

God of our fathers, the strength of our people

From Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668

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The first system of the musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The music is primarily chordal, with some eighth-note patterns in the bass line. A measure rest of 5 measures is indicated above the staff at the beginning of the second measure of the system.

The second system of the musical score continues from the first system. It also consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three sharps. Measure rests of 10 and 15 measures are indicated above the staff at the beginning of the first and second measures of the system, respectively.

**God of our fathers, the strength of our people and nation,
Gladly we come to Thy presence with true adoration,
Seeking Thy face, trusting Thy love and Thy grace,
Thou art our health and salvation.**

**God of all mercy, for pardon and peace we implore Thee,
Humbly confessing our faults and our failures before Thee.
Children of men, falling and rising again,
Still give us grace to adore Thee.**

**God of the poor and the weak, to our prayer now attending,
Teach us to follow the Master of all men in blending
Worship with deed, praises with service to need,
All men in His Name befriending.**

**God of all peoples, let justice and peace like a river
Flow through the world until all, in one common endeavor,
Build among men brotherhood's kingdom, and then
Thine be the glory forever.**

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