Praise to the living God! Hymnal 1982 no. 372 Melody: Leoni 6 6. 8 4. D.



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All praisèd 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!

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.

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.

Eternal life hath he

implanted in the soul;

his love shall be our strength and stay

while ages roll.

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