

# God of Our Days and All Our Seasons

RENDEZ A DIEU, 98 98 D  
Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510–1561)  
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INTRO (♩ = ca. 112)

Flute

Trumpet

Organ

Ped.

5

VERSE 1

Unison

mf

1. God of our days and all our

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10

1. sea - sons, faith - ful as long as time shall last, walk with your

15

1. peo - ple in the pres - ent as with our par - ents in the

19

Tpt.  
*mf*

1. past. Help us to share Christ's gos - pel vi - sion, like

23

1. Fran - cis in sim - plic i - ty lay - ing foun -

W

L

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music, measures 23-26. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a whole rest in measure 23, followed by a half note 'F' in measure 24, a quarter note 'r' in measure 25, and a half note 'i' in measure 26. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A large, bold, black watermark 'WL' is superimposed over the music.

27

1. da - tions for the fu - ture, lov - ing and serv - ing joy - ful -

D

M

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of music, measures 27-30. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in measure 27, followed by a half note 'd' in measure 28, a quarter note 'a' in measure 29, and a half note 't' in measure 30. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. A large, bold, black watermark 'DM' is superimposed over the music.

31

1. ly.

A

S

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of music, measures 31-34. The vocal line starts with a whole rest in measure 31, followed by a half note 'l' in measure 32, and a whole rest in measure 33. The piano accompaniment features a change in time signature from 4/4 to 3/4 in measure 32. A large, bold, black watermark 'AS' is superimposed over the music.

VERSE 2

35 Soprano

2. Make us dis - ci - ples ea - ger, will - ing, bear - ers of

39

2. hope to all in need. us your wit-ness-es con - vinc - ing, -

W  
E  
R  
E  
S

44

2. teach - ing the truth by word and deed. Give us a pas - sion for your

49

2. jus - tice; give us a your — poor; so may the

54

2. hun - gry, lost and home - less find in your Church an o - pen

58

Fl.  
*mf*

2. door.

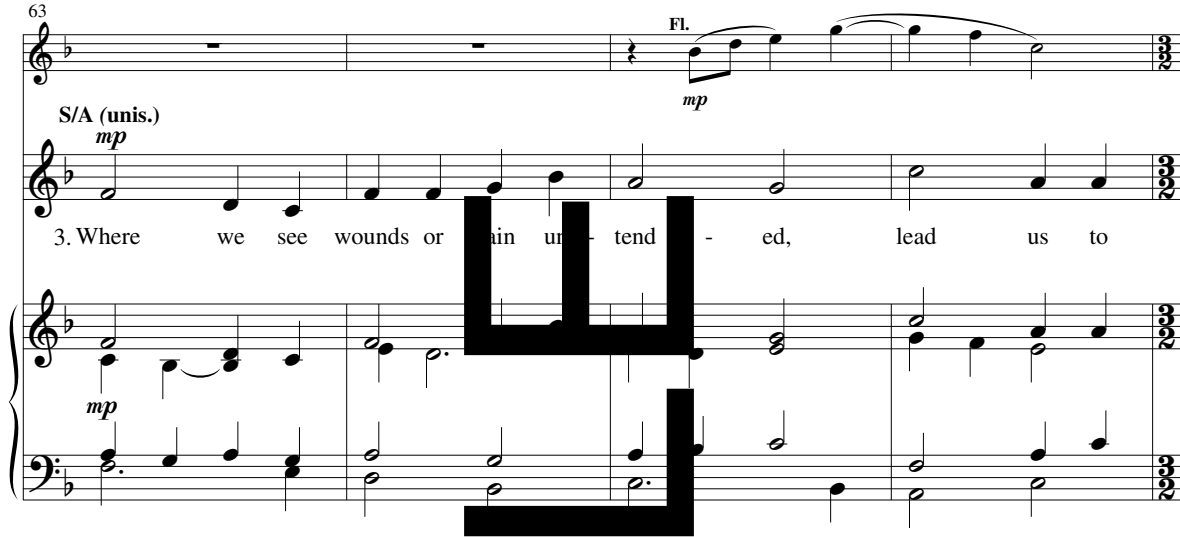
VERSE 3

63

Fl. *mp*

S/A (unis.) *mp*

3. Where we see wounds or pain un - tend - ed, lead us to



67

3. bind and soothe and heal. Where we meet spir - its bruised or



71

Fl. *mp*

3. bro - ken, let your - der care re - veal.



75 *div.*

3. Where there is fear and bit-ter ha-tred, let trust and love through

I

II

no Ped.

79 *Fl.*

3. us in-crease; where there is con-flict or di-

83

3. vi-sion, build, our nds, a place of peace.

no Ped.

87

VERSE 4: *a cappella* (Melody in Tenor)

91 *S mf*

4. May we trans - form this world through rev - 'rence, gra - cious in

*T*

*B mf*

95 *Tpt. mf*

4. hos - pi - tal - i - ty May we em - pow - er friend and

99 *Tpt. mf*

4. neigh - bor, part - ners in red min - is - try.

103

4. Filled with the Spir - it sent, in

4. Filled with the Spir - it sent by Je - sus, in mind and heart let

107

4. us be one, of - ring our lives in glad - thanks - giv - ing,

112

4. prais - ing our God for

117

Ped.

VERSE 5

122 Descant

5. Praise for the faith of saints be - fore us,

5. Praise for the faith of saints be - fore us, praise for the

126

5. praise for the fam - 'ly here to day;

5. fam - 'ly here to - praise for com - pas - sion in our

130

5. pray for grace to walk your way.

5. weak - ness, praise for the grace to walk your way.

134

Tpt. *mf*

Desc.

S  
A

5. Praise for all bless - ings, life a - bun - dant, praise

T  
B

137

5. to the Ho - ly Trin - ty; praise Fa - ther,

The image shows a page of musical notation for a hymn. It includes staves for Tpt. (Trumpet), Desc. (Descant), S/A (Soprano/Alto), T/B (Tenor/Bass), and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: '5. Praise for all blessings, life abundant, praise to the Holy Trinity; praise Father,'. A large, bold, black watermark 'WORLDWIDE' is oriented vertically across the center of the page.

141

5. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it, for e - ter - ni -

5. Son and Ho - ly Spir - it, now and for all e - ter - ni -

145

Fl. *f*

Tpt. *f*

5. ty.

5. ty.

## Notes

“God of Our Days and All Our Seasons” was inspired by the Prayer of St. Francis and Catholic social teaching, as well as by the mission and ministry of the Capuchins who commissioned the hymn. Scriptural references include Matthew 25:31–46; Luke 4:16–19; Acts 2:42–47 and 4:32–35.

This hope-filled hymn is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for God’s active presence in the past; it is also an expression of hope in God’s continued blessings for the future. In it, we ask especially for grace and strength to minister to those who are most in need, and to empower others to share the labors inspired by Jesus’ Gospel.

“God of Our Days and All Our Seasons” will serve equally well as an opening or closing hymn. It is fitting for gatherings of clergy, pastoral ministers, and faith communities or other groups focused on issues of social ministry and justice. It may be especially appropriate at anniversary celebrations of these groups or individuals.

—*Delores Dufner, OSB*

SAMPLE

## Assembly Edition

**GOD OF OUR DAYS AND ALL OUR SEASONS**

RENDEZ A DIEU

1. God of our days and all our sea - sons, faith - ful as  
 2. Make us dis - ciples a - ge will - ing, bear - ers of  
 3. Where we see woun - d or in un - der - stand - ed, lead us to  
 4. May we trans - form - ed in rev - erence, gra - cious in  
 5. Praise for the faith of saints be - fore us, praise for the

1. long as time shall last, walk with your peo - ple  
 2. hope to all in need. Make us your wit - ness -  
 3. bind and soothe a - nd Where we meet spir - its  
 4. hos - pi - tal - ity. May we em - pow - er  
 5. fam - 'ly here to - day; praise for com - pas - sion

1. in the pres - ent as with our par - ents in the past.  
 2. es con - vinc - ing, teach - ing the truth by word and deed.  
 3. bruised or bro - ken, let us be in your tender care re - veal.  
 4. friend and neigh - bor, part - ners in the sac - red min - is - try.  
 5. in our weak - ness, praise for the grace to walk your way.

1. Help us to share Chris - tian gos - pel vi - sion, like  
 2. Give us a pas - sion for your jus - tice; give  
 3. Where there is fear and in - ter - ha - tred, let  
 4. Filled with the Spir - it sent by Je - sus, in  
 5. Praise for all your work - ings, life a - bun - dant, praise

1. Fran - cis in sim - plic - i - ty lay - ing foun - da - tions  
 2. us a heart for all the poor; so may the hun - gry,  
 3. trust and love through in - ease; where there is con - flict  
 4. mind and heart let us be one, of - f'ring our lives in  
 5. to the Ho - ly Spir - it; praise Fa - ther, Son and

1. for the fu - ture, serv - ing joy - ful - ly.  
 2. lost and home - less and in your Church an o - pen door.  
 3. or di - vi - sion, build, with our hands, a place of peace.  
 4. glad thanks - giv - ing, praise - ing our God for won - ders done.  
 5. Ho - ly Spir - it, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

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