

September 13, 2026



God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear
Though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved
into the heart of the sea.

~ Psalm 46:1-2



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The Lord's Day

September 13, 2026

God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

Psalm 11

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 95:1-7a

Elder: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Elder: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Elder: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

People: **The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Elder: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Elder: Let us worship our God.

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymns of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

Give Praise to God

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Ps.90: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Reading of the Law

Matthew 23:1, 13-22

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

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Assurance of His Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

In Christ Alone

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Intercessory Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

Hymn of Prayer

A Christian Home

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His Word is Opened to Us

Dr. David G. Barker

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-16; 12:1-4

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: God First

Prayer for Response and Obedience

We Depart with His Blessing And Sending of His Spirit

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Gloria Patri

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Ps.46: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #559, vs. 1)

Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me;
The changes that are sure to come, I do not fear to see:
I ask thee for a present mind, intent on pleasing thee.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

25 Years After 9/11

God First

Hebrews 11:8-16

(see also: Is. 5:20; Rom. 10:14-15; 12:2; Gal. 3; 1 Pet. 2:11-12)

Eric Liddell

- a) lived only for his moment in the 1924 Olympics.
- b) lived with one foot in the world and one foot in his faith.
- c) lived only for his Lord.

What is Christ's charge to Christians?

I. Remember you are a Christian first.

What was Abraham seeking?

How did he live his life?

II. God's people come from every nation, tribe, and tongue.

Should a Christian concern himself with missions to the world?

How might I do that?

III. Christians are to be supporters of their government.

#1) Our nation needs:

#2) Be:

#3) Be ready:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Ps. 27:1, ESV)

My Personal Thoughts

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

Lord's Day Evening Service

September 13, 2026

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close the Lord's Day

Psalm 82:1

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition

Psalm 82:2-5

and the Way of Salvation

Psalm 82:6-7

Unison Prayer

O God, most high, most glorious, The thought of your infinite serenity cheers me, for I am toiling, troubled and distressed, but you are for ever at perfect peace.

Revive deep spirituality in my heart; let me live near to the great shepherd, hear his voice, know its tones, follow its calls. Keep me from deception by causing me to abide in the truth, from harm by helping to walk in the power of the Spirit.

Let me never be ashamed of the truth of the gospel, that I may bear its reproach, vindicate it, see Jesus as its essence, know in it the power of the Spirit. Grant me to know that I truly live only when I live to you, that all else is trifling.

Thy presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong and happy.

Abide in me, gracious God. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement
to Hope and Obedience

Psalm 82:8

Psalm 84

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Prayers of Supplication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: 1 John :1-5

Message: Overcoming the World

Closing Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

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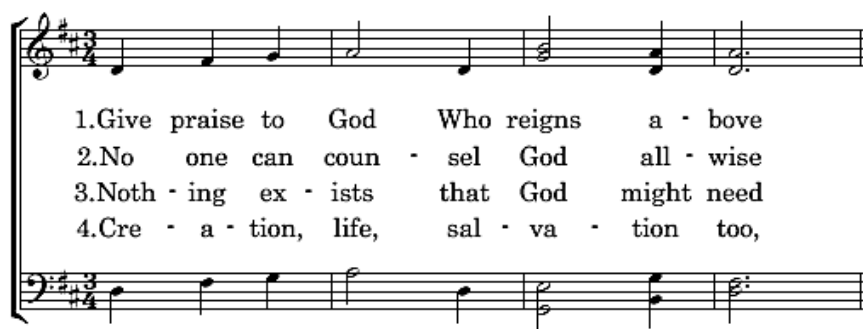
Prayer of Benediction

Sermon Notes
Overcoming the World
I John 5:1-15
the Rev. Kurt Scharping

Believe in Jesus (vs. 4-5)

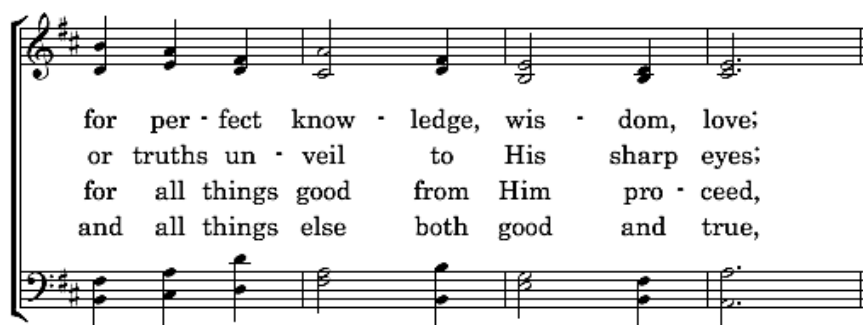
Keep God's Commandments (vs. 1-3)

Give Praise to God



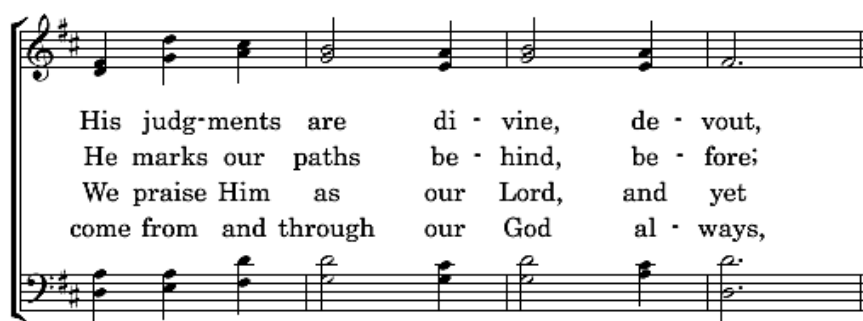
1. Give praise to God Who reigns a - bove
2. No one can coun - sel God all - wise
3. Noth - ing ex - ists that God might need
4. Cre - a - tion, life, sal - va - tion too,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the melody.



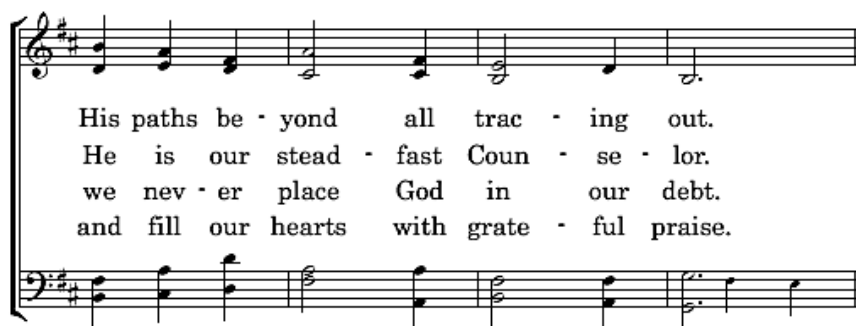
for per - fect know - ledge, wis - dom, love;
or truths un - veil to His sharp eyes;
for all things good from Him pro - ceed,
and all things else both good and true,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the melody.



His judg - ments are di - vine, de - vout,
He marks our paths be - hind, be - fore;
We praise Him as our Lord, and yet
come from and through our God al - ways,

The third system concludes the piece. The melody and accompaniment are consistent with the previous systems. The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the melody.



His paths be - yond all trac - ing out.
He is our stead - fast Coun - se - lor.
we nev - er place God in our debt.
and fill our hearts with grate - ful praise.



Come, lift your voice to heav'n's high throne,



And glo - ry give to God a - lone!

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and G major. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the fifth verse and a concluding line. The piano accompaniment is simple, using block chords and moving bass lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

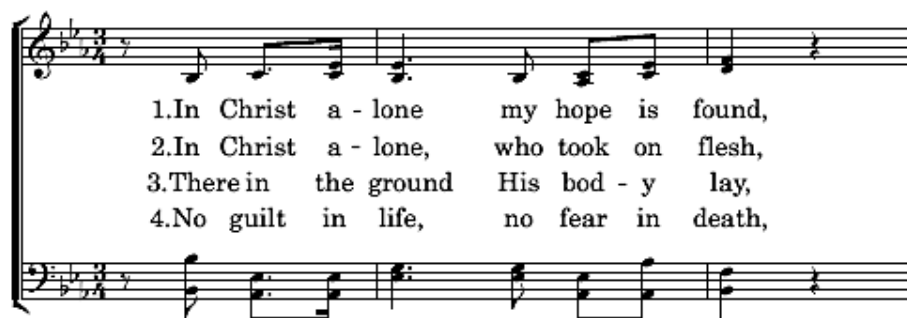
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sors away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

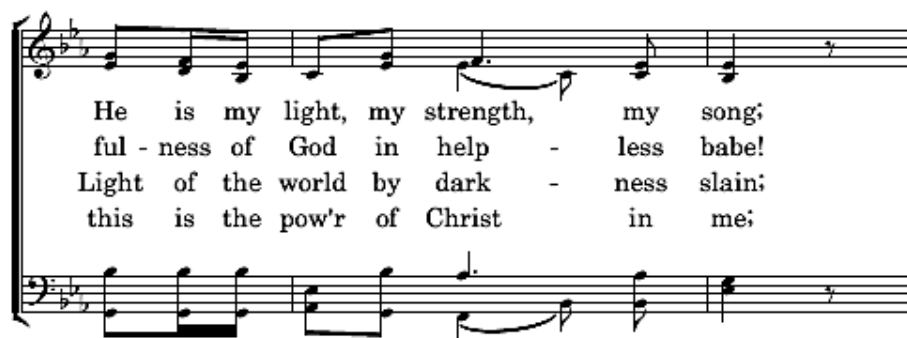
Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and everlasting God, glorious Creator of all things, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we have sinned against your holy name, by failing to glorify you in our lives as your redeemed children. Our un-thankfulness extends to every thought and deed, as well as to our failure to thank you with our lips. We have not lived to the praise of the glory of your grace. We have not esteemed the reproach of Jesus Christ our Savior to be greater than the riches of this world. We have failed to estimate the infinite cost of the salvation won for us at the cross through the shed blood of Jesus. We have not been faithful to you as you have been faithful to us in all things. Father, forgive us for our ingratitude through the reconciling sacrifice of Jesus Christ our all-sufficient Mediator, we pray. Amen.

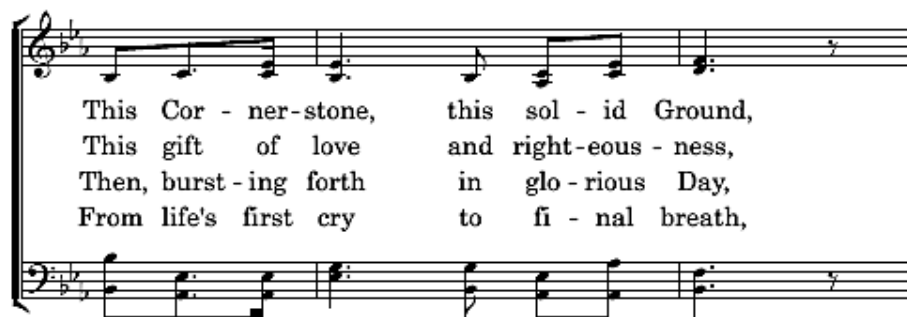
In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found,
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh,
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay,
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,



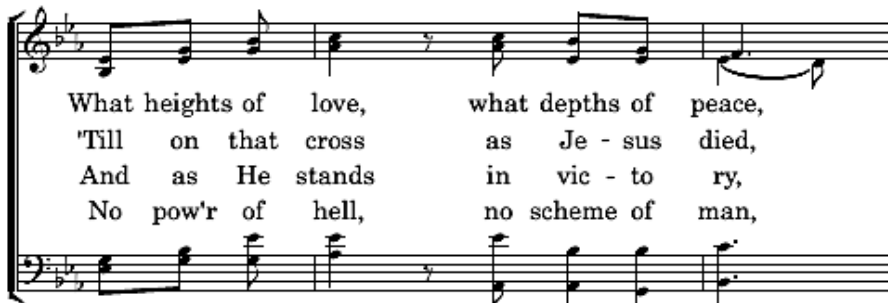
He is my light, my strength, my song;
ful - ness of God in help - less babe!
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This Cor - ner-stone, this sol - id Ground,
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day,
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



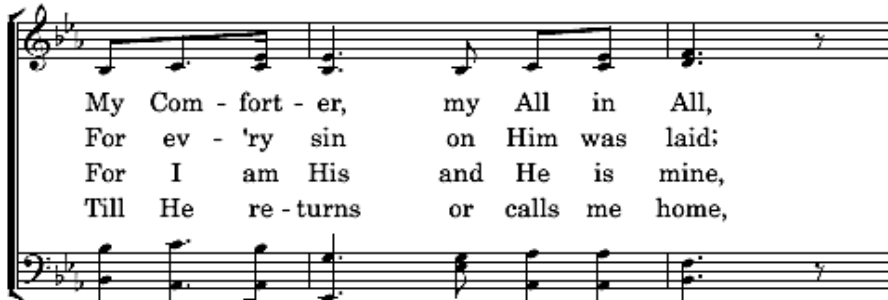
firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
scorned by the ones He came to save.
up from the grave He rose a - gain!
Je - sus commands my des - ti - ny.



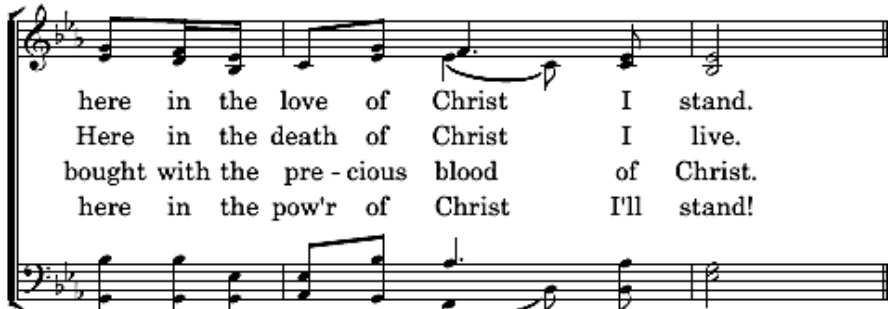
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
'Till on that cross as Je - sus died,
And as He stands in vic - to ry,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease.
the wrath of God was sat - is - fied.
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My Com - fort - er, my All in All,
For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid;
For I am His and He is mine,
Till He re - turns or calls me home,



here in the love of Christ I stand.
Here in the death of Christ I live.
bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

A Christian Home

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Josh. 24:15

1. O give us homes built firm up - on the Sav - ior,
 2. O give us homes with god - ly fa - thers, moth - ers,
 3. O Lord, our God, our homes are thine for - ev - er!

where Christ is Head and Coun - sel - or and guide; where ev - ery
 who al - ways place their hope and trust in him; whose ten - der
 We trust to thee their prob - lems, toil, and care; their bonds of

child is taught his love and fa - vor and gives his heart to
 pa - tience tur - moil nev - er both - ers, whose calm and cour - age
 love no en - e - my can sev - er, if thou art al - ways

Christ, the cru - ci - fied: how sweet to know that though his foot - steps
 trou - ble can - not dim: a home where each finds joy in serv - ing
 Lord and Mas - ter there: be thou the cen - ter of our least en -

wa - ver, his faith - ful Lord is walk - ing by his side!
 oth - ers, and love still shines, tho' days be dark and grim.
 deav - or— be thou our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

Barbara B. Hart, 1965

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 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-
 4. That Word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a-

fail-ing; our help-er he a-mid the flood of
 los-ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid-eth; the Spir-it and the gifts are ours through

mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing. For still our an-cient foe
 man of God's own choos-ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri-umph through us. The prince of dark-ness grim
 him who with us sid-eth. Let goods and kin-dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great
 Christ Je-sus, it is he, Lord Sa-ba-oth his name,
 we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en-dure,
 this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y they may kill

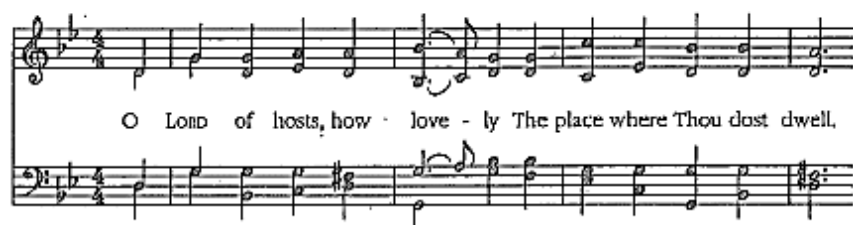
and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

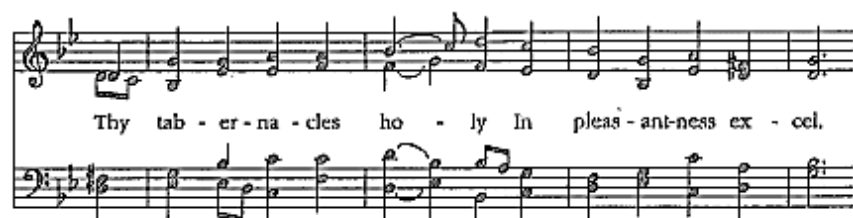
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Psalm 84

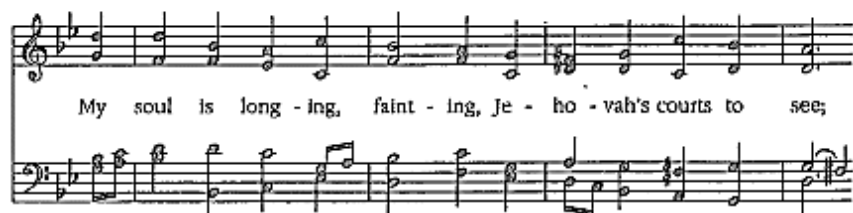
Verses 1-2



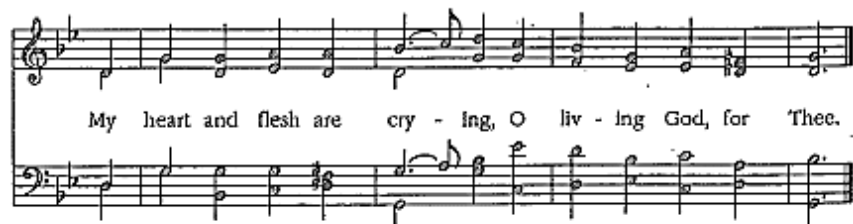
O Lord of hosts, how love - ly The place where Thou dost dwell,



Thy tab - er - na - cles ho - ly In pleas - ant-ness ex - cel,



My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, Je - ho - vah's courts to see;



My heart and flesh are cry - ing, O liv - ing God, for Thee.

TUNE: LLANGLOFFAN 76,76D
(new *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 371)
("O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely")

Verses 3 – 9

Behold the sparrow findeth
A house in which to rest,
The swallow has discovered
Where she may build her nest;
And where, securely sheltered,
Her young she forth may bring;
So Lord of hosts, Thy altars
I seek, my God, my King.

Blest who Thy house inhabit,
They ever give Thee praise;
Blest all whom Thou dost
strengthen,
Who love the sacred ways.
Who pass through Baca's
valley,
And make in it a well;
There rains in shower abundant
The pools with water fill.

So they from strength
unwearied
Go forward unto strength,
Till they appear in Zion,
Before the Lord at length.
O hear, Lord God of Jacob,
To me an answer yield;
The face of Thy Anointed,
Behold, O God, our Shield.

Verses 10 – 12, 1

One day excels a thousand,
If spent Thy courts within;
I'll choose a threshold rather
Than dwell in tents of sin.
Our sun and shield Jehovah,
Will grace and glory give;
No good will He deny them
That uprightly do live.

O God of hosts, Jehovah,
How blest is every one
Who confidence reposes
On Thee, O Lord, alone.
*O Lord of hosts, how lovely
Thy place where thou dost
dwell.
Thy tabernacles holy
In pleasantness excel.*

From the Trinity Psalter

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Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2:3

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song:

from vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
 ye that are men now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with pray'r;
 to him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;

till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.