

Wo Gott zum Haus nicht gibt sein Gunst

Psalm 127 | SWV 232

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Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

ed. Jonathan Wessler

1 If God will not the build - ing bless, The build - ers' toil is mean - ing - less;
2 Oh, vain it is, ere dawn to rise, Or late to shut your wea - ry eyes,
3 Our chil - dren are God's her - it - age, His gift to us, His good - ly pledge;
4 That man is hap - py and at ease, Who hath his quiv - er full of these;
5 Praise God the Fa - ther and the Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One,

If God the cit - y not main - tain, The watch-man wak - eth but in vain.
Or bread of sor - rows to di - gest, For God shall give His lov'd ones rest.
As ar - rows in the hand of might, So is the youth in God's own sight.
They shall not fall to shame and woe, For God pre - serves them from their foe.
As 'twas, is now, and so shall be, World with - out end, e - ter - nal - ly!