

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH – (G) 46; all 5
God is our refuge and our strength, our ever present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid-
though hills into the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,
though all the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God,
the holy place wherein the LORD Most High has his abode.
Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand;
for God will hasten to her aid when trouble is at hand.

The nations rage, the kingdoms move, but when His voice is heard,
earth melts with trembling fear before the thunder of His word.
The LORD of hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;
the God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

O come and see what wondrous works the hand of God has done;
come, see what desolation great he brings beneath the sun.
In every corner of the earth he causes wars to cease;
the weapons of the strong destroyed, he makes abiding peace.

“Be still and know that I am God, the LORD whom all must claim;
and every nation of the earth shall magnify my name.”
The LORD of hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;
the God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

Text: Psalm 46 Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan Church CCLI License #133103

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow’r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him-
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

A mighty fortress. A mighty fortress is our God.
A mighty fortress. A mighty fortress is our God.

That word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also –
the body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still:
His Kingdom is forever.

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JESUS, DRAW ME EVER NEARER

Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage, and I’ll follow, though I’m worn.

Chorus: May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;
and at the end of my heart’s testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

Jesus guide me through the tempest; keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning, let me love You even more.

Chorus

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go,
and at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at Your throne.

Chorus 2x

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KNOWING YOU

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own.
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
spent and worthless now compared to this.

Chorus: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You, and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
all surpassing gift of righteousness. **Chorus**

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die. **Chorus**

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LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING - (G) 320; both
Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

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Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service

Sunday, October 31st, 2021

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song of Praise

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" (G) 46; all 5

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise & Adoration

"A Mighty Fortress"

Responsive Reading: Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Song of Response

"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer"

(Children may come forward.)

Children's Message

Offering: Calvin Seminary

Pastoral Prayer

*Song of Preparation

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" (G) 557; all 4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Text: John 15:1-6:4a (p. 1071-1072)

Sermon: **"Spiritual Horticulture"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

"Knowing You"

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Closing Song

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (G) 320; both

*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Dave Vander Meulen

Organ: Margaret Van Vliet **Piano:** Florene Hilarides

***Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks
(B) blue songbooks under pews**