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in honor of Pastor Dana Runestad,  
with gratitude for ten years of ministry and blessing

# Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

SATB and Organ

Gt: Principal 8'  
Pos: Gedackt 8', 2 2/3', Tremolo  
Sw: Flute 8', 4'  
Ped: Flute 16', 8'

John W. Chadwick

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**Andante**

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

Organ

**Andante**  
Pos. *mp*

Sw. *mp*

Ped.

6

Unison *mf*

of cir - cling

Unison *mp*

E - ter - nal Rul - er of the cease - less round

Gt. *mp*

Sw.

Text: John White Chadwick, 1840-1904, and written in 1864, *alt.*;  
written for his graduation from Harvard Divinity School (PD).

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plan - ets sing - ing on their way,

*mp*

guid - ing the na - tions from the

Gt.

14

*mf*

in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day: \_\_\_\_\_

night pro - found \_\_\_\_\_

Sw.

18

(♩ = ♩)

rule in our hearts, that we may live a - new, guid - ed and

(♩ = ♩)

22

strength-ened and up - held by you.

Pos.

26

*Div. mp* We are your own, the chil - dren of your love, —

*mp* We are — the chil - dren of your —

*Div. mp* We are — the chil - dren of your love, —

*mp* of your love, —

30

S  
A as dear - ly  
love, as dear - ly  
as dear - ly loved as your be - lov - ed Son; de - scend, O

T  
B as dear - ly

34 like a dove, ——— and rule our

Ho - ly Spir - it, like a dove, ——— rule our hearts, that we may

38 be as one: ——— as one with you, to whom we ev - er

*mf*

S  
A  
42 *f* tend; ——— as one with him, our broth - er\* and our friend.

T  
B  
*f*

(Organ)

Pos. *mp*

Sw. *p*

Ped.

45 (Organ)

*rit.*

Sw.

\*May substitute "Savior" for "brother."

49

**Reader 1:**  
We would be one,

**Reader 2:**  
one in hatred of all wrong,

**Reader 3:**  
one in our love of all things true and fair,

54 **Freely**

Sw. } Strings 8'

Man. Ped. Gt. Fl. 8'

**Reader 4:**  
one with the joy that finds a voice in song,

**Reader 5:**  
one with the grief that trembles into prayer,

58

Sw. Ped.

**Reader 6:**  
one in the strength that makes your children free to follow truth,

**Reader 1:**  
and thus in you to be.

61 **A tempo**

Sw. } Fonds. 8', 4''

Ped. + Sw. to Ped.

65

(Sw.)

(Descant)

69

*mf*

Soprano

O clothe us with your heav'n - ly ar - mor, Lord. — Your trust - y

Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

(Melody)

*mf*

O clothe us with your heav'n - ly ar - mor, Lord. — Your trust - y

Gt.\*

Organ

73

shield and sword of love en - dure; — our con - stant in - spi - ra - tion

shield and sword of love en - dure; — our con - stant in - spi - ra - tion

77

be your Word; — we ask no vic - to - ries that

be your Word; — we ask no vic - to - ries that

\*Gt: Foundations 8', 4', 2', Sw. to Gt.; Sw: Foundations 8', 4', 2', Mixture, Reeds 16', 8'; Ped: 32', 16', 8', 4', Sw. to Ped.

80

are not yours. Give or with - hold, let

are not yours. Give or with - hold, let

83

all fall; to know that we are serv - ing

pain or plea - sure fall; to know that we are serv - ing

86

*Soprano rit. ff*

*Alto*

*Tenor*

*Bass rit. ff*

you is all. A - men, a - men.

you is all.