God of saints, to whom the number
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John Ellerton
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William Boyce (c. 1710-1779)

1. God of saints, to whom the number of the starry
   hosts is known: many saints by tholo-mew,
   and his strife, for this faith-ful
   earth for-gotten, live for ev-er round your throne.

2. In the roll of your a-pos- tles stands the name Bar-
   tholo-mew, for this faith-ful
   when Christ comes a-
   saint we of-fer, year by year, our thanks to you.

3. All his faith and prayer and pa-tience, all his toil-ing
   and his strife, all are veiled from
   us, but writ-ten in the Lamb’s great book of life.
   gain in glo-ry, num-ber us, we pray, with them.

4. There are named the bless-ed faith-ful of the new Je-
   sus, known: man-y saints by
   When Christ comes a-
   ours, but writ-ten in the Lamb’s great book of life.
   gain in glo-ry, num-ber us, we pray, with them.

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