

# FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 10, 2024

10:30 am

## GATHERING

*The people of God come together as the Body of Christ.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and CONCERNS

### GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 790      *"In Silence My Soul Thirsts"*

MY SOUL THIRSTS

HYMN 851      *"Come, Bring Your Burdens to God"*

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

### OPENING SENTENCES

Leader:      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:      And also with you.**

Leader:      The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**People:      slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader:      Lord, you are good to all,

**People:      and your compassion is over all your works.**

Leader:      All your works shall praise you, O Lord,

**People:      and your faithful ones shall bless you.**

*(Psalm 145: 8-10)*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(. . .now and forever. **Amen.**)

**\*HYMN 415      *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"***

RESTORATION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader:      Almighty God, Maker of all,

**People:      have mercy upon us.**

Leader:      Holy Spirit, breath of life,

**People:      have mercy on us.**

*(a brief time of silent prayer...)*

***By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God, from all that separates us from you.***

***Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love.***

***Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control.***

***Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace;***

***have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with others.***

***Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.***

***Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. Amen.***

**\*RESPONSE “Lord, Have Mercy”**

KYRIE ELEISON

LEADER PEOPLE  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
LEADER PEOPLE  
Chri - ste e - le - i-son: Christ, have mer - cy.  
LEADER PEOPLE  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son: Lord, have mer - cy.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*RESPONSE “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”**

WAYWARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!  
Am D C D Em C Em  
You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!  
Em D G Am Em D E  
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

**\*THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*(The people exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.)*

# WORD

*The people of God share God's Story.*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Reader: Christopher Albee*

### FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

(The Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.)  
*(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)*

### PSALM 107 - HYMN 653 *"Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries"*

MORNING SONG

### SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

(The Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.)  
*(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)*

### ANTHEM *"My Song is Love Unknown"*

Douglas E. Wagner

*My song is love unknown—my Savior's love to me;  
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that or my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none the long for Christ would know.  
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend!  
Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21

(The Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.)  
*(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)*

### SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Eric T. Myers

### HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 832 *"Here on Jesus I Will Stand"*

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

# TABLE

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*The people of God respond to God's Word.*

## OFFERTORY "Prelude" from *Prelude and Fugue in G major* (Op. 37, No. 2)

Felix Mendelssohn

Because of all that God has done for us and has given to us, we respond by offering our very lives to God out of great thanksgiving. Other ways to give include online, scan the Venmo QR code or by mail.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The Great Prayer continues...)*

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People:**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(The Great Prayer continues...)*

Leader: ... as we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

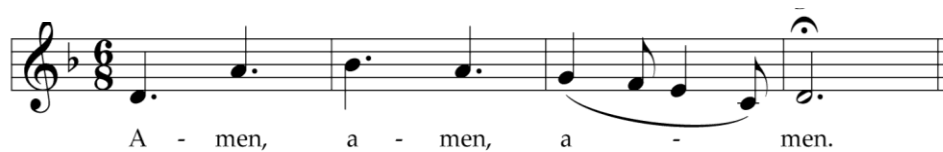
**People:**

Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death; ris - ing you re -  
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

*(The Great Prayer continues . . .)*

Leader: . . . all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People:



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*

*your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.*

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### AGNUS DEI - - "Lamb of God"

FARLEE



## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Beginning from the back pews of the sanctuary, those desiring to receive Communion shall come forward as directed to receive bread and the cup of unfermented fruit of the vine. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament in their seats should inform an usher. The Sacrament will be taken to them by the worship leaders. The elements are given with these words:*

*"The body of Christ given for you . . . The blood of Christ shed for you" . . . to which the people respond "Amen."*

*NOTE: Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at all stations.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(in unison)*

*Thank you, gracious God,  
for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days.  
As we travel on through the wilderness,  
help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## SENDING

*The people of God depart to live as God's People in the world.*

**\*HYMN 366** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

HYFRYDOL

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**Leader:** May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. *(Psalm 51:1, 11)*

**People:** **Amen.**

**Leader:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:  
If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me.  
Go and follow the way of Christ. *(Mark 8:34)*

**People:** **With our Savior with us along the way, we will go the way of the cross.  
Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *"Prelude"* from *Prelude in A minor*

J.T. Krebs, form. attr. J.S. Bach

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

# Welcome

*to Frederick Presbyterian Church and we hope that you will  
continue to join in our worship and ministry.*

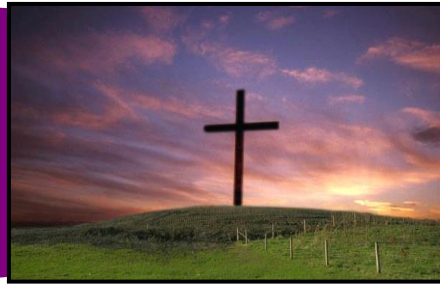
*If you are new to Frederick Presbyterian, here are some things you may like to know . . .*

- Please join us for Fellowship hour following the service.
- We welcome children to our worship services. However, if you prefer, childcare is available for infants and preschoolers during Sunday School Worship beginning at 9:20 AM. To reach the nursery, exit the sanctuary side door through Heritage Hall. Follow the stairs up and pass the church office. Go through the double doors to the nursery straight ahead.
- Older children - Look for the special **WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS** and **CHILDREN'S BULLETIN** in the Narthex.
- Visit our website at: **[www.frederickpresbyterian.org](http://www.frederickpresbyterian.org)** for more information about Frederick Presbyterian.

***God's Peace and Blessing be with you!***

# Holy Week at Frederick Presbyterian Church

**Palm Sunday • March 24**  
**Maundy Thursday • March 28**  
**Good Friday • March 29**  
**Easter Sunday • March 31**



## **Palm/Passion Sunday**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM**

### **Procession with Palms . . .**

*The congregation gathers outside in front of the church so that all may participate in the procession.*

### **Egg Dyeing EGGStravaganza**

*Luncheon begins after Worship. Egg dyeing follows. **Bring a dozen hard-cooked eggs per child and we provide the rest!***

*This multi-generational event is open to all and usually ends by 1 PM.*

### **Wednesday Morning Prayer**

*7:00 AM In-person and via Zoom*

## **Maundy Thursday**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM**

*A light Lenten dinner at 6:15 PM precedes the evening service. The Church gathers to remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples. The Church also remembers Jesus' command to "love one another."*

## **Good Friday**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon** - *Service at FPC*

**7:00 PM** - *Service at FPC*

*The Church gathers to focus on Christ's final hours here on earth and on his death.*

## **Easter Sunday**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **Two Identical Worship Services**

**8:30 AM - *The Resurrection Of The Lord***

*The Church gathers to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament.*

**9:45 AM - Egg Hunt (No Sunday School)**

**10:30 AM - *The Resurrection Of The Lord***

*The Church gathers to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament.*

**All are welcome!**  
**Invite a friend!!**

- \* Worship led by Pastor Myers, Brian Bartoldus, Christopher Albee
- \* Greeter: Jim Morro
- \* Songs are used with permission from OneLicense.net - license number A-708024

# In Silence My Soul Thirsts 790

(Psalm 62)

Capo 3: (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (D) F

1 In si - lence my soul thirsts for God; for  
 2 In still - ness I pour out my fears; the  
 3 In qui - et - ness my Lord con - ferred two

(G) (A7) (D) (Em7) (A7) (Bm) (Em)  
 B<sup>b</sup> C7 F Gm7 C7 Dm Gm

God a - lone I wait. My en - e - mies may  
 sol - i - tude builds trust. My ref - uge rests in  
 truths I now de - clare: no great - er love than

(F#7) (Bm) (Em) (A) (Dsus) D (G)  
 A7 Dm Gm C Fsus F B<sup>b</sup>

chase me down; love shields me from their hate.  
 God's great grace. My anx - ious thoughts are hushed.  
 God's is known; no pow - er can com - pare.

*Refrain* (D) (Em7) (A) (D) (G)  
 F Gm7 C F B<sup>b</sup>

God is my rock; God is my strength; God is

(D) (Em) (D) (A7) (D) (Em)  
 F Gm F C7 F Gm

my sal - va - tion, my ref - uge, my a -

(A) (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7) (D)  
 C F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7 F

bid - ing peace. I shall not be shak - en.

Psalm 62 is usually described as a song of confidence or trust, and that emphasis is made especially clear by the recurring refrain of this paraphrase. Its affirmations also serve as a testimony intended to lead others to make the same commitment to rely on God's steadfast love.



# Come, Bring Your Burdens to God 851

*Woza nomthwalo wakho*

*Leader*

(no.) Come, bring your bur - dens; O

*All*

Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your  
 Wo - za nom-thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom-

come, bring your bur - dens; O come, bring your bur - dens.

bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for  
 thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho U -

*(except last time)*

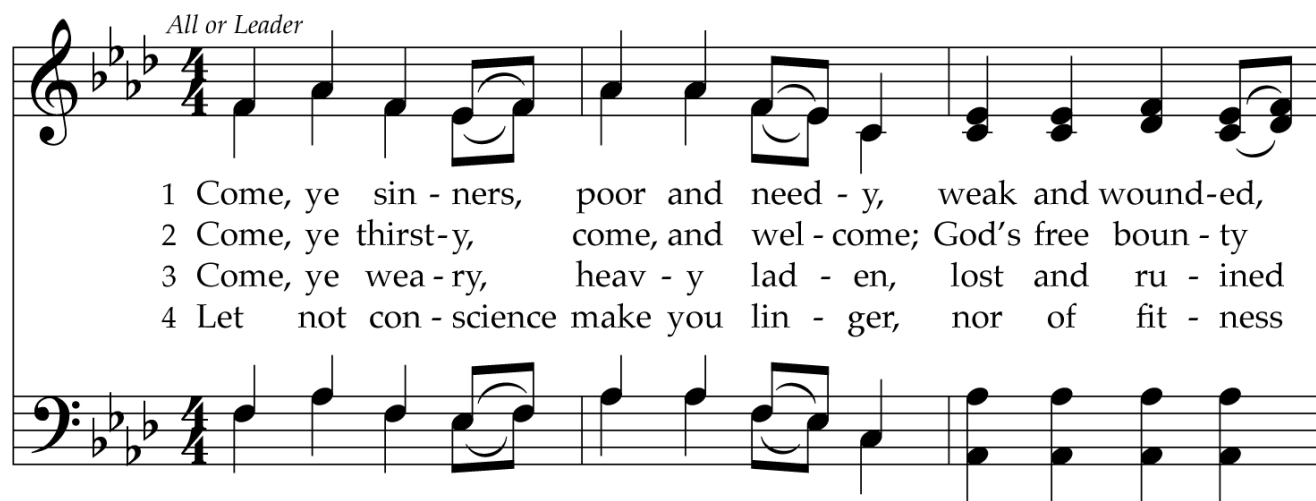
Je - sus will nev - er say

Je - sus will nev - er say no.  
 ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.

A great strength of music from southeastern Africa is that it usually emerges from communal life, and in singing such songs we unite our sung prayers with those of the people who created them. This one is based on the singing of the Mooiplaas congregation in South Africa.

# 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*All or Leader*

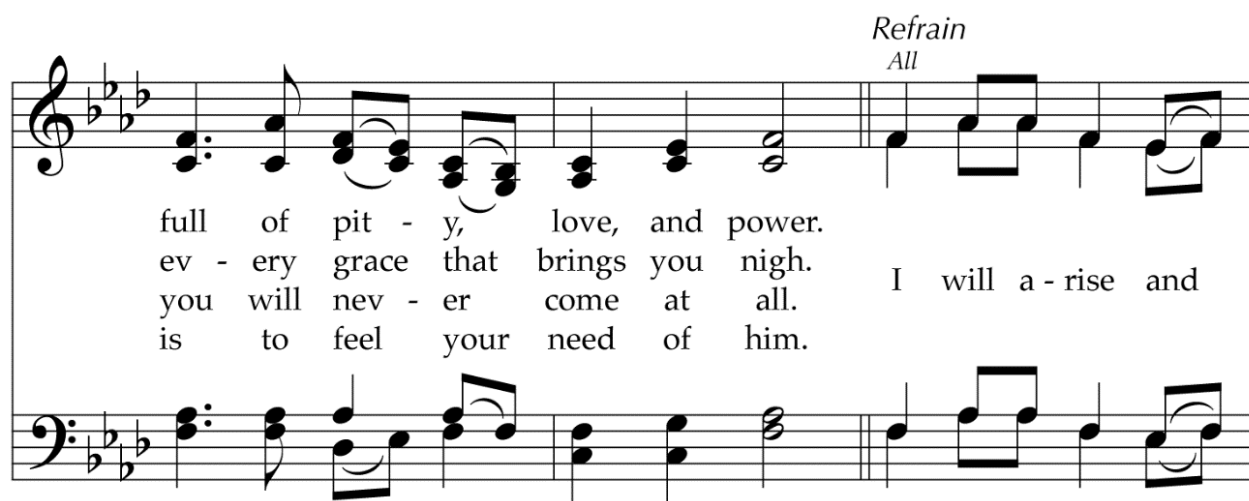


1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,  
2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined  
4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness



sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

*Refrain*  
*All*



full of pit - y, love, and power.  
ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
you will nev - er come at all.  
is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).

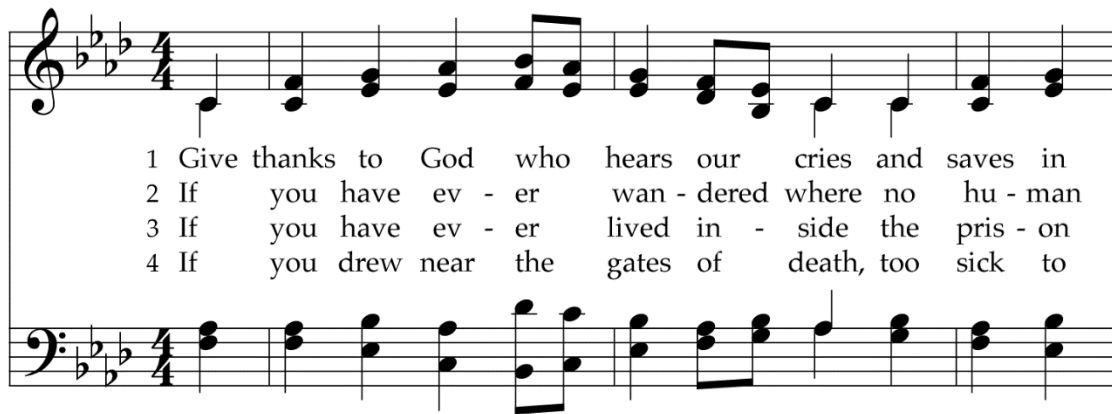
TEXT: Stanzas, Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.; refrain, anon.  
MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RESTORATION  
8.7.8.7 with refrain

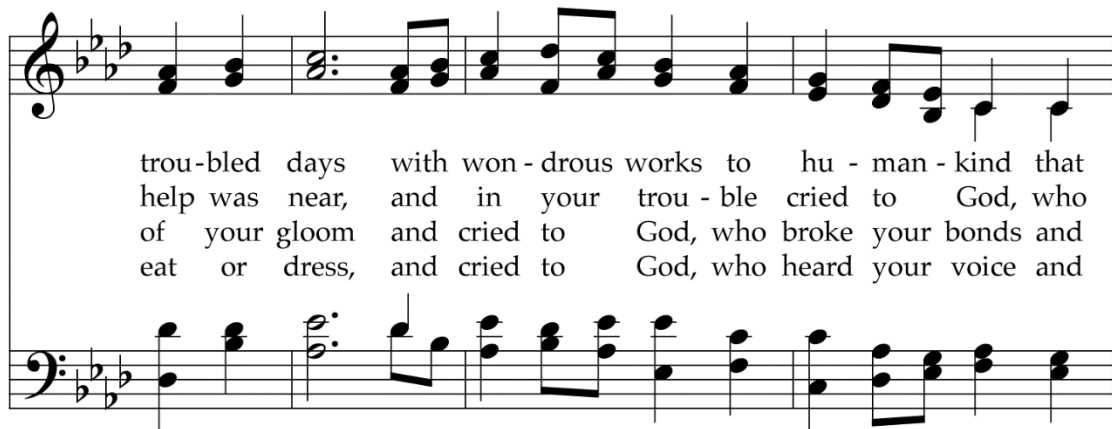
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# Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

(Psalm 107)



1 Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in  
 2 If you have ev - er wan - dered where no hu - man  
 3 If you have ev - er lived in - side the pris - on  
 4 If you drew near the gates of death, too sick to



trou - bled days with won - drous works to hu - man - kind that  
 help was near, and in your trou - ble cried to God, who  
 of your gloom and cried to God, who broke your bonds and  
 eat or dress, and cried to God, who heard your voice and



call for high - est praise. Let all who know God's  
 res - cued you from fear, then thank the God of  
 raised you from your tomb, then praise the One who  
 healed all your dis - tress, then sing with sounds of

The singing of psalm paraphrases is the most long-standing musical practice in Reformed tradition, dating from John Calvin's own congregation in Geneva in the 16th century. This recent paraphrase of Psalm 107 illustrates the interpretive flexibility that is a hallmark of the form.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 2007

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813; harm. Richard Proulx, 1975

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MORNING SONG

8.6.8.6.8.6

(alternate harmonization, 374)

sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.  
stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.  
sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.  
ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

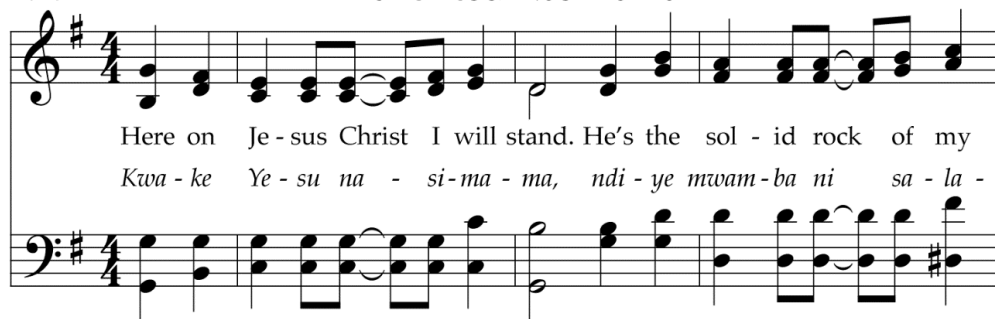
5 If you have felt your courage fail  
before a violent sea  
and cried to God, who stilled the storm,  
and made the wild wind flee,  
then in the congregation praise  
the One who heard your plea.

6 So praise the One whose love is great,  
whose kindness is well-known.  
Consider well the healing hand  
and help you have been shown,  
and tell the world what God has done.  
Praise God and God alone!

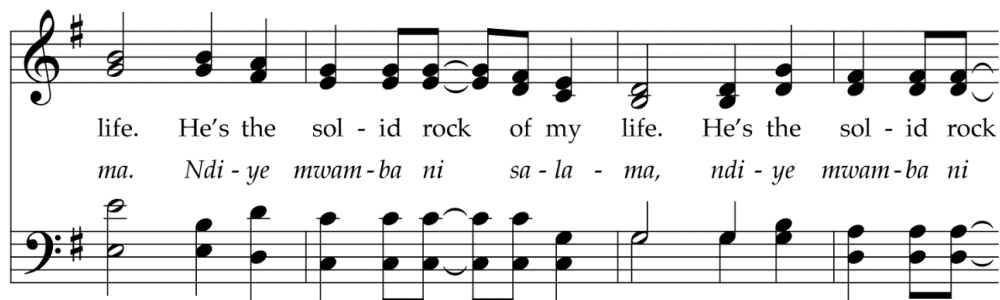
# 832 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*Refrain*

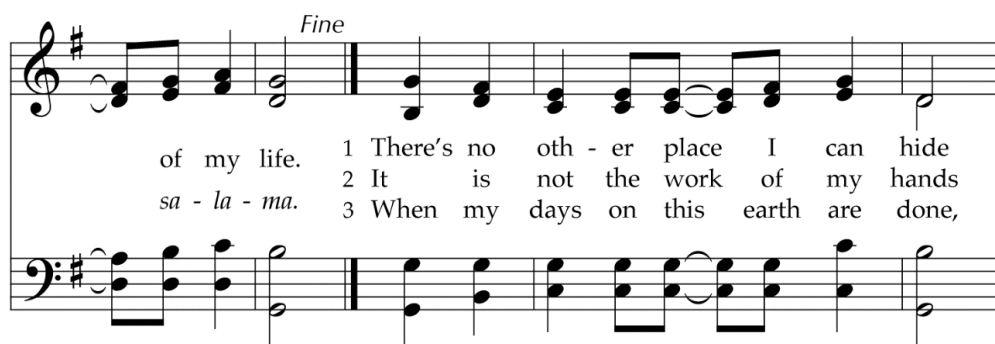
*Kwake Yesu Nasimama*



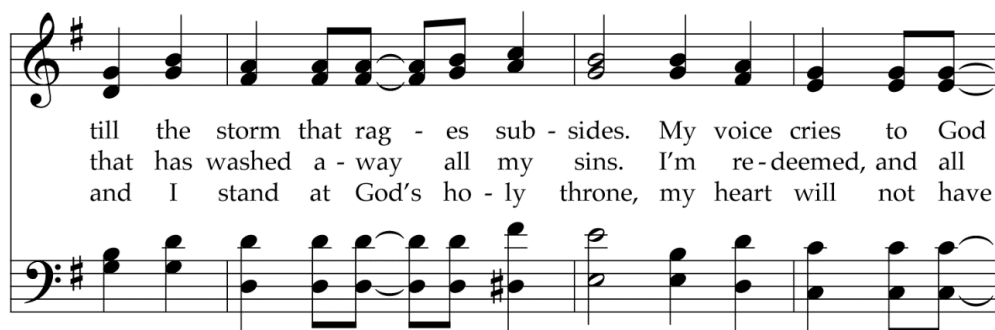
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my  
Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -



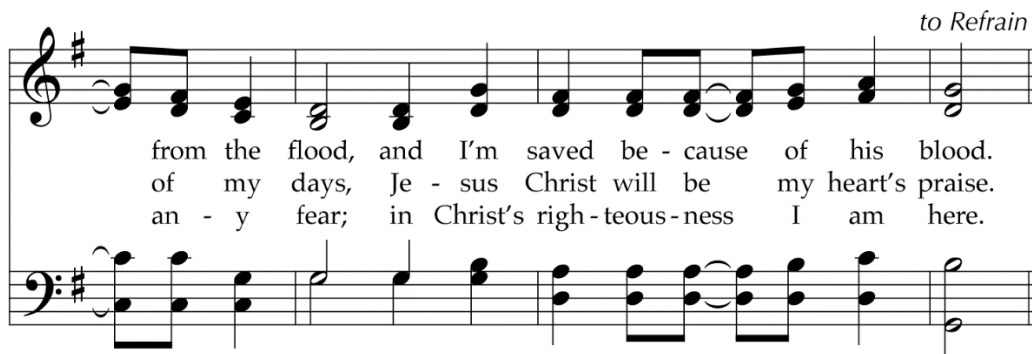
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock  
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni



*Fine*  
of my life. 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide  
sa - la - ma. 2 It is not the work of my hands  
3 When my days on this earth are done,

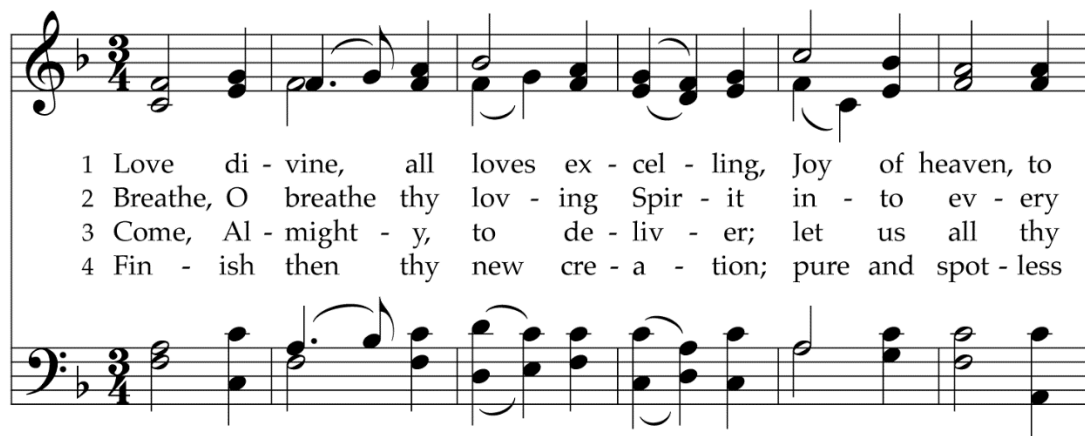


till the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God  
that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all  
and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have



*to Refrain*  
from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

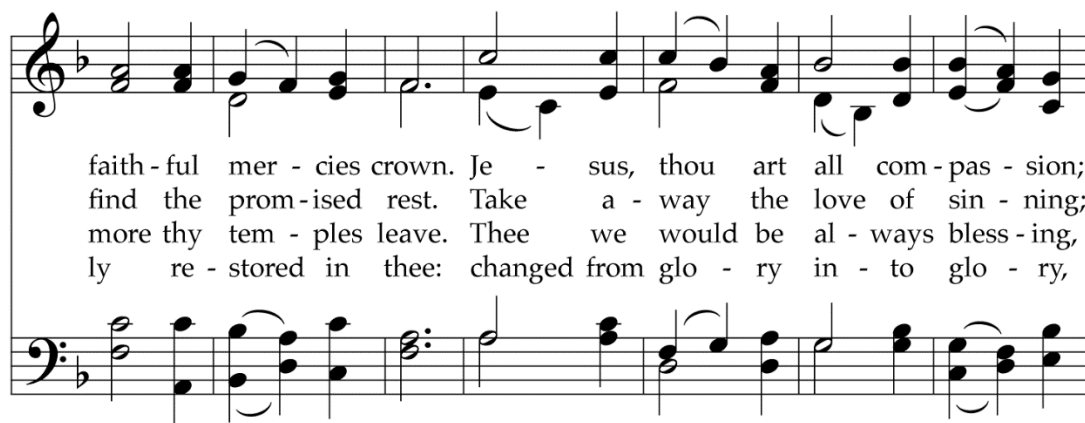
# 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.