God of the Marching Centuries

Tune: "Gaines"

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1. God of the marching centuries, Lord of the passing years,
   Leading a people's victories, sharing a people's tears,

2. Thou art the strength of all the past; teach us to mark it well;
   Ours is the happy lot of those who in Thy shadow dwell.

3. Thankfully now we courage take, humbly we pledge our all,
   If we may service find with Thee, if we may hear Thy call;

4. God of the marching centuries, Lord of the passing years,
   Seal us as now we worship Thee, here on this moment's height;

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Teach us to comprehend with saints, how Thou dost lead Thine own,
Here where we see [Thy people's] need, here where [they] must not die,

Star of the way our [parents] found, be still our guiding Light.
Till, thro' the gates of golden grace, we meet before Thy throne.
There we shall find Thy fellowship and will not pass Thee by.

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