God of Our Days and All Our Seasons

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Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510–1561)
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1. seasons, faithful as long as time shall last, walk with your

1. people in the present as with our parents in the

1. past. Help us to share Christ’s gospel vision, like
1. Francis in simplicity, laying foun-

1. datons for the future, loving and serving joyful-

1. ly.
VERSE 2

2. Make us disciples eager, willing, bearers of

2. hope to all in need. Make us your witnesses convincing.
2. teaching the truth by word and deed. Give us a passion for your
giving; teach us to give.

2. justice; give us a heart for all your poor; so may the
give. Give us a heart for the poor.

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2. hungry, lost and homeless find in your Church an open door.
VERSE 3

3. Where we see wounds or pain untreated, lead us to bind and soothe and heal. Where we meet spirits bruised or broken, let us your tender care reveal.
3. Where there is fear and bitter hatred, let trust and love through —

3. us increase; where there is conflict or dis —

3. vision, build, with our hands, a place of peace.

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VERSE 4: a cappella (Melody in Tenor)

4. May we transform this world through reverence, gracious in

4.Hospitality. May we empower friend and


4. Filled with the Spirit sent by Jesus, in mind and heart let
4. us be one, of'ring our lives in glad thanks-giving.

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4. prais-ing our God for won-ders done.

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VERSE 5

5. Praise for the faith of saints before us,

5. Praise for the family here today;

5. Praise for the grace to walk your way.

5. Weakness, praise for the grace to walk your way.
5. Praise for all blessings, life abundant, praise.

5. to the Holy Trinity: praise Father,
5. Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for eternity

5. Son and Holy Spirit, now and for all eternity

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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.

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Assembly Edition

GOD OF OUR DAYS AND ALL OUR SEASONS

1. God of our days and all our seasons, faithful as
2. Make us disciples eager, willing, bearers of
3. Where we see wounds or pain untended, lead us to
4. May we transform this world through reverence, gracious in
5. Praise for the faith of saints before us, praise for the

1. long as time shall last, walk with your people
2. hope to all in need. Make us your witness,
3. bind and soothe and heal. Where we meet spirit
4. hospitality. May we empower
5. family here today; praise for compassion

1. in the present as with our parents in the past
2. convincing teaching the truth by word and deed
3. bruised or broken, let us your tend care reveal
4. friend and neighbor, partners in sacred ministry
5. in our weakness, praise for the grace to walk your way

1. Help us to share Christ's gospel vision, like
2. Give us a passion for your justice; give
3. Where there is fear and bitter hatred, let
4. Filled with the Spirit sent by Jesus, in
5. Praise for all blessings, life abundant, praise

1. Francis in simplicity, laying foundations
2. us a heart for all your poor; so may the hungry,
3. trust and love through us increase; where there is conflict
4. mind and heart let us be one, of fringing our lives in
5. to the Holy Trinity; praise Father, Son and

1. for the future, loving and serving joyfully
2. lost and homeless find in your Church an open door
3. or di-vision, build with our hands, a place of peace
4. glad thanks giving, praising our God for wonders done
5. Holy Spirit, now and for all eternity

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561).