

AMNS 222 O God of truth, whose living word

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Melody: St. Mary

Melody from E. Prys's
Llyfr y Psalmai, 1621

1. O God of truth, whose liv - ing word up - holds what - e'er hath breath,
2. Set up thy stan - dard, Lord, that we who claim a heav'n - ly birth
3. Ah, would we join that blest ar - ray, and fol - low in the might

look down on thy cre - a - tion, Lord, en - slaved by sin and death.
may march with thee to smite the lies that vex thy groan-ing earth.
of him, the Faith-ful and the True, in rai - ment clean and white?

4. We fight for truth? we fight for God? poor slaves of lies and sin!
5. Then, God of truth, for whom we long, thou who wilt hear our prayer,
6. Yea, come! then, tried as in the fire, from ev - 'ry lie set free,

he who would fight for thee on earth must first be true with - in.
do thine own bat - tle in our hearts, and slay the false-hood there.
thy per - fect truth shall dwell in us, and we shall live in thee.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are in English and Welsh, with the Welsh version in italics. The lyrics are: 1. O God of truth, whose liv - ing word up - holds what - e'er hath breath, 2. Set up thy stan - dard, Lord, that we who claim a heav'n - ly birth 3. Ah, would we join that blest ar - ray, and fol - low in the might look down on thy cre - a - tion, Lord, en - slaved by sin and death. may march with thee to smite the lies that vex thy groan-ing earth. of him, the Faith-ful and the True, in rai - ment clean and white? 4. We fight for truth? we fight for God? poor slaves of lies and sin! 5. Then, God of truth, for whom we long, thou who wilt hear our prayer, 6. Yea, come! then, tried as in the fire, from ev - 'ry lie set free, he who would fight for thee on earth must first be true with - in. do thine own bat - tle in our hearts, and slay the false-hood there. thy per - fect truth shall dwell in us, and we shall live in thee.