

The Hymnal 1982 - #372 Praise to the living God

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
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the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

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- 1 Praise to the living God!  
All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be  
for ay the same.  
The one eternal God  
ere aught that now appears:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought  
his timeless years!
- 2 Formless, all lovely forms  
declare his loveliness;  
holy, no holiness of earth  
can his express.  
Lo, he is Lord of all.  
Creation speaks his praise,  
and everywhere above, below,  
his will obeys.
- 3 His Spirit floweth free,  
high surging where it will:  
in prophet's word he spoke of old;  
he speaketh still.  
Established is his law,  
and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart,  
on sea, on land.
- 4 Eternal life hath he  
implanted in the soul;  
his love shall be our strength and stay  
while ages roll.  
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