that needs to be updated, please send an email to jbour@stmarkswilliamsport.org or call the church office at 570-323-4619, Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. The office is working on an updated Church directory so please update any information ASAP to insure the directory is up to date.

A PRAYER FOR ELECTION DAY

Good and Gracious God,

Be with us and our nation on election day and throughout the election process. Guide our actions, that good and faithful leaders may be raised up to serve our nation and communities justly. Protect our communities from acts of violence. Provide peace of mind to all who are anxious. Bring comfort to all who are stressed and hope to those who are fearful.

Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart to be kind; that the barriers dividing our nation may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease. Help us to put our trust in you and give us wisdom, strength, and courage to be living examples of your love, today and every day. In Jesus' name we pray. ” Amen. (Grand Canyon Synod, ELCA).

COMMEMORATIONS

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.



John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries



Thursday, November 7, 2024

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

The CROP Walk was another huge success on October 13th! It was a cool and rainy morning and Levi and I were not excited to walk in that weather. We talked about those who have to walk to get food and water (while carrying the food and water), and this was easy compared to what they endure. So we walked. During the walk, the sun peaked out a little and we had a wonderful time. We would like to thank members from St. James Lutheran Church in Rauchtown, who joined our team. With the support and generosity of our congregations, we raised \$1,065.00!! We made one more step to Help Stop Hunger. Next year, we hope you can walk with us! —Brenda Gair

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for-tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may your sol-diers, faith-ful, true, and bold,
 7 But then there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: the
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through



all who by faith be-fore the world con-fessed,
 you, Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight;
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
 saints . . . tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray;
 gates . . . of pearl streams in the count-less host,



your name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
 you, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
 and win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.
 the King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



4 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
 6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west;



we fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine;
 steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song,
 soon, soon to faith-ful war-riors comes their rest;



yet all are one with-in your great de-sign.
 and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Give Thanks for Saints



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on -
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

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 Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727