

In our day of thanksgiving

Text: William H. Draper, 1916

Music: Richard Strutt, 1925

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The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with notes often beamed in pairs. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points: D, G, D, D, Bm, D, E, A, D, F#, Bm, D/A, D, A, and D. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 In our day of thanks - giv - ing one psalm let us of - fer
2 In the morn - ing of life, and at noon, and at eve - ning,
for the saints who be - fore us have found the re - ward;
they were gath - ered to heav'n from our wor - ship be - low;
when the sha - dow of death fell up - on them, we sor - rowed,
but not be - fore God's love at the font and the al - tar,
but now we re - joice that they rest in the Lord
had clothed them with grace for the way they should go.

3. Common stones that have echoed
their praises are holy,
and the dust of the ground
where their feet have once trod;
yet in this place confessed
they were stargers and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking
the city of God.

4. Sing praise, then, and thanks
that God's love here has found them
whose journey is ended,
whose perils are past;
they believed in the light;
and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's
sorrows are lifted at last.