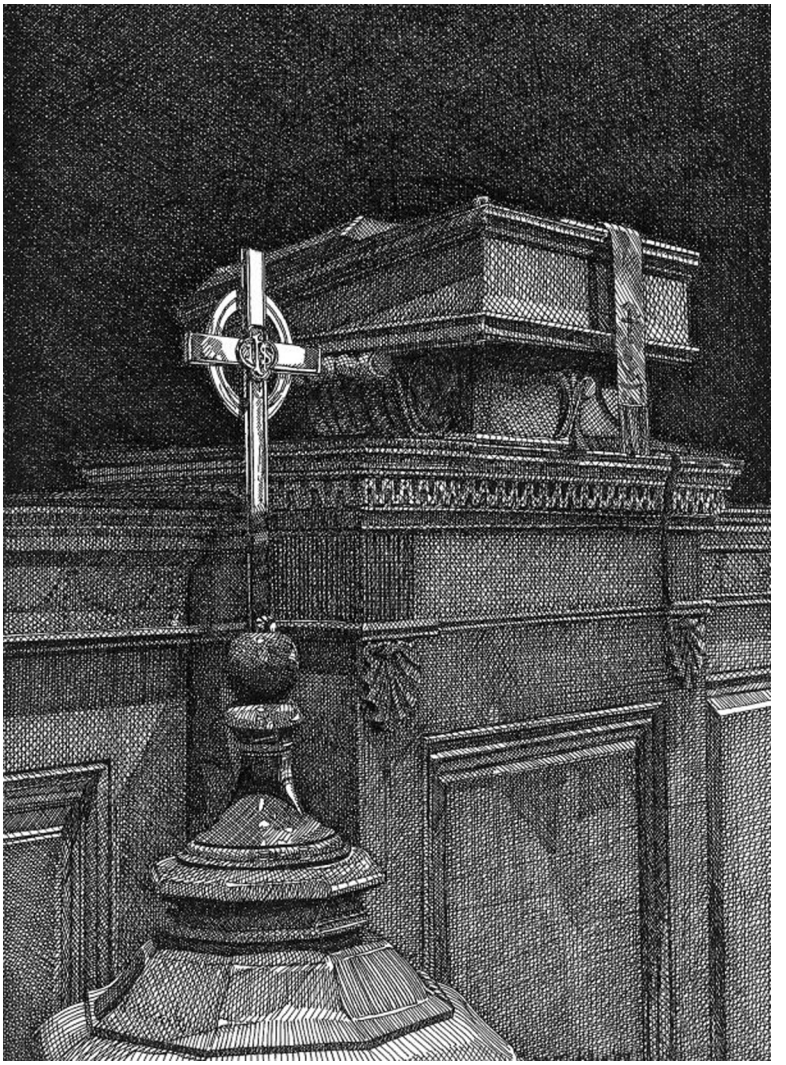


THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 25, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong,
because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?" Mark 12:24

The truth of the principle here laid down is proved by facts in almost every age of church history.
The reformation in Josiah's day was closely connected with the discovery of the book of the law.
The false doctrines of the Jews in our Lord's time were the result of neglecting the Scriptures.
The dark ages of Christendom were times when the Bible was kept back from the people.
The Protestant Reformation was mainly affected by translating and circulating the Bible.
The churches which are most flourishing at this day are churches which honor the Bible.
The nations which enjoy the most moral light are nations in which the Bible is most known.
The parishes in our land where there is the most true religion are those in which the Bible is most studied.
The godliest families are Bible-reading families. The holiest men and women are Bible-reading people.
These are simple facts which cannot be denied.

J. C. RYLE (1816-1900)
FIRST BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL, CHURCH OF ENGLAND

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation		Rev. Kurt Cooper
The Prelude	*Intrada* and *Trumpet Tune (*from *Westminster Suite)*	Henry Purcell arr. Thierry Caens
The Announcements		Rev. Cameron Whitehurst
The Chiming of the Hour		

† *Indicates the congregation standing*
• *Indicates seating for those detained*

• † The Ascription of Praise *(8:30)* – ***sung by all*** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Choral Introit *(11:00) From All That Dwell Below the Skies* arr. Gordon Young

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
Let our Redeemer's name be sung through every land by every tongue.

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 46:10-11 ***(congregation reads bold type)***

"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

• † The Processional Hymn No. 65 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

† The Apostles' Creed *(11:00)* – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† The Prayer of Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

• † The Gloria Patri – No. 648 in *The Hymnal* GREATOREX

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Joel 2:12-13

> "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.

The Prayer of Confession – Martin Luther, 1483-1546

> **O Lord, I do not deserve even a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, You have given me Your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. For this I rejoice and thank You, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace, You have given me this boundless blessing in Your dear Son. Through Him You take sin, death, and hell from me, and grant to me all that belongs to Him. Amen and amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon – Ephesians 2:4-7

> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

The Pastoral Prayer

• ✝ The Hymn No. 429 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(8:30)*

✝ The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

✝ The Apostles' Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

CATHRYN REESE THOMPSON
Parents: Elizabeth and Taylor Thompson
Assisting: Ruling Elder Pat Williams

The Biblical Promise

The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction and the Covenant Prayer

✝ The Doxology — No. 650 in *The Hymnal* OLD HUNDREDTH

SEEKING GOD'S FACE *(8:30 & 11:00)*

The Offering

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

The Organ & Brass Offertory *(8:30)* *Ich Glaub an Gott* *Mainz Gesangbuch*
(I Believe in God) arr. Elliget

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not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The Anthem *(11:00)* *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* arr. Carl Schalk

(Choir & Congregation)
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

(Women of the Congregation and Choir)
Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

(Choir Only)
Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame;
From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

(Men of the Congregation and Choir)
A thousand ages in Your sight are like an ev'ning gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

(Choir Only)
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

(Choir and Congregation)
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

HEARING GOD'S VOICE *(8:30 & 11:00)*

The Prayer for Illumination — Rev. Cooper

✝ The Reading of God's Word – 1 Kings 17:1-24 — pew Bible, page 379

If you are visiting today and do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures, please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.
Isaiah 40:6b, 8

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church. They may be picked up in Room E-100 after the service.

The Sermon — **BLACKBIRD** — Rev. Cooper

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

✝ The Hymn No. 6 — *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* — OLD HUNDREDTH

✝ The Benediction of God's Grace

✝ The Threefold Amen – No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude — *A Mighty Fortress* — Helmut Walcha

Leading in Worship

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*
Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*
Dr. Jacob Taylor, *Organist & Music Associate*

Guest Musicians

Dr. Michael Huff, Dr. Carly Johnson, Dr. Bryan Reeves, *trumpets*



The Sanctuary Flowers

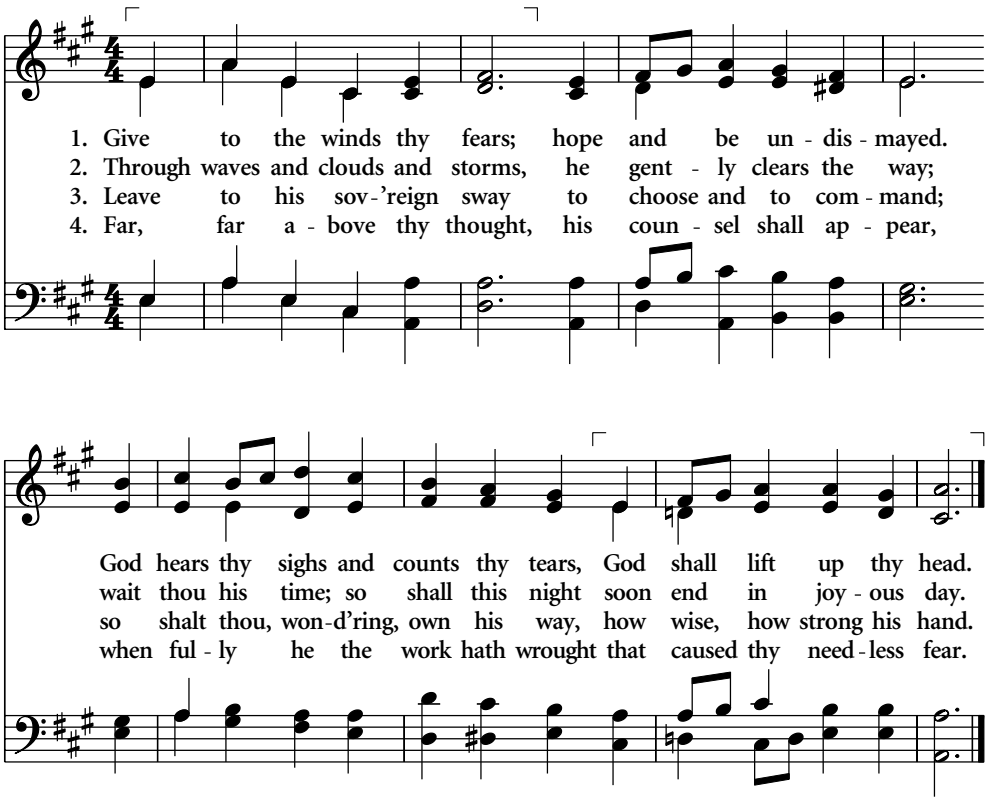
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Cathryn Reese Thompson

BY DR. AND MRS. JOHN DOUGLAS ROBERTSON

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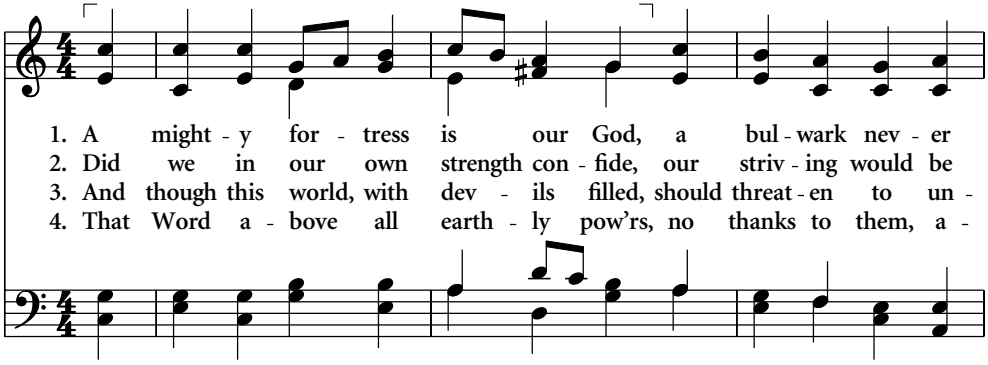
64 Give to the Winds Thy Fears



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MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1872

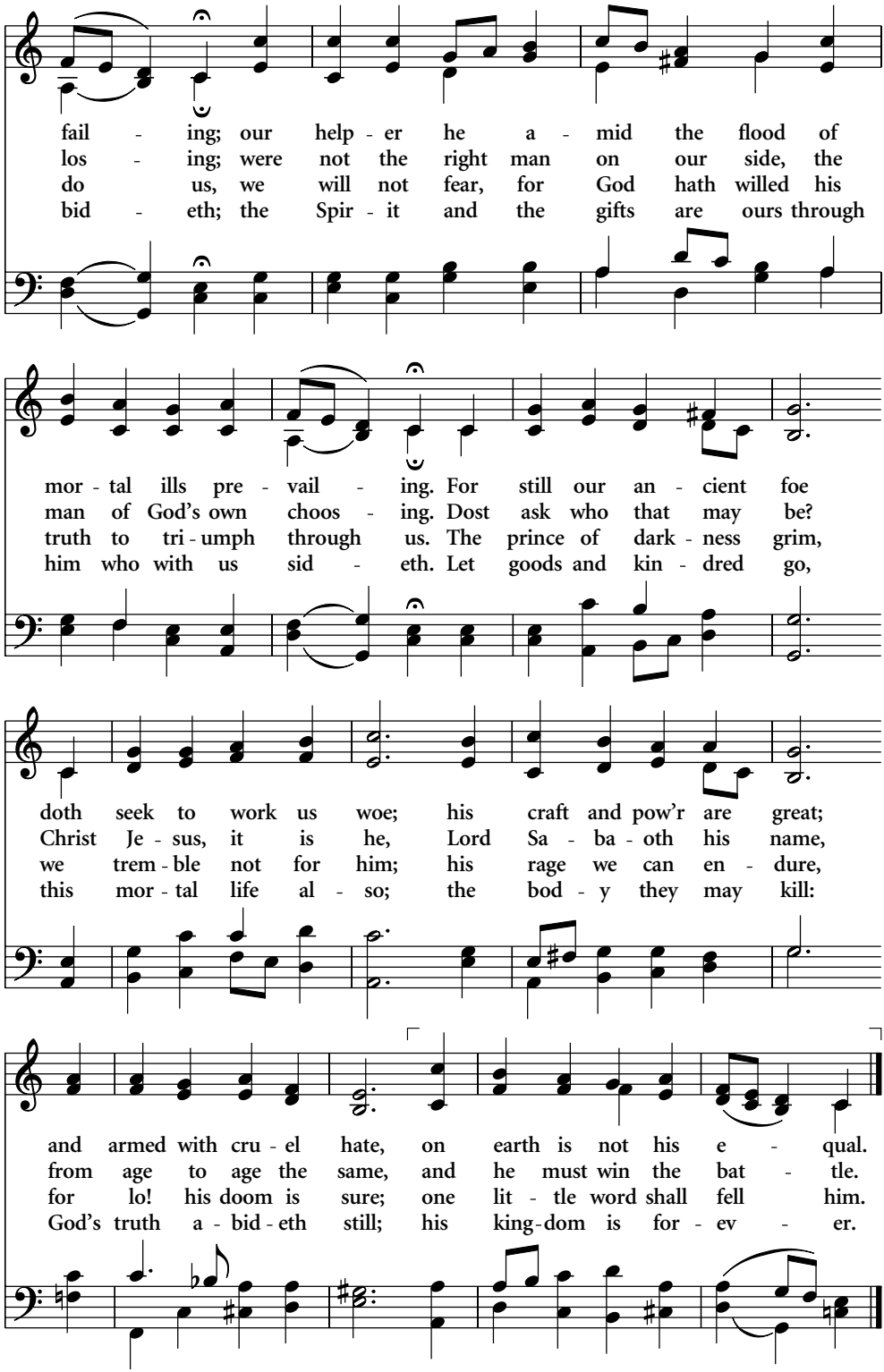
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Psalm 37:1

65 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

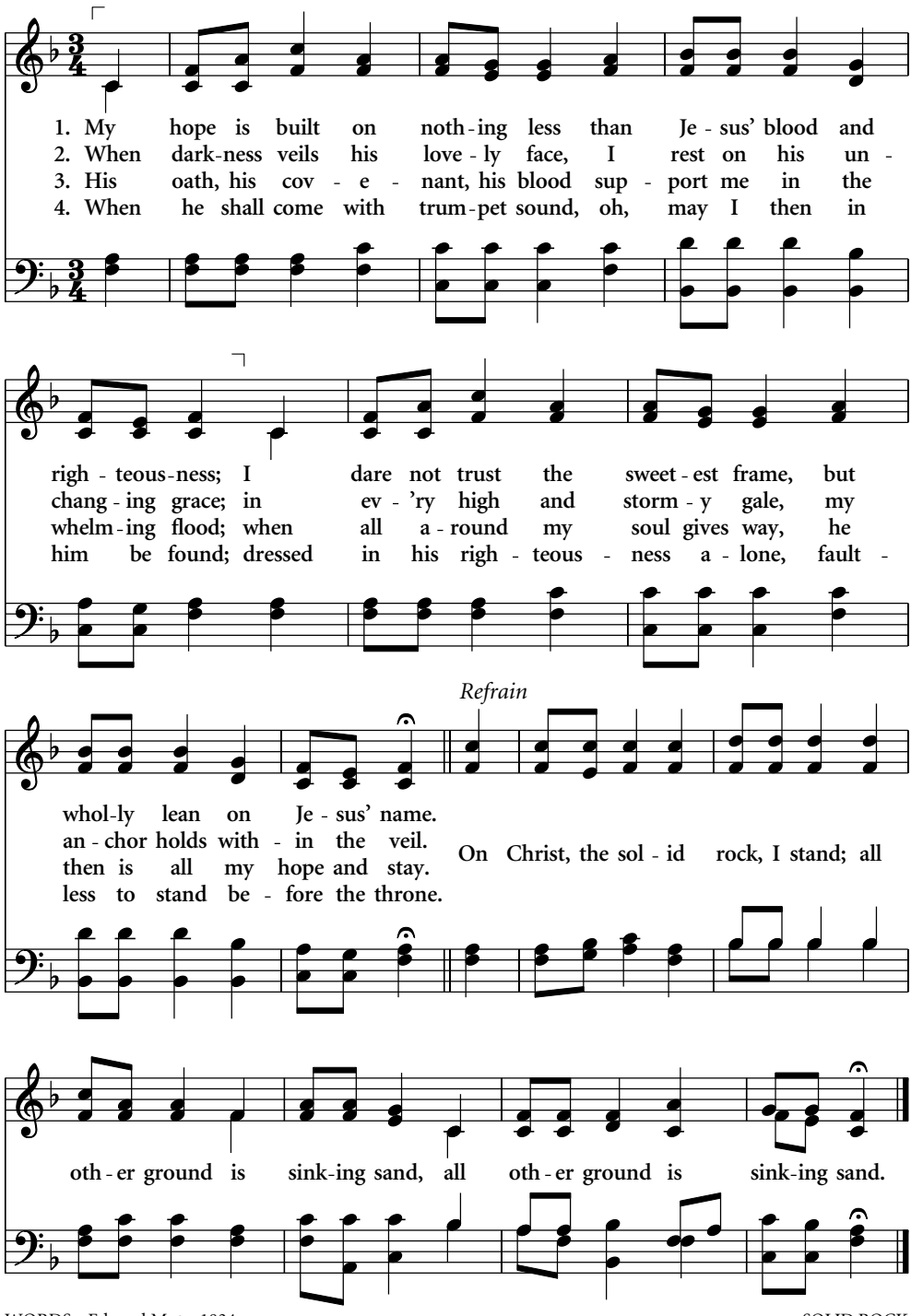


WORDS: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Psalm 46)
MUSIC: Martin Luther, ca. 1529

EIN' FESTE BURG
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Psalm 46:1


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.

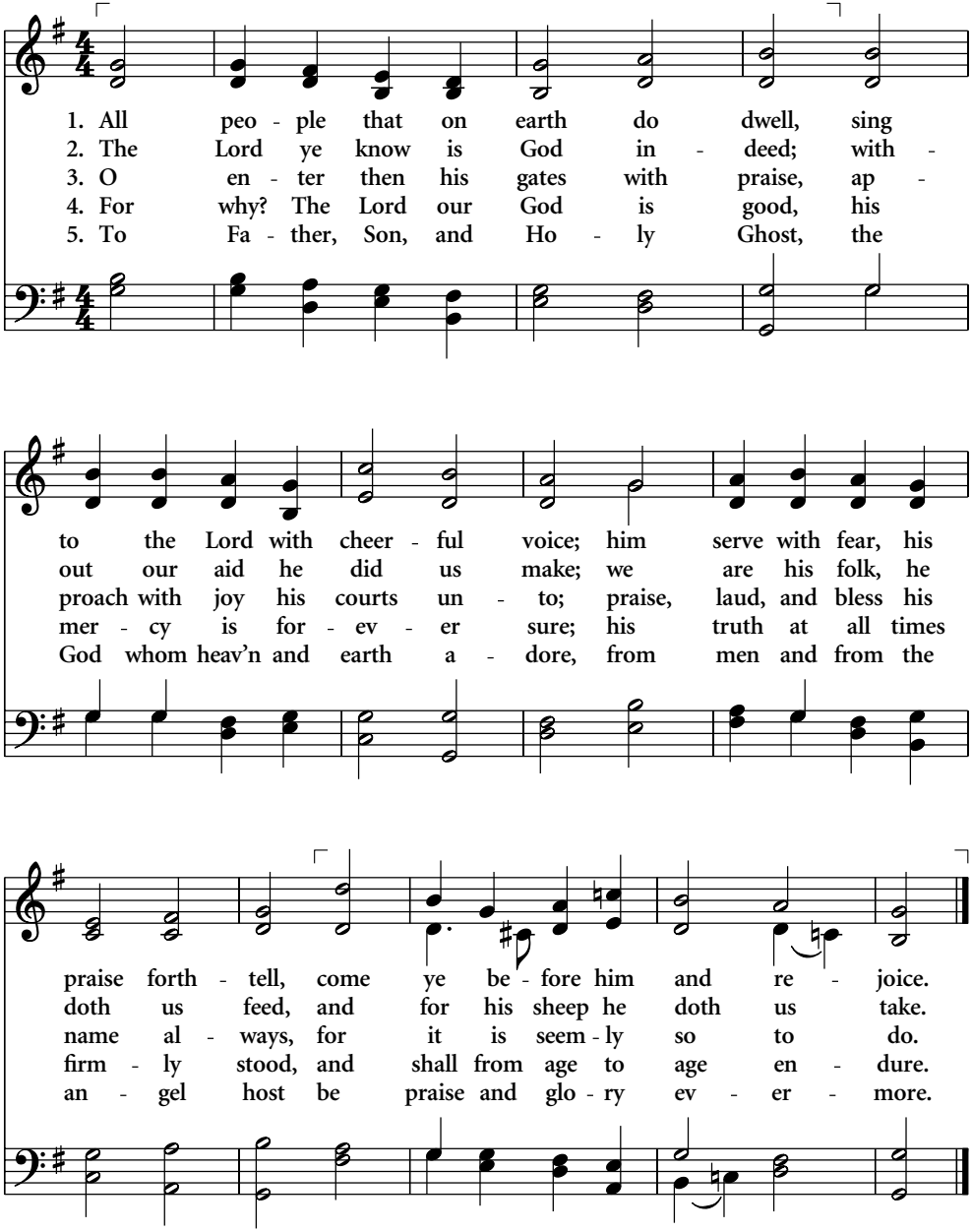
The Solid Rock 429



WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

SOLID ROCK
LM with refrain
1 Corinthians 3:11

6 All People That on Earth Do Dwell



WORDS: William Kethe, 1561 (Psalm 100)
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter,* 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM
Psalm 100:1