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### MID-AFTERNOON VESPERS

October, 2020

3:00 P.M.



*"...but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.*

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper."*

[Psalm 1:2-3](#)

***Make Your Day Great Again – Living the Psalms***

## PRELUDE

## OPENING SENTENCES

May our lives profess and proclaim that 'our help is in the name of the Lord ([Psalm 124:8](#)) who made heaven and earth'.

**Amen!**

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
**Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,  
**and raise a shout to him in psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,  
**and great King above all gods?**

In his hand are the deep places of the earth,  
**and the high peaks of the mountains are his also.**

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

Come, let us bow down and give homage,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
**For he is our God; and we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Today will you listen to his voice? ([Psalm 95: 1-7](#))

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 3

*God is our refuge and strength. Psa. 46:1*

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

Our help - er He, a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing:  
 Were not the right Man on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing:  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:  
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth:

For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth His  
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may

great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
 dure, For lo, his doom is sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

OPENING PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE Psalm 46

*<sup>1-3</sup> God is a safe place to hide,  
ready to help when we need him.  
We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom,  
courageous in seastorm and earthquake,  
Before the rush and roar of oceans,  
the tremors that shift mountains.  
Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,  
GOD-of-Angel-Armies protects us.  
<sup>4-6</sup> River fountains splash joy, cooling God's city,  
this sacred haunt of the Most High.  
God lives here, the streets are safe,  
God at your service from crack of dawn.  
Godless nations rant and rave, kings and kingdoms threaten,  
but Earth does anything he says.  
<sup>7</sup> Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,  
GOD-of-Angel-Armies protects us.  
<sup>8-10</sup> Attention, all! See the marvels of GOD!  
He plants flowers and trees all over the earth,  
Bans war from pole to pole,  
breaks all the weapons across his knee.  
"Step out of the traffic! Take a long,  
loving look at me, your High God,  
above politics, above everything."  
<sup>11</sup> Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,  
GOD-of-Angel-Armies protects us.*

## MEDITATION "Be Still..."

### RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING [Psalm 1](#)

Blessed are they who do not follow the advice of the wicked nor loiter in the way of the sinners,  
nor seat themselves in the company with scoffers.

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by water-brooks, that bear fruit in season, with leaves that never  
wither.

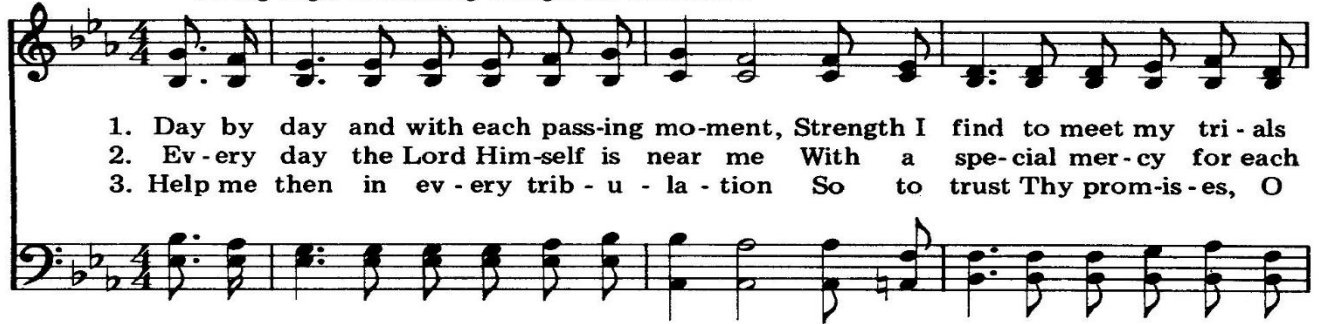
**In everything they do, they prosper.**

It is not thus with the wicked! They are like chaff blown away by the wind; the wicked cannot  
withstand the Judgement, nor will sinners be in the company of the just.

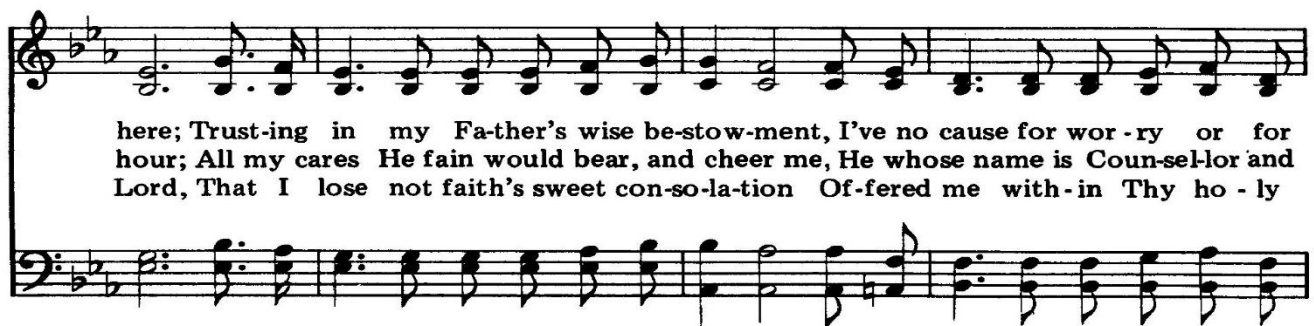
**For the Lord knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## PRAYER (Concluded with the Lord's Prayer)

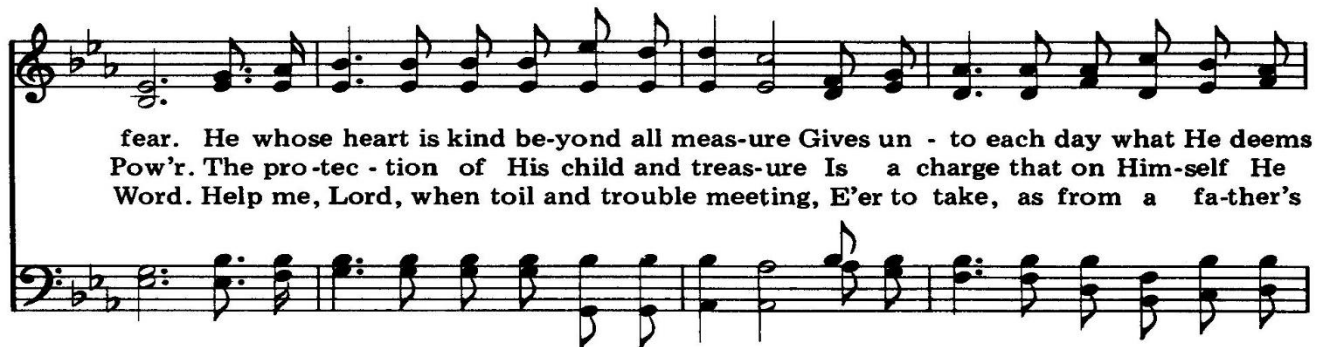


**537 Day by Day and with Each Passing***As thy days, so shall thy strength be. Deut. 33:25*


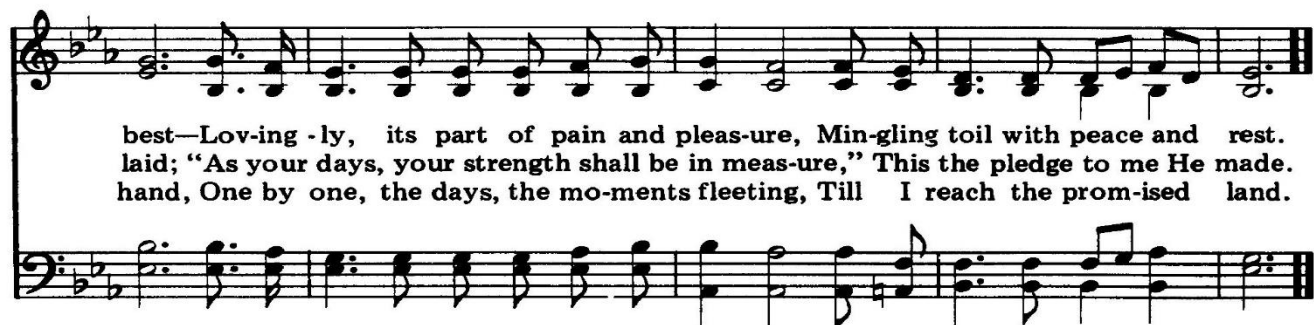
1. Day by day and with each pass-ing mo-ment, Strength I find to meet my tri - als  
 2. Ev - ery day the Lord Him-self is near me With a spe-cial mer-cy for each  
 3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion So to trust Thy prom-is-es, O



here; Trust-ing in my Fa-ther's wise be-stow-ment, I've no cause for wor - ry or for  
 hour; All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me, He whose name is Coun-sel-lor and  
 Lord, That I lose not faith's sweet con-so-la-tion Of-fered me with-in Thy ho - ly



fear. He whose heart is kind be-yond all meas-ure Gives un - to each day what He deems  
 Pow'r. The pro-tec - tion of His child and treas-ure Is a charge that on Him-self He  
 Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, E'er to take, as from a fa-ther's



best—Lov-ing - ly, its part of pain and pleas-ure, Min-gling toil with peace and rest.  
 laid; "As your days, your strength shall be in meas-ure," This the pledge to me He made.  
 hand, One by one, the days, the mo-ments fleeting, Till I reach the prom-ised land.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NOTE: The next Mid-Afternoon Vesper Service will be Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.