

Festival of St. Michael and All Angels

103. Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise


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1. Lord God, we all to Thee give praise,
 2. They glow with light and heav'n - ly grace,
 3. They nev - er rest nor sleep, as we;
 4. The foul old Drag - on and dread Foe



Thank - off'r - ings meet to Thee we raise,
 And con - stant - ly to be - hold Thy face;
 Their whole de - light is but to be
 With en - vy, hate, and wrath doth glow;



That Thou didst an - gel hosts cre - ate,
 O - be - dience to Thy voice they yield,
 For - ev - er near Thee, gra - cious Lord,
 It al - ways is his aim and pride



A - round Thy glor - ious throne to wait.
 And are with god - ly wis - dom filled.
 Thy lit - tle flock to watch and guard.
 Thy Chris - tian peo - ple to div - ide. A - men.

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.

6. 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.

9. 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.