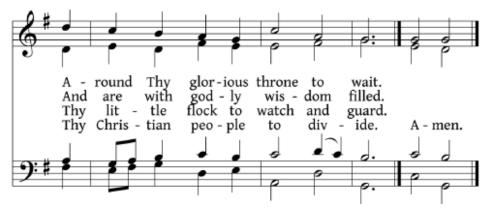
Festival of St. Michael and All Angels

103. Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise

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- 5. As he has blighted earth of old, He keeps e'en now his deathly hold, Chafes madly to annihilate All virtue, honor, Church, and State.
- Therefore, no halt nor rest he knows;
 A roaring lion round he goes,
 Or lies in wait with baneful snare
 To drive the Christians to despair.
- 7. But watchful is the angel-band, That follows Christ on ev'ry hand, And guards Thy holy Christendom From harm that might from Satan come.
- 8. From Daniel's case this may be seen, When he sat in the lions' den, And likewise angels rescued Lot, That the ungodly harmed him not.

- When the three Hebrews were at last Into the fiery furnace cast,
 No pow'r had fiercest flames to harm Against the rescuing angel's arm.
- 10. And thus our God, still at this day, From harm and many an evil way Keeps near us His dear angel-guard, Placed over us as watch and ward.
- 11. For this, now and eternally, Our praise shall rise, O God, to Thee, Whom all the angel-hosts adore With joy now and forevermore.
- 12. We also pray Thee to defend By them unto the latter end, Thy fold, that little flock, O Lord, That holds in honor Thy blessed Word.