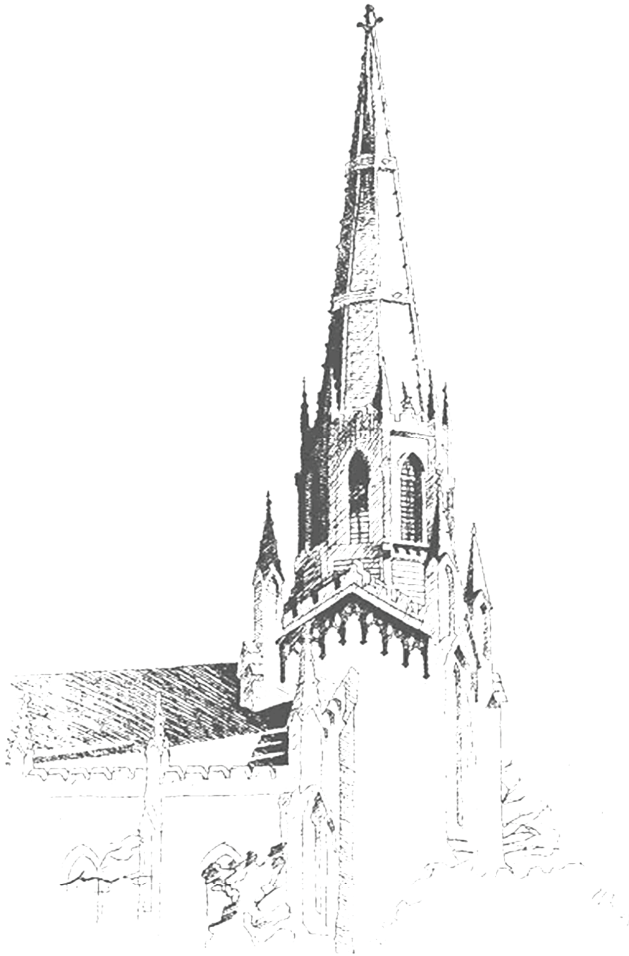


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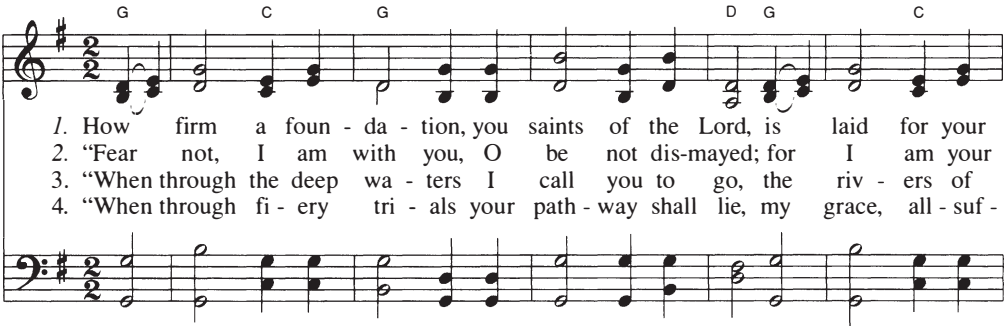
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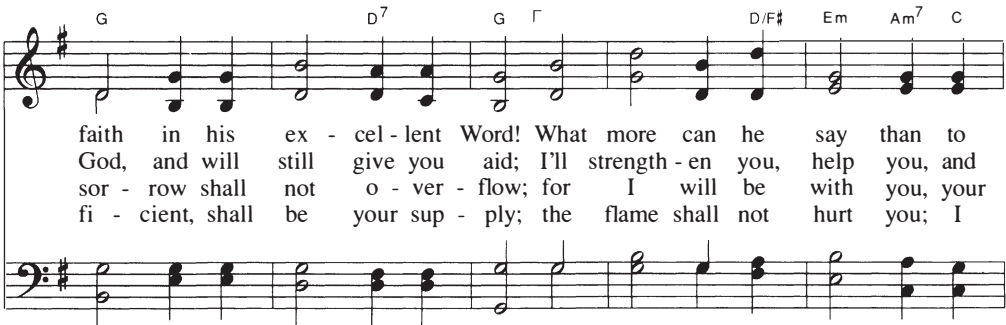
Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10

G C G D G C



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

G D⁷ G F D/F# Em Am⁷ C



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D⁷ G 7



you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
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and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
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O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. Ps. 139:1

1. Lord, thou hast searched me, and dost know wher - e'er I
 2. My words from thee I can - not hide; I feel thy
 3. Where can I go a - part from thee, or whith - er
 4. If I the wings of morn - ing take, and far a -
 5. If deep - est dark - ness cov - er me, the dark - ness

rest, wher - e'er I go; thou know - est all that
 pow'r on ev - ery side; O won - drous knowl - edge,
 • from thy pres - ence flee? In heav'n?—it is thy
 way my dwell - ing make, the hand that lead - eth
 hid - eth not from thee; to thee both night and

I have planned, and all my ways are in thy hand.
 awe - some might, un - fath - omed depth, un - mea - sured height!
 • dwell - ing fair; in death's a - bode?—lo, thou art there.
 me is thine, and my sup - port thy pow'r di - vine.
 day are bright, the dark - ness shin - eth as the light.

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 choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicating D major. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next four lines. Chord symbols are written above the vocal staves to indicate the harmonic structure.

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.

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 are carried downward by your flood,
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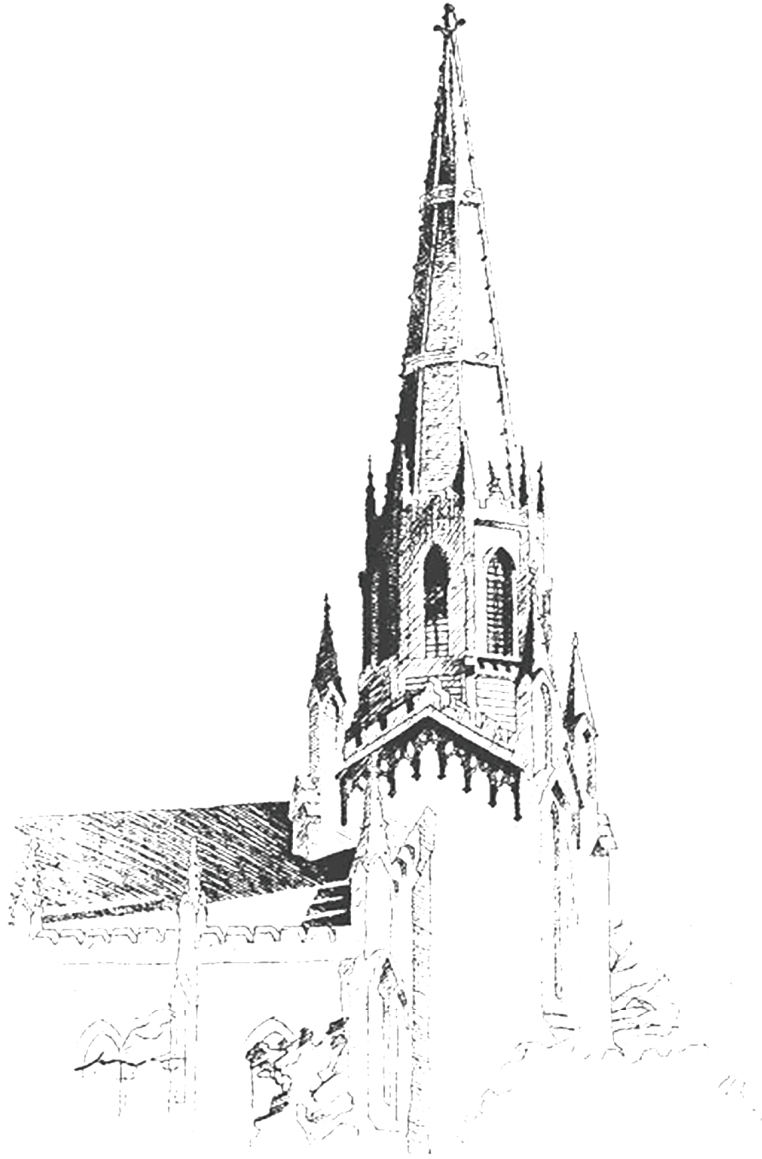
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To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

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Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
² both low and high,
rich and poor together!
³ My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.
⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,
⁶ those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?
⁷ Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,
⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice,
⁹ that he should live on forever
and never see the pit.
¹⁰ For he sees that even the wise die;
the fool and the stupid alike must perish
and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever,
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though they called lands by their own names.
¹² Man in his pomp will not remain;
he is like the beasts that perish.
¹³ This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
yet after them people approve of their boasts *Selah*
¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd,
and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.
Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.

- ¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me. *Selah*
- ¹⁶ Be not afraid when a man becomes rich,
when the glory of his house increases.
- ¹⁷ For when he dies he will carry nothing away;
his glory will not go down after him.
- ¹⁸ For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed—
and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—
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