

# The passing of the holy apostle and evangelist John

SEPTEMBER 26



1. O come you now; with prai - ses crown Saint John, loved by the Lord,  
2. Saint John, the lyre of hea - ven, sang of Christ, our God and Lord,  
3. Of Ma - ry, faith - ful guar - di - an, good pas - tor to his flock,  
4. In days of au - tumn beau - ty, let our hymns of glo - ry rise;



Whose Go - spel thun - ders loud - ly: "In Be - gin - ning was the Word!"  
Who came to give a - bun - dant life; great praise let us af - ford!  
Saint John in - spires us each to cling to Christ, the migh - ty Rock.  
With John and hea - ven's ar - mies, we on earth now fill the skies:



From lean - ing on the Ma - ster's breast came wis - dom so pro - found;  
His let - ters preach our du - ty, God and neigh - bor both to love;  
O Lov - ing God, both One - and - Three, pro - claimed in words of flame,  
To God and Fa - ther, glo - ry be! To Je - sus, Lord and King;



His wri - tings of the God - Man spread this truth the world a - round.  
With - in this tea - ching, let us aim from earth to heav'n a - bove.  
Let us be faith - ful as he taught, in praise of your great Name!  
To Spi - rit, who in - spires us all: God's glo - ry let us sing!

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Melody: *Kingsfold*