

## GOD OF THE MORNING

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God of the morning, you clothe us with grace,  
bringing your children to this time and place.  
Give us the wisdom to walk in your ways,  
guiding our feet through the length of our days.

God of the noonday and bright summer sun,  
gird us with strength for the work to be done.  
Bless us with joy in each task that we do,  
binding our hearts in thanksgiving to you.

God of the evening, you know we need rest;  
welcome us home as we bring you our best.  
We are your own, and you call us by name.  
You will not fail us, your mercy we claim.

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Preview



This hymn was written several years back to honor my father, Henry Waltz, who would have been 100 years old this year. Family came from far and wide to celebrate his 90th birthday. We had a hymn sing in the chapel of his nursing home, and while it was evident that Dad was becoming increasingly frail, his clear tenor voice could still be heard on the old hymns we sang from memory. The family also sang this hymn, which I had written specifically to honor him. We would sing it a year later at his funeral.

My father was a hard worker, a peacemaker, and a faithful church member, who would have been in church for most of the Sundays in his life. The text reflects metaphorically upon the seasons of a person's life and specifically upon a lifetime of my father's strength of character, gratitude, and trust in God.

*Use:* Christian Life, Comfort, Evening, Funerals, Morning,  
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SLANE

1. God of the morn - ing, you clothe us with grace,  
2. God of the noon - day and bright sum - mer sun,  
3. God of the eve - ning, you know we need rest;

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major, and features a melody with eighth and quarter notes. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

1. bring - ing your chil - dren to this time and place.  
2. gird us with strength for the work to be done.  
3. wel - come us home as we bring you our best.

The second system of music continues the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line concludes with a final cadence, and the bass line provides a steady accompaniment.



GOD OF THE MORNING, cont. (2)

1. Give us the wis - dom to walk in your ways,  
2. Bless us with joy in each task that we do,  
3. We are your own, and you call us by name.

1. guid - ing our feet through the length of our days.  
2. bind - ing our hearts in thanks - giv - ing to you.  
3. You will not fail us, your mer - cy we claim.

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