The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended

1 The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
   the darkness falls at your request.
   To you our morning hymns ascended;
   your praise shall sanctify our rest.

2 We thank you that your church, un sleeping,
   while earth rolls onward into light,
   through all the world her watch is keeping,
   and never rests by day or night.

3 As over continent and is land
   each dawn leads to another day,
   the voice of prayer is never silent,
   nor do the praises die away.

4 So be it, Lord: your throne shall never,
   like earth's proud kingdoms, pass away.
   Your kingdom stands and grows forever,
   until there dawns your glorious day.

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