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with Scripture Readings and Devotions

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Introduction

This past spring, the music ministry of South Tulsa Baptist Church introduced our first volume of *Songs of Faith*. The goal was for us as a church family to think more deeply about the lyrics of the songs we sing. It also helped us become more familiar with newer songs which were introduced in worship. I'm so thankful for the encouragement and enthusiasm you showed for providing this kind of resource. So many of you shared how this helped you more fully participate in worship as we sing. I'm very excited about this new fall and Christmas edition. It includes songs that will be part of our worship services on Legacy Sunday, All Generations Sunday, another song that the Student Choir will sing, and a number of Christmas carols. Some lesser known classic hymns are included. I can't wait to see how God moves among us as we sing to Him in the months to come.

Whether you are a musician or not, I believe you will receive a blessing through using this book as a devotional tool. *Songs of Faith Volume 2* contains 10 new and classic songs that we will be using in the fall of 2026. Some will initially be sung by the choir or worship team and others by the congregation together. This book contains printed music, Scripture readings, and a devotional written by one of our ministers for each song. I would encourage you to take the time to read and meditate on the lyrics of these songs and the accompanying Scripture readings. You could even use them in your family prayer time. The devotionals by our ministers seek to explain and apply these songs to our lives. I pray that this resource would help us to sing with understanding and to become more devoted followers of Christ.

Michael Ware, Minister of Music

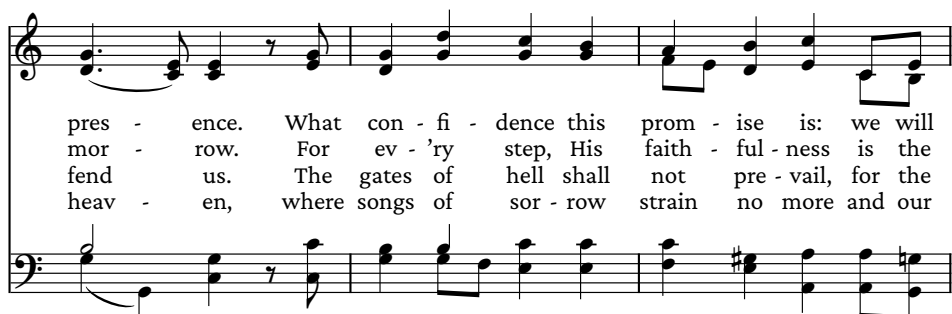
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1 Our God Will Go Before Us



1. Our God will go be - fore us and guide us by His
 2. Through un - known paths, through shad - ows, our hearts fear not to -
 3. Though e - vil forms a - gainst us, all heav - en will de -
 4. Now send us with Your pres - ence and lead us on to



pres - ence. What con - fi - dence this prom - ise is: we will
 mor - row. For ev - 'ry step, His faith - ful - ness is the
 fend us. The gates of hell shall not pre - vail, for the
 heav - en, where songs of sor - row strain no more and our



nev - er walk a - lone.
 truth that lights our way. Our God will go be - fore us; the
 bat - tle is the Lord's.
 ev - 'ry breath is praise.

Our God be - fore us;

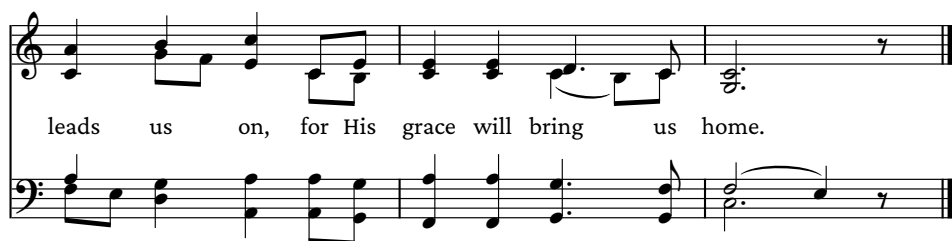


Lord of hosts is with us. Oh, praise the One who
 the Lord is with us.

GO BEFORE US
 7.7.8.7. with Refrain

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Deuteronomy 31:7-8

Then Moses called for Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you will go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their fathers to give them, and you shall give it to them as an inheritance. The LORD Himself goes before you; He will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid or discouraged."

Isaiah 45:2-3

I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break down the gates of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron.
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that I am the LORD,
the God of Israel, who calls you by name.

Praise the One Who Leads Us On

Growing up, I actually knew very few verses from Scripture. At a very early age, however, my precious grandmother, Teresia, gave me my first Bible and wrote one verse inside the front cover—Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” This verse has remained special to me throughout my life and is also part of the rhythm of our family life today. We read Joshua 1:9 each year on the first day of school with each of our children. We’ve continued to do this even as our older ones are in college. We return to Joshua 1:9 often as a memory verse and reminder of God’s presence when we are walking through difficult seasons. And each time any of us leave our home, Joshua 1:9 hangs over the exit to remind us that as we go, wherever we go, God promises to be with us.

This charge from God, given just before the people of God entered and conquered the Promised Land, was familiar to Joshua because he’d heard similar promises from the Lord in the presence of Moses. In the hymn, *Our God Will Go Before Us*, we sing some of the same phrases which come directly from the Lord’s words to Joshua and Moses (see Deuteronomy 31:7-8).

In these ancient promises we find strength and hope because we too serve the God who is with us wherever we go. Therefore, whatever you are facing today, and whatever you may face tomorrow, be encouraged— not discouraged. Take heart, be strong and courageous, and know that at all times and in all things, “Our God will go before us, the Lord of Hosts is with us!”

- Eric Costanzo

Jesus Calms the Storm 2

1. When my heart is filled with fear, like a storm - y sky;
 2. When my thoughts are tossed and turned, like a rag - ing sea;
 3. When I feel the shame of sin, like a crash - ing wave;
 4. He who rules the wind and waves soon will come a - gain.

Je - sus says, "Be not a - fraid." He is at my side.
 I will list - en to His voice, He will com - fort me.
 my Re - deem - er res - cues me, by His grace I'm saved.
 Oh, take cour - age, lit - tle heart; ev - 'ry storm will end.

There's a rock where I can go, keeps me safe and this I know:

deep with - in my trou - bled soul, Je - sus calms the storm.

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Psalm 46:1-3, 7

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in times of trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth is transformed
and the mountains are toppled
into the depths of the seas,
though their waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake in the surge.

The LORD of Hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

John 6:16-21

When evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was already dark, and Jesus had not yet gone out to them. A strong wind was blowing, and the sea grew agitated.

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the sea—and they were terrified. But Jesus spoke up: “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they were willing to take Him into the boat, and at once the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

There's a Rock Where I Can Go

There are moments and seasons when things seem chaotic, overwhelming, and out of control in our lives. I know I've had those times just in the last couple of years, and maybe you have too. As difficult as those times are for adults, they can be even more stressful and overwhelming for kids as they try to navigate growing up in a very challenging world. That's one of the reasons that Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and others collaborated to write *Jesus Calms the Storm*. In *The Sing! Hymnal* you can find this song in their section of hymns for children, but I think if you spend some time with these lyrics, you'll find a message that applies to every one of us, regardless of our age and experiences.

In Mark 4:35-41, we see Jesus asleep in a boat with His disciples when a storm develops unexpectedly. The disciples are terrified as the boat begins to fill with water, and they wake Jesus, crying out, "Do you not care that we are perishing?" Then Jesus gets up, rebukes the wind and the waves, and tells them "Hush, be still." Immediately, the storm stops, and the sea becomes calm again.

Throughout our lives, we will all encounter storms of uncertainty, fear, hurt, and many other challenges. But as the Apostle Paul says: "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7). He is a great, awesome, and loving God that you can trust without reservation. As you read through the accompanying Scriptures, meditate on the last phrase of each verse of the hymn and repeat these truths to yourself. "He is at my side. He will comfort me. By His grace I'm saved. Every storm will end." Then be still and know that the God of all comfort is also the Lord of all creation, and we can trust that "deep within my troubled soul, Jesus calms the storm."

- Sean McKinney

3 Come Unto Jesus

1. Come un - to Je - sus, all you who are wea - ry;
 2. Joy of the com - fort - less, Light for the stray - ing,
 3. Come, taste the Bread of Life, bro - ken for sin - ners;
 4. Come now and fol - low Him, this life for - sak - ing;

come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 hope of the pen - i - tent, peace in our strife;
 drink from the cup of His prom - ise made sure.
 all that was gain, count as noth - ing but loss.

Here, bring your wound - ed heart, bro - ken and need - y;
 here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Feast at the ta - ble as sons and as daugh - ters;
 Trade all this world for His king - dom un - fad - ing;

come un - to Je - sus, might - y to heal.
 "My yoke is eas - y, my bur - den is light."
 grace ov - er - flow - ing is yours ev - er - more. Come un - to
 come un - to Je - sus, take up your cross.
 Life ev - er - last - ing, He of - fers to us!

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COME UNTO JESUS
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John 6:35

Jesus answered, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and
whoever believes in Me will never thirst."

Philippians 3:7-9

But whatever was gain to me I count as loss
for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count
all things as loss compared to the surpassing
excellence of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,
for whom I have lost all things. I consider
them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be
found in Him, not having my own
righteousness from the law, but that which is
through faith in Christ, the righteousness
from God on the basis of faith.

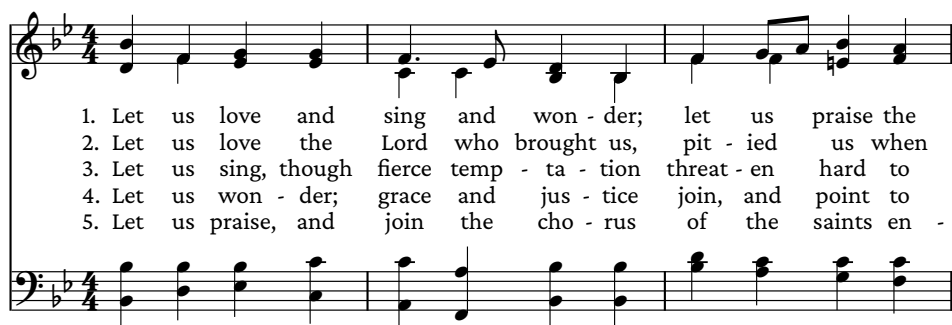
He Is Enough

In a world where people seem increasingly discouraged, stressed, worried, and anxious, it's never been more important to look to our God who never changes, loves us beyond measure, and is never taken by surprise. In 2023, several worship leaders from around the United States saw a beautiful truth in the 19th-century hymn *Come Ye Disconsolate* by Thomas Moore and Thomas Hastings. It's a comforting old text that repeatedly tells us, "earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal." With more modern language and music, this song can speak to new generations of believers as we remember the words of our Savior in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." We read in this hymn that Jesus is our comfort, our healer, our provider, our light, hope, and peace, and He reminds us to trust Him, saying, "you will find rest for your souls."

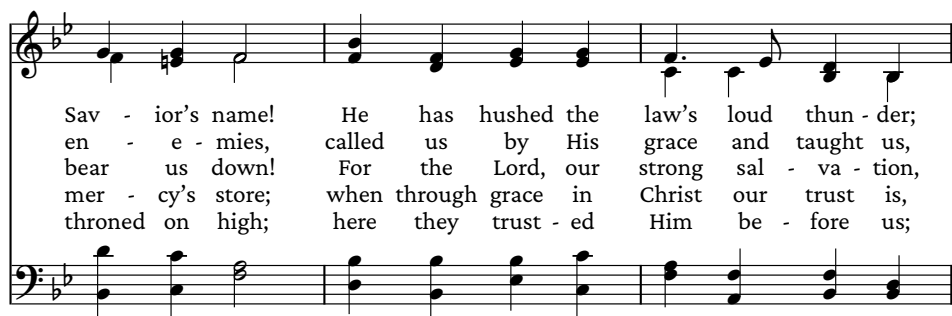
The world says to trust ourselves, that we are enough for whatever comes our way. But the Lord tells us that's not true, and it's a good thing! I've learned over and over again that my strength is completely insufficient for what life has in store, but that's not discouraging because I belong to the One who is enough. Psalm 100 says, "Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His." As we read the Scriptures, pray to our Father, and reflect on the Lord Jesus and what He has done, we can find the hope that springs eternal, the peace that surpasses understanding, and the joy of our salvation. Will you rest in the knowledge that our God is not surprised or challenged by anything in His creation? Whatever you are facing in your life, you can remember that God is good and you can trust Him, always. Like the chorus of this beautiful song repeats, "Come unto Jesus. Lay down your burdens – He is enough. Come unto Jesus, rest in His love."

- Sean McKinney

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder 4



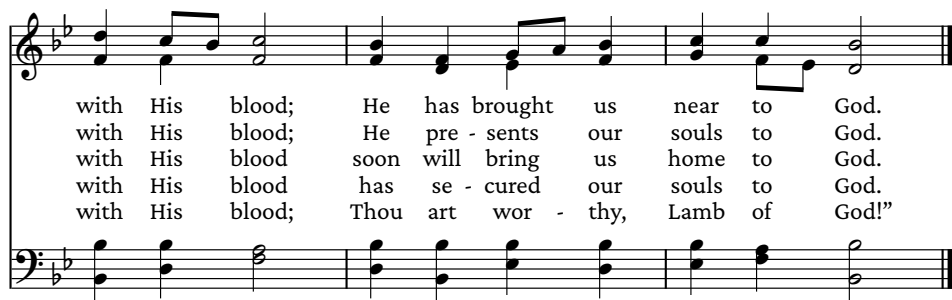
1. Let us love and sing and won - der; let us praise the
 2. Let us love the Lord who brought us, pit - ied us when
 3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion, threat - en hard to
 4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join, and point to
 5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en -



Sav - ior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thun - der;
 en - e - mies, called us by His grace and taught us,
 bear us down! For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
 mer - cy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is,
 throned on high; here they trust - ed Him be - fore us;



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame; He has washed us
 gave us ears and gave us eyes; He has washed us
 holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown; He who washed us
 jus - tice smiles and asks no more; He who washed us
 now their prais - es fill the sky: "Thou hast washed us



with His blood; He has brought us near to God.
 with His blood; He pre - sents our souls to God.
 with His blood; soon will bring us home to God.
 with His blood; has se - cured our souls to God.
 with His blood; Thou art wor - thy, Lamb of God!"

Ezekiel 36:24-27

For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all the countries, and I will bring you back into your own land. I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and to carefully observe My ordinances.

Romans 5:20-21

The law came in so that the trespass would increase; but where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance as our way of life.

He Has Hushed the Law's Loud Thunder

John Newton wrote the words of *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* in 1773. The next year, he wrote the words of this lesser known hymn, *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*. It communicates the affection and devotion that a believer should have towards the Lord. We are to love Him, sing to Him, and wonder or marvel at His character and His actions. He has done so much for us and we respond in worship with lives surrendered to Him.

Romans 8:1-3 says, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man, as an offering for sin." All of us are transgressors of God's law; we could never keep it. The good news is, those who trust in Him are free from the law of sin and death because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. As this hymn says, "He has hushed the law's loud thunder." It no longer has power over us and we are free to express our praise to the Lord who has cleansed us and secured us.

I would ask you these questions today as you come to worship with God's people: are you prepared to boldly express your thanks and praise to the Lord for the forgiveness you have received? Do you come prepared to love, sing, and wonder at His marvelous works? Will you cry out with your whole heart that He is the worthy Lamb of God who takes away our sin? Because of God's love expressed in Christ, we can have confidence that the law has no power over us. Let's give Him thanks as we come to worship His glorious name.

- Michael Ware

5 Endless Praise

unison

1. I can't wait for eter-ni-ty,
2. Just to bow down be-fore Your throne,

join the song they're al-read-y sing-ing;
see Your face; I'll cry out be-cause You're

“Ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly are You, Lord.”
ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly are You, Lord.

parts

Je - sus, King of kings.

Je - sus, maj - es - ty.

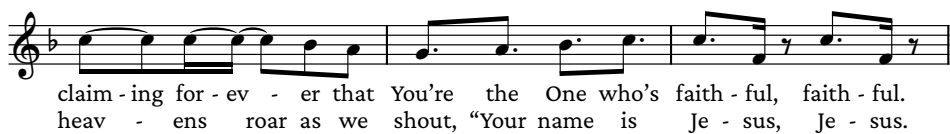
unison

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) showing two measures of music. The first measure contains four eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, and A4. The second measure contains three eighth notes: G4, F#4, and E4, followed by a quarter rest. Below the staff are two lines of lyrics.

3. Stand - ing with those who have heard, "Well done," pro -
4. What can we give You but end - less praise? The

Words and Music: David Gentiles, Charity Gayle,
Steven Musso, Ryan Kennedy, and Crystal Yates

ENDLESS PRAISE
Irregular Meter with Refrain and Bridge



parts

Je - sus, King of kings.

Last time fine

Je - sus, maj - es - ty.

repeat as desired
unison

Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy Lord, an - oth - er

glimpse of glo - ry. We sing once more, "Wor - thy, wor - thy,

Last time D.S. al fine

wor - thy Lord, for - ev - er, for - ev - er!"

Psalm 145:1-4

I will exalt You, my God and King;
I will bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless You,
and I will praise Your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
His greatness is unsearchable.
One generation will commend
Your works to the next,
and will proclaim Your mighty acts.

Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the
Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted; and
the train of His robe filled the temple. Above
Him stood seraphim, each having six wings:
With two wings they covered their faces, with
two they covered their feet, and with two they
were flying. And they were calling out to one
another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts;
all the earth is full of His glory.”

Revelation 5:12-13 (selected)

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing!”

“To Him who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power
forever and ever!”

Holy, Faithful, Worthy... of Endless Praise

Endless praise. When you think of praising the Lord endlessly, does that sound appealing and inviting to you? I love the thought of worshipping alongside the saints who have gone before us—joining the chorus singing, “Holy, holy, holy” is the Lord. But I’ll be transparent, the thought of standing in a crowd singing for all eternity doesn’t necessarily sound like something I would want to do...forever and ever.

But why? Do I believe the Lord is worthy of my praise for all eternity? Yes, without a doubt. I think my hesitation comes more from wondering what endless praise will truly be like. Have you ever known someone who hummed or sang while simply going about their day? I had a college housemate with a beautiful singing voice who always seemed to have a song on her heart. She would sing aloud as she moved through our home—while studying, getting ready in the morning, or cooking a meal. I wonder if endless praise might be something like that.

Perhaps in heaven we will have unhindered praise on our lips and a prayerful spirit in all we do, free from the sinful distractions and influences. And when we gather around the throne—whether for an hour or for days, though our experience of time may be very different—imagine how powerful and pure that worship will be.

As I meditate on the lyrics to *Endless Praise*, a sense of longing fills my heart. I’m reminded of the Lord’s prayer, “Your kingdom come, and Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” What if that prayer also invites us to experience a glimpse of that heavenly praise here and now—in our homes, in our communities, and as we gather on Sunday mornings to worship? May our lives even now begin to reflect that endless praise, all because He is holy, faithful, and worthy of our endless praise.

- Julie DeYoung

6 Not to Us

1. Not to us, O Lord, not to us, O Lord, but un - to Your name be the
 2. While the na - tions rage, trust - ing i - dols vain, our God stands a - lone in the
 3. May Your face be set, may Your bless - ing rest up - on us Your peo - ple be

glo - ry. From the dawn of time to its set - ting sun, the
 heav - ens. Robed in maj - es - ty, hail the high - est King. The
 lov - ed. Mark us by Your grace that the world would say, "The

name of the Lord shall be praised.
 name of the Lord shall be praised. One song will ring through the
 name of the Lord shall be praised."

a - ges. One throne will ev - er re - main. This world will pass and its

glo - ries fade. One name for - ev - er shall be praised.

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Psalm 115:1-3

Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
but to Your name be the glory,
because of Your loving devotion,
because of Your faithfulness.
Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”
Our God is in heaven;
He does as He pleases.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world.
If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father
is not in him. For all that is in the world—the
desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and
the pride of life—is not from the Father but
from the world. The world is passing away,
along with its desires; but whoever does the will
of God remains forever.

For His Glory

We live in a world that constantly points us toward ourselves. “Follow your heart.” “You do you.” “Live your truth.” Even our good works become opportunities for recognition. Into that self-focused world comes the simple declaration of *Not to Us*. We must remember and submit that the glory belongs to God. Psalm 115 begins with the words, “Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name be the glory.” What a needed prayer. It reminds us that the center of our lives is not our success, our comfort, or even our service. The center is God and His glory.

Why is this so important? Because everything else is temporary. Isaiah 40:8 tells us, “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.” 1 John 2:17 also tells us, “The world and its desires pass away...” The things that seem so significant today, the praise we receive, the possessions we accumulate, will not last. But God does. The song’s focus on “not to us” invites us to reposition our focus from self to God. Instead of asking, “How can I be noticed?”, we should ask, “How can my life point others to Christ?” This does not mean our work is unimportant. It means we understand who it is ultimately for. We can serve faithfully without needing recognition. We can pursue excellence without making achievement our identity. We can receive blessings with humility rather than turning them into idols. The Lord we serve is greater than all these things. He is faithful, eternal, and worthy of all glory.

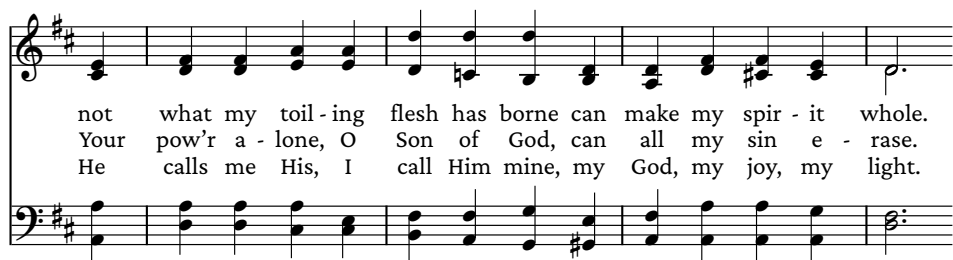
Now let this prayer and song shape your heart, “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, O Lord, but unto Your Name be the glory. From the dawn of time to its setting sun, the name of the Lord shall be praised.”

- Seth Spoo

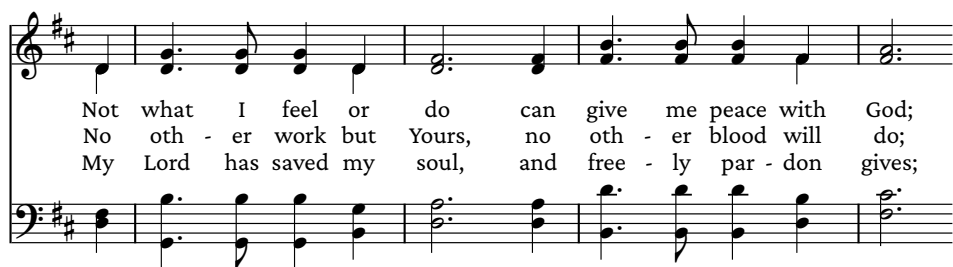
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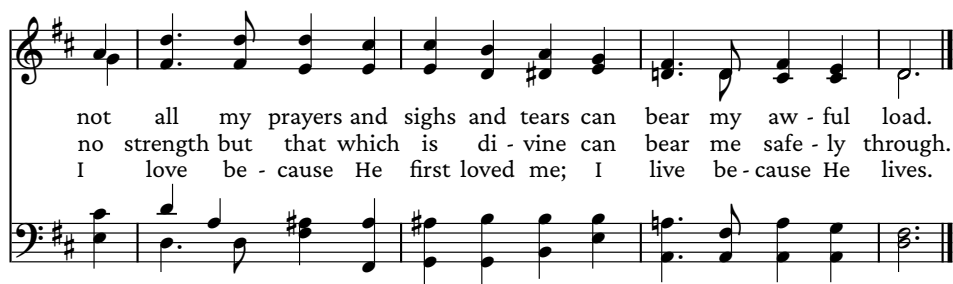
1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
 2. Your voice a - lone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
 3. I praise the God of love; I trust His truth and might;



not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
 Your pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can all my sin e - rase.
 He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light.



Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 No oth - er work but Yours, no oth - er blood will do;
 My Lord has saved my soul, and free - ly par - don gives;



not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 no strength but that which is di - vine can bear me safe - ly through.
 I love be - cause He first loved me; I live be - cause He lives.

Words: Horatious Bonar, 1861, alt.

Music: George W. Martin; harm. Arthur Sullivan

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Titus 3:4-5

But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not by the righteous deeds we had done, but according to His mercy, through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

My God, My Joy, My Light

The opening line and title of the hymn *Not What My Hands Have Done* provide a strong vision of what the author wants to remind us of. Ephesians 2 serves as a powerful backdrop for this hymn as I consider the importance of recognizing that when it comes to the salvation of my soul, my hands have played no part in the work of reconciliation between me and God.

Ephesians 2:1 makes it clear that I was dead. Dead hands cannot do any work. The cause of this death was my sin. Yet God's Word continues in Ephesians 2:4, telling us that because of His great love for us and the richness of His mercy, He made us alive with Christ. Through Christ, my dead hands have been brought to life to do good works. Apart from Him and on my own, I truly had no hope of heaven, life, salvation, or being right with God. The work of Christ alone provides everything I need.

God's Word tells us that we have all sinned (Romans 3:23). Recognizing that we have all sinned means we must also feel the weight of the opening words of Ephesians 2, "You were dead." How easy it can be for people to live their lives without recognizing that they really aren't living. We look at the world around us and wonder what is wrong and why bad things happen. I remember a friend once saying that if we are going to talk about the Good News of Jesus, we must also talk about the bad news: we have all sinned and are under the power of death.

The gift and invitation from God is that we can receive salvation through Christ and be made alive. Ephesians 2:10 gives believers the mission of being created in Christ Jesus to do good works. My boasting, then, will not be in what my hands have done, but in what Jesus has done through me.

- Zack Hudson

Glory in the Highest Heaven 8

1. Glo - ry in the high - est heav - en, peace on earth, good -
 2. "Glo - ry in the high - est heav - en." Join the an - gels
 3. Glo - ry in the high - est heav - en. See the men from
 4. Glo - ry in the high - est heav - en. Put your trust in

will to men. Prom - ised One to shine in our dark - ness,
 as they sing. With the shep - herds, bow be - fore Him,
 coun - try far bear - ing cost - ly gifts to Je - sus,
 Je - sus' name. Turn from sin un - to the Sav - ior,

Christ is born in Beth - le - hem. Come and wor - ship,
 Christ the Lord of ev - 'ry - thing. Come and wor - ship
 guid - ed by a won - drous star. Come and wor - ship,
 Christ the Lord for sin - ners slain. Come and wor - ship,

see the Child, ho - ly, wor - thy, un - de - filed.
 and a - dore; Prince of Peace for - ev - er - more.
 praise the King; all your off - 'rings to Him bring.
 know He lives. Life e - ter - nal Je - sus gives.

Words and Music: Michael Ware

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Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men
on whom His favor rests!”

Join the Angels as They Sing

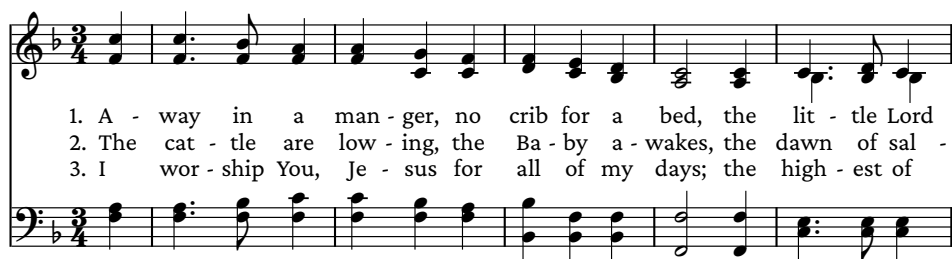
Most of us are familiar with the Christmas story from Luke 2. It describes a Roman census, the birth of a Child, an angelic announcement, and frightened shepherds. This passage also reminds us that Jesus is the promised Messiah, born to bring His people peace. *Glory in the Highest Heaven* is a song written for South Tulsa Baptist Church with the goal of helping us participate in the Christmas story. The Christ of Christmas should be active in our hearts and lives today.

Jesus was born as a light for the nations but also as a light to shine in our own darkness, a darkness that can be very real to us, because of both sin and circumstances. The song encourages us to come worship this Child who is holy, worthy, and unstained by sin. We can raise our voices with the angels to worship the One who brings us His peace, knowing that true peace is only found in the Prince of Peace. Matthew 2 tells the story of the wise men seeking Jesus and presenting their gifts. Like them, we can give our offerings to the King, not because of anything worthy within us, but because of the infinite worth of our Messiah.

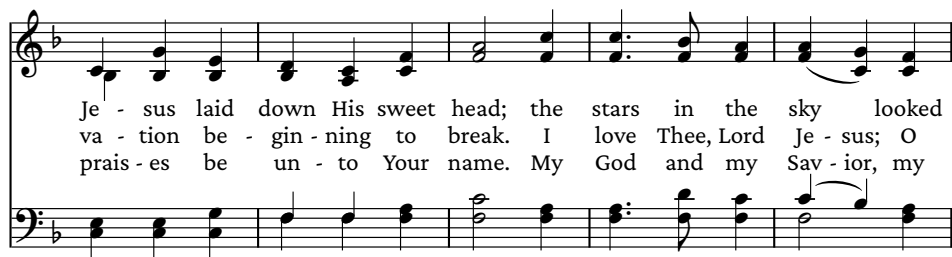
The final stanza is an invitation to accept the gospel message. It tells us to put our trust in Jesus and turn from sin to the Savior. It speaks of His sacrificial death, glorious resurrection, and promised eternal life for the believer. This Christmas season as we worship our Lord Jesus, we come to sing with the angels, give our gifts with the wise men, and share the good news of the gospel. Glory in the highest heaven! We have hope and life in Christ.

- Michael Ware

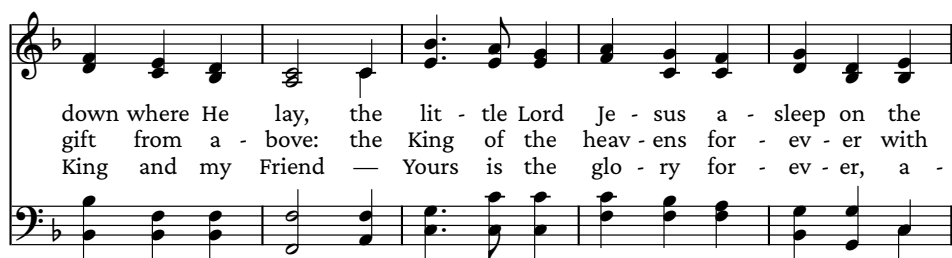
Away in a Manger (Forever Amen) 9



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, the dawn of sal -
 3. I wor - ship You, Je - sus for all of my days; the high - est of



Je - sus laid down His sweet head; the stars in the sky looked
 va - tion be - gin - ning to break. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus; O
 prais - es be un - to Your name. My God and my Sav - ior, my



down where He lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the
 gift from a - bove: the King of the heav - ens for - ev - er with
 King and my Friend — Yours is the glo - ry for - ev - er, a -



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 Jonathan Smith, and Phil Wickham

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Micah 5:2, 4

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come forth for Me
One to be ruler over Israel—
One whose origins are of old,
from the days of eternity.

He will stand and shepherd His flock
in the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD His God.
And they will dwell securely,
for then His greatness will extend
to the ends of the earth.

Luke 2:6-7

While they were there, the time came for her
Child to be born. And she gave birth to her
firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in
swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger,
because there was no room for them in the inn.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God. He was
with God in the beginning. Through Him all
things were made, and without Him nothing
was made that has been made. In Him was life,
and that life was the light of men. The Light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness has
not overcome it.

The Dawn of Salvation

Away in a Manger is a classic Christmas lullaby that transports us each December back to the stable where Mary and Joseph welcomed Jesus into the world. Its familiar melody and lyrics remind us of the humility and wonder of Christ's birth. Yet, Phil Wickham's *Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)* invites us to look beyond the manger.

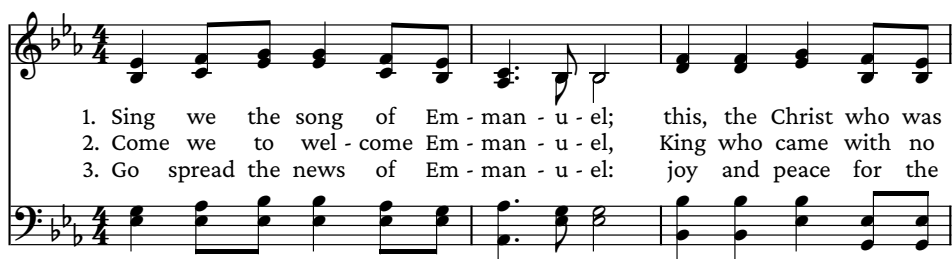
My favorite part of this new version comes in the second verse: "The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, the dawn of salvation beginning to break." I love the beautiful picture of a sunrise that comes to mind with these words. If you have had a chance to watch a sunrise, you know there is something so hopeful about watching the darkness of night give way to the light. These words and this imagery point us to the bigger story of scripture. Jesus's birth was not only the arrival of a baby, but it was also the arrival of salvation and God's redeemed Kingdom on Earth.

John 1:4-5 states "In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." The beautiful truth of all of this is that Jesus is the Light and the darkness has not and will not overcome Him. God's plan of redemption was unfolding. The Baby who awoke in that stable would become our Savior bringing life, hope, and forgiveness to a world lost in darkness. Because of this, we worship Him and give Him the glory forever amen.

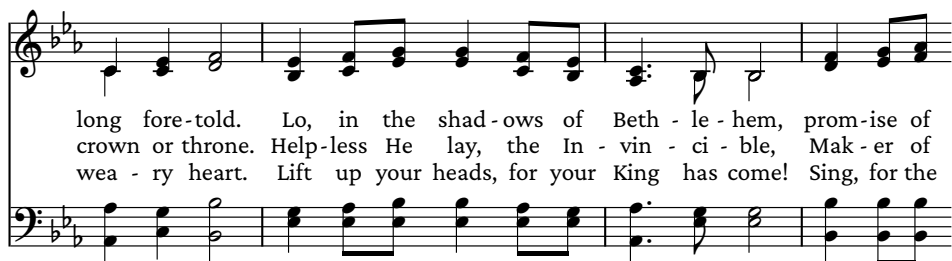
This Christmas, may we not stop at the manger. May we remember that the birth of Jesus was God stepping into our darkness, and may we trust that the Light of Christ will continue to shine for all of our days.

- Rebecca Johnston

10 Sing We the Song of Emmanuel



1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el; this, the Christ who was
2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el, King who came with no
3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el: joy and peace for the



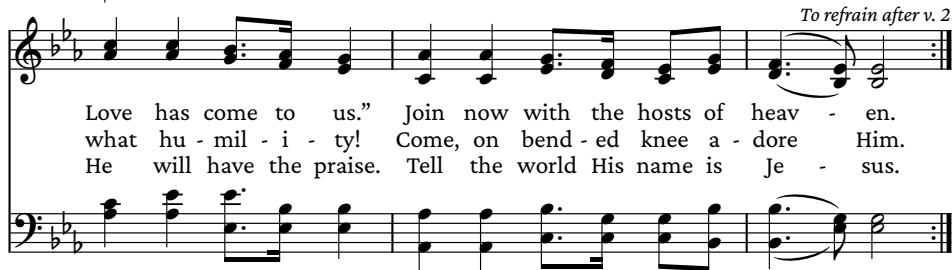
long fore-told. Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem, prom - ise of
crown or throne. Help - less He lay, the In - vin - ci - ble, Mak - er of
wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads, for your King has come! Sing, for the



dawn now our eyes be - hold. God Most High in a man - ger laid.
Mar - y, now Mar - y's Son. Oh, what wis - dom to save us all!
Light o - ver - whelms the dark! Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see.



Lift your voic - es and now pro - claim, "Great and glo - ri - ous,
Shep - herds, sag - es be - fore Him fall. Grace and maj - es - ty,
Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring. God has made a way;



To refrain after v. 2
Love has come to us." Join now with the hosts of heav - en.
what hu - mil - i - ty! Come, on bend - ed knee a - dore Him.
He will have the praise. Tell the world His name is Je - sus.

Words and Music: Matt Boswell, Keith Getty,
Matt Papa, and Stuart Townend

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Matthew 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin will be with child
and will give birth to a son,
and they will call Him Immanuel”
(which means, “God with us”).

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said,
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been
given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey all that I have
commanded you. And surely I am with you
always, even to the end of the age.”

Tell the World His Name Is Jesus

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel is a beautiful invitation to all who sing these words. It is an invitation to remember the night when God humbly entered our world as the baby whom Mary held and Joseph named “Jesus.”

Though we were not there on that glorious day, we are invited to join in that celebration with the shepherds, the angels, even creation itself! Israel’s wait had come to an end, and their God and King had humbly entered the world He created. We come before His throne and manger and sing, “Gloria, gloria!” He is Emmanuel, God with us.

We have been invited to behold this glorious scene of our Savior coming into the world. The song then beckons us to respond by taking up our role in the Great Commission, singing the Lord’s praises to all who would hear. Our King has come into the world expecting to receive a crown of thorns as well as all authority in heaven and on earth. There is but one response worthy of our Savior, the one who made a way for our redemption: “He will have praise. Tell the world His name is Jesus.” Praise the Lord and be His witness to all the world.

- Jesse Johnston



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