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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Dixon, Illinois
and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Evanston, Illinois

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

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St. Anne, attr. Wm. Croft (1678-1727)

♩ 96-100

The musical score is arranged in a grand staff format. It includes parts for Trumpet 1, Trumpets 2-3, Trombones 1-2, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Organ. The organ part is split into two staves. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96-100. The score begins with a dynamic of *f* (forte) and concludes with a dynamic of *mf* (mezzo-forte). The organ part includes a *Pedal ad lib* instruction. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are mostly rests, with a final note marked *mf* and a fermata.



5

Tpt. 1

5

Tpts. 2-3

5

Tbns. 1-2

5

S

God our help in a-ges past, Our hope for years to come, Our shel-ter from the

A

God our help in a-ges past, Our hope for years to come, Our shel-ter from the

T

8

God our help in a-ges past, Our hope for years to come, Our shel-ter from the

B

God our help in a-ges past, Our hope for years to come, Our shel-ter from the

Org.

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for a church service. It features seven staves of music. The first three staves are for brass instruments: Tpt. 1 (Trumpet 1), Tpts. 2-3 (Trumpets 2 and 3), and Tbns. 1-2 (Tubas 1 and 2). The next four staves are for voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The organ part (Org.) is shown in a grand staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "God our help in a-ges past, Our hope for years to come, Our shel-ter from the". There are five rehearsal marks (5) at the beginning of the first five staves. The organ part consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

10

Tpt. 1

10

Tpts. 2-3

10

Tbns. 1-2

10

S

storm-y blast, And our e-ter-nal home. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy

A

storm-y blast, And our e-ter-nal home. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy

T

8

storm-y blast, And our e-ter-nal home. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy

B

storm-y blast, And our e-ter-nal home. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy

Org.

Detailed description: This page of a musical score, numbered 3, contains parts for brass instruments, vocalists, and organ. The brass section includes Tpt. 1, Tpts. 2-3, and Tbns. 1-2, all starting at measure 10. The vocalists (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) sing the lyrics: "storm-y blast, And our e-ter-nal home. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy". The organ part is at the bottom, with a treble and bass clef. The score is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The organ part features a complex chordal texture in the right hand and a rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand.

15

Tpt. 1

mf

15

Tpts. 2-3

mf

15

Tbns. 1-2

mf

15

S

saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a-lone, And

A

saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a-lone, And

T

8

saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a-lone, And

B

saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a-lone, And

Org.

19

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2-3

Tbns. 1-2

S

A

T

B

Org.

sim.

mp Soli

our de-fense is sure. (Ah)

our de-fense is sure.

mf

our de-fense is sure. Be - fore the hills in or-der stood, Or earth re-ceived her

mf

our de-fense is sure. Be - fore the hills in or-der stood, Or earth re-ceived her

mf

24

Tpt. 1

24

Tpts. 2-3

24

Tbns. 1-2

S

A

T

B

Org.

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

frame, From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same. A

frame, From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same. A

f

29

Tpt. 1

29

Tpts. 2-3

29

Tbns. 1-2

29

S

thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve-ning gone, Short

A

thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve-ning gone, Short

T

8

thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve-ning gone, Short

B

thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve-ning gone, Short

Org.

33

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2-3

Tbns. 1-2

S

A

T

B

Org.

mp ritard

mp ritard

mp ritard

as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Poco Meno Mosso

38

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2-3

Tbns. 1-2

Poco Meno Mosso

38

mp *a cappella*

S

Time, like an ev-er roll-ing stream, Bears all its sons a-way; They

mp *a cappella*

A

Time, like an ev-er roll-ing stream, Bears all its sons a-way; They

mp *a cappella*

T

8

Time, like an ev-er roll-ing stream, Bears all its sons a-way; They

mp *a cappella*

B

Time, like an ev-er roll-ing stream, Bears all its sons a-way; They

Poco Meno Mosso
(rehearsal only)

Org.

43

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2-3

Tbns. 1-2

S

A

T

B

Org.

f

f

f

fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.

fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.

fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.

fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.

fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.

loco

f

Meno Mosso

47

Tpt. 1

ritard

Tpts. 2-3

ritard

Tbns. 1-2

ritard

Meno Mosso

S

A

T

B

Meno Mosso

Org.

ritard

f

f

f

f

f

Maestoso

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2-3

Tbns. 1-2



Maestoso

S

A

T

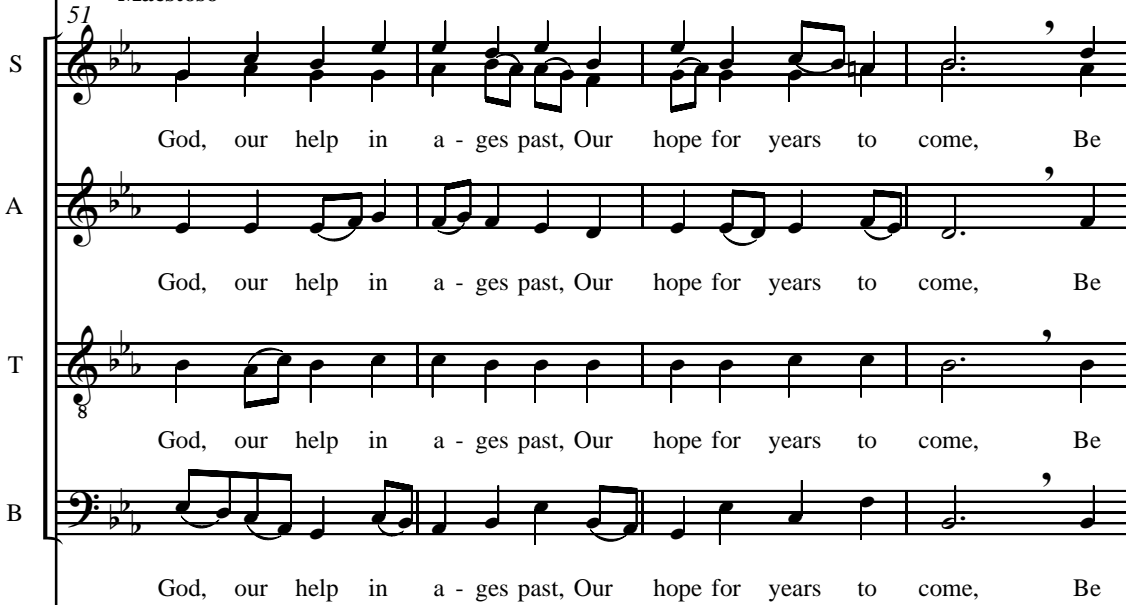
B

God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come, Be

God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come, Be

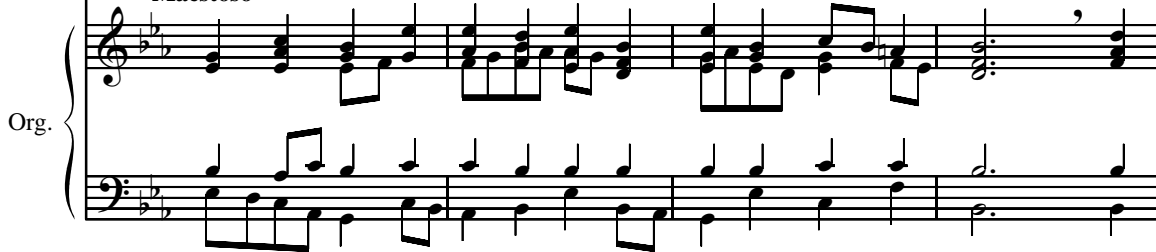
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Maestoso

Org.



allargando

55

Tpt. 1

Tpts. 2-3

Tbns. 1-2

allargando

S

thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

A

thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

T

8

thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

B

thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

allargando

Org.

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