THE BIBLE HYNNAL



Original Wall of the Church of God on Jerusalem's Western Hill.

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because...you, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 2:13-14)

Contains all the songs originally in the 1974 version of *The Bible Hymnal* of the Worldwide Church of God, plus some others. Now being made available, as well as used, by the *Continuing* Church of God.

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HOW THIS HYMNAL CAME TO BE

hen I was holding the meetings in a one-room country schoolhouse eight miles west of Eugene, Oregon, in July and August, 1933, which resulted in the start of the Philadelphia era of the Church of God, a local 80-year-old Bible student refused to join in singing the hymns.

Having no hymnal of our own I was forced to use one of the somewhat thin paperback Protestant song books. The elderly Bible scholar said, "It is just as sinful to sing a lie as to tell one." I had to agree. For some time I had realized that many of the standard hymnals contained songs that were unscriptural.

It is, however, scriptural to sing hymns. Jesus sang hymns. After His last Passover, it is recorded, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives" (Matthew 26:30). I knew that the Psalms were, in fact, songs—or hymns. It was clear in my mind that God's people should sing God's inspired words, not man's uninspired and often unscriptural words. But the Bible has not preserved nor revealed to us the music. God has left it to us to compose the music.

This was very much on my mind. One day I heard my youngest brother, Dwight, play on the piano a piece he had composed. It was not four-part harmony, but was in the style of a four-part harmony hymn. I was intrigued. It had quality and character. I had known from the time my brother was a small child that he had a special

musical talent. I immediately asked him to compose two or three hymns, setting words from the Psalms to music. It took some little time, but they were good.

When we moved to Pasadena to found Ambassador College, in 1947, I asked my brother to devote full time to setting the words of Psalms—and/or any other Scripture—to music in the four-part harmony style of hymns. For some little time the Church, then small, sang the first 12 or 15 hymns that had been composed. The Church grew, and so did the number of hymns sung with God's own inspired words.

When we were able to print our first Church of God hymnal, not yet having a sufficient number of our own new hymns we filled out our comparatively small hymnals with well-known Protestant hymns whose words were not non-scriptural—even having to change the words in a few instances. Gradually through the years succeeding editions of our hymnal have contained fewer and fewer of the old Protestant hymns, and more and more of those composed by my brother. For the past few years our congregations have been singing our own hymns almost entirely.

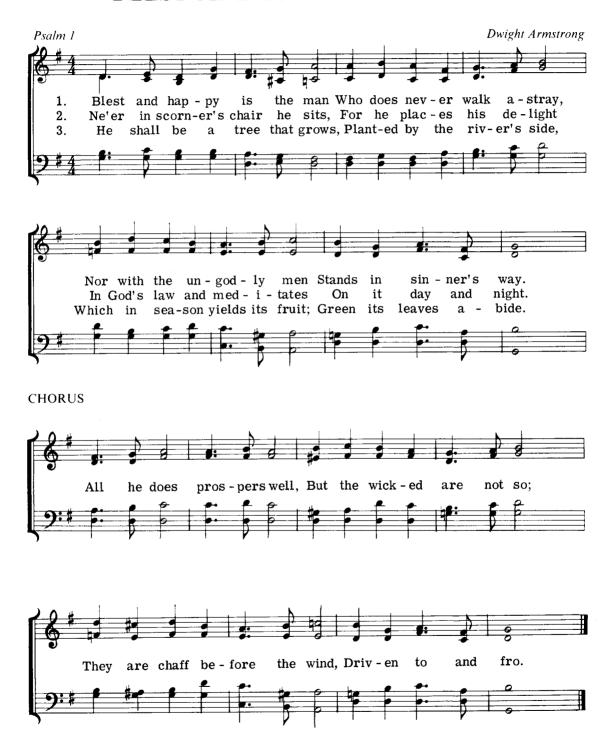
Now, at last, the time has come when we can omit the old Protestant hymns almost altogether, with more new hymns of our own added. We have retained two national hymns, and a few others whose words are proper, which we feel our congregations would want to sing occasionally.

It is, indeed, a happy achievement to have, at last, God's own hymnal for God's own Church. It is a happy event, also, that we now produce the hymnal with hard covers, and make them available to members to have in their own homes. I feel this is another milestone for God's Church.

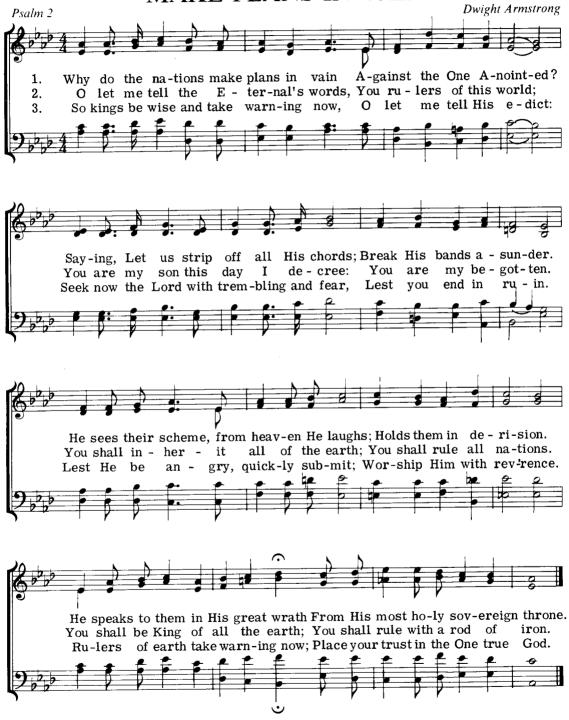
Years after the death of Herbert W. Armstrong, the hymns produced by his brother Dwight were released into the public domain by the copyright holder and now are being made available by the Continuing Church of God. Earlier, Herbert W. Armstrong himself asked Ross Jutsum to produce additional hymns and ten of those are included in this hymnal with the permission of Dr. Jutsum.

The Bible says, "Sing to the Lord, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day" (1 Chronicles 16:23). In the Continuing Church of God, we strive to preach the good news of the coming Kingdom of God to all the world as a witness (Matthew 24:14). As the Bible says, singing and proclaiming God's great plan of salvation is part of the good news.

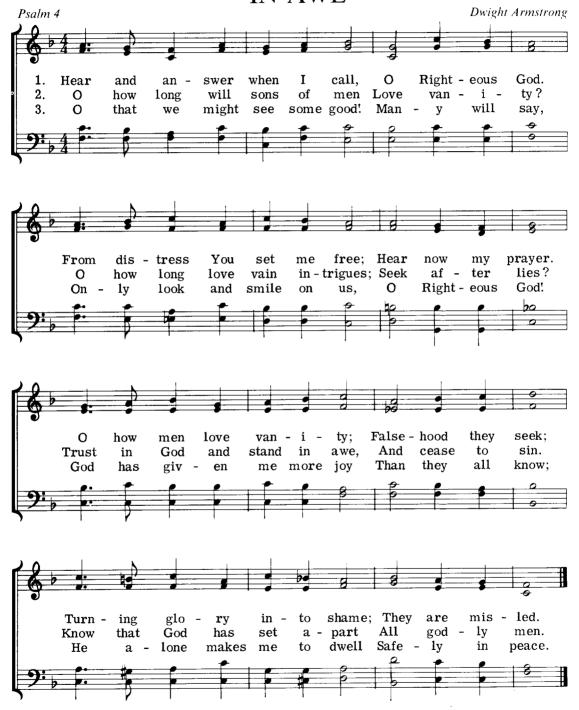
BLEST AND HAPPY IS THE MAN







TRUST IN GOD AND STAND IN AWE



GIVE EAR UNTO MY WORDS, O LORD



TURN, O GOD, AND SAVE ME



VINDICATE THE JUSTICE YOU COMMAND



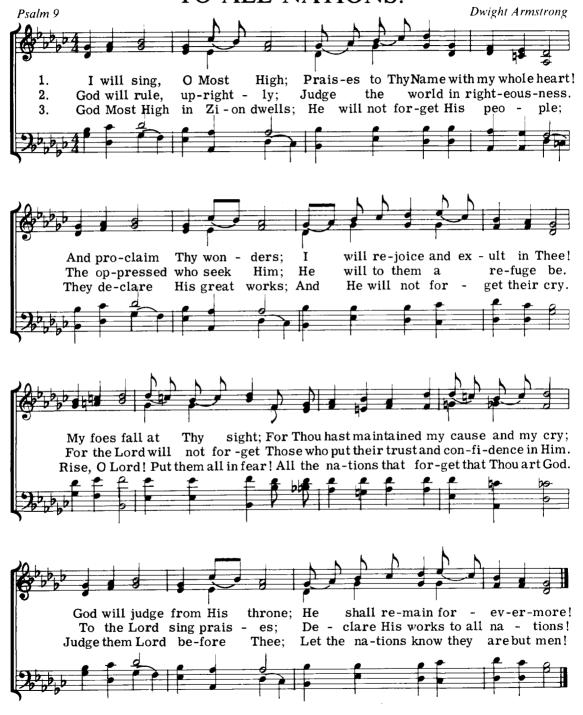
HOW EXCELLENT IS THY NAME!



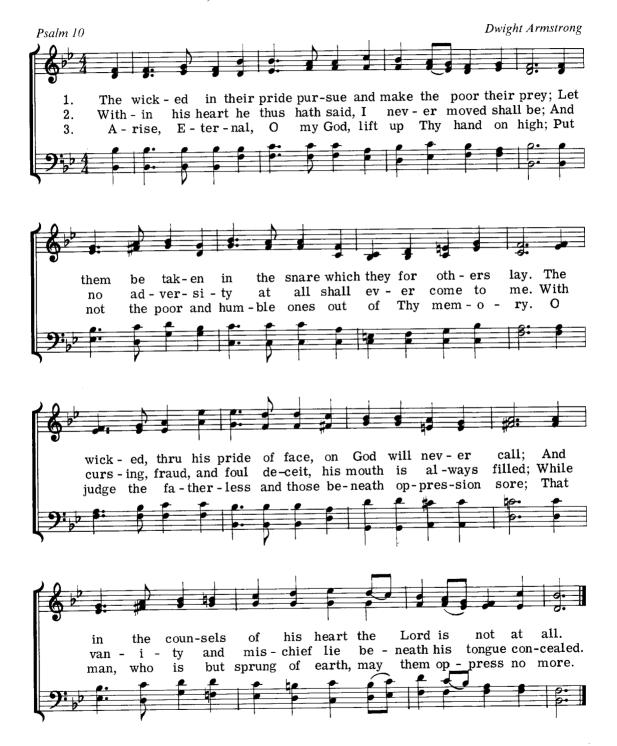
I WILL PRAISE THEE, O ETERNAL!



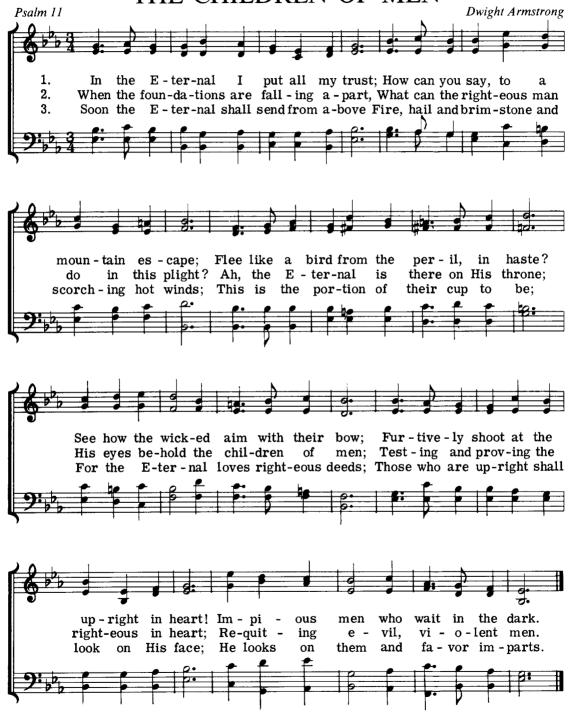
DECLARE HIS WORKS TO ALL NATIONS!



ARISE, ETERNAL, O MY GOD



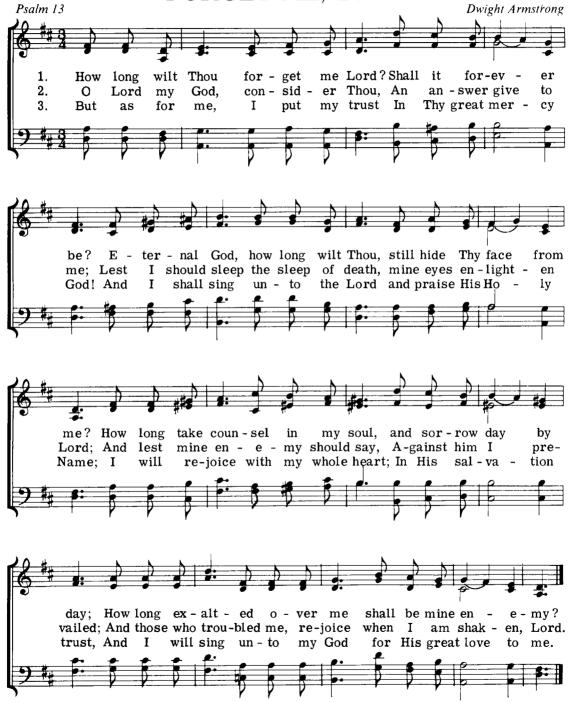
HIS EYES BEHOLD THE CHILDREN OF MEN



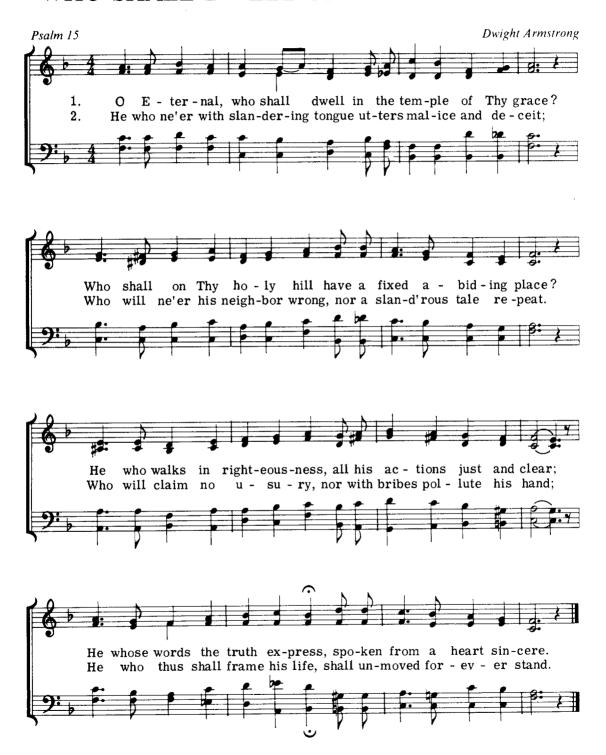




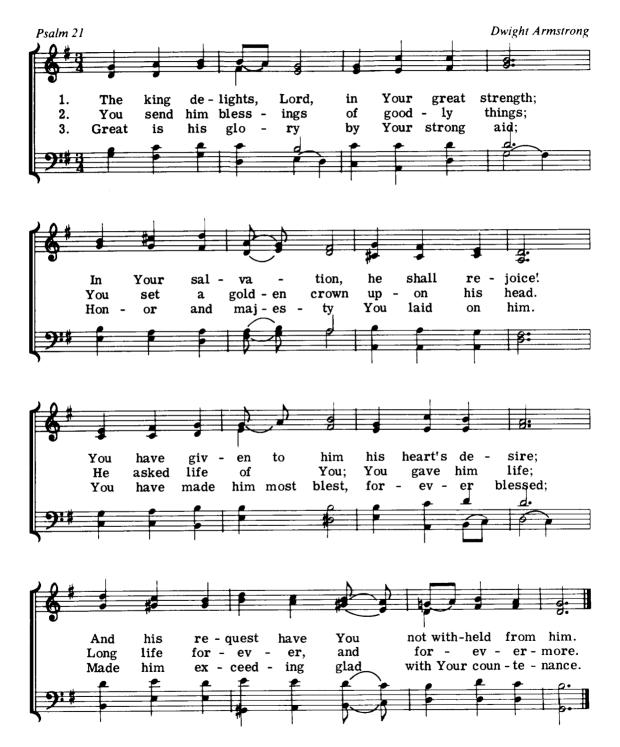
HOW LONG WILT THOU FORGET ME, LORD?



WHO SHALL DWELL ON THY HOLY HILL?



THE KING DELIGHTS, LORD

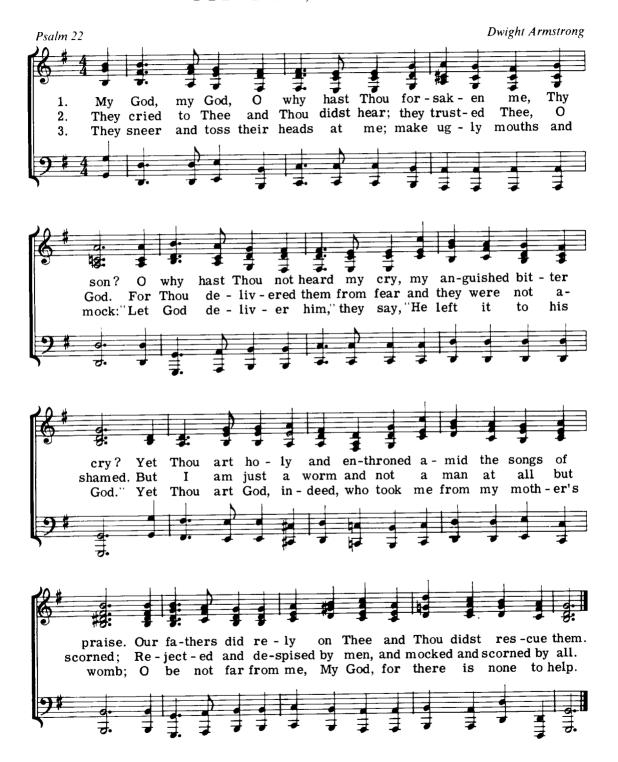


THE HEAVENS GOD'S GLORY DO DECLARE

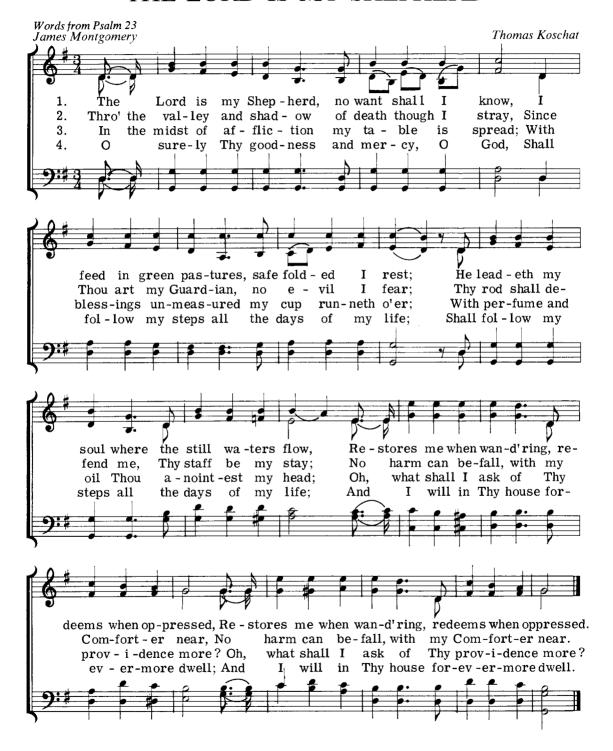




MY GOD, MY GOD



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

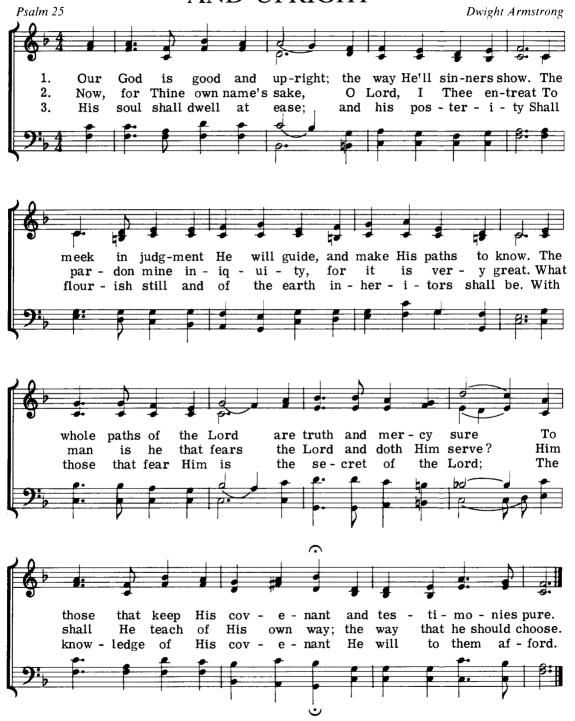


THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

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OUR GOD IS GOOD AND UPRIGHT



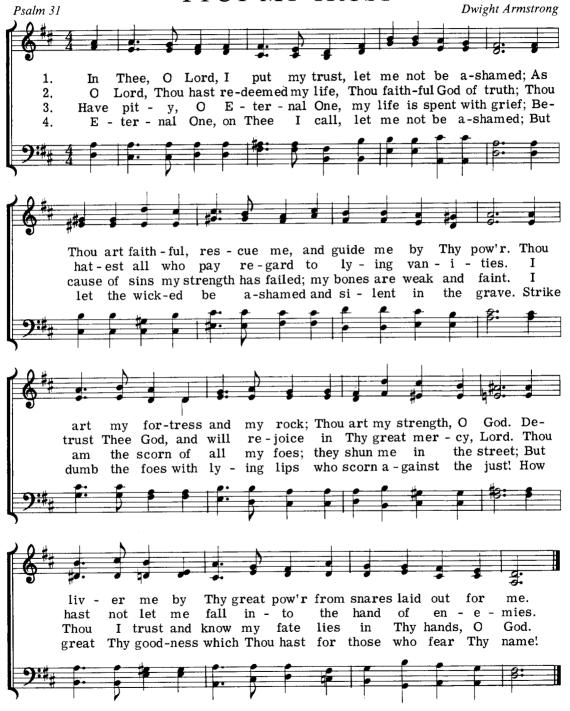
TO THEE I LIFT MY SOUL



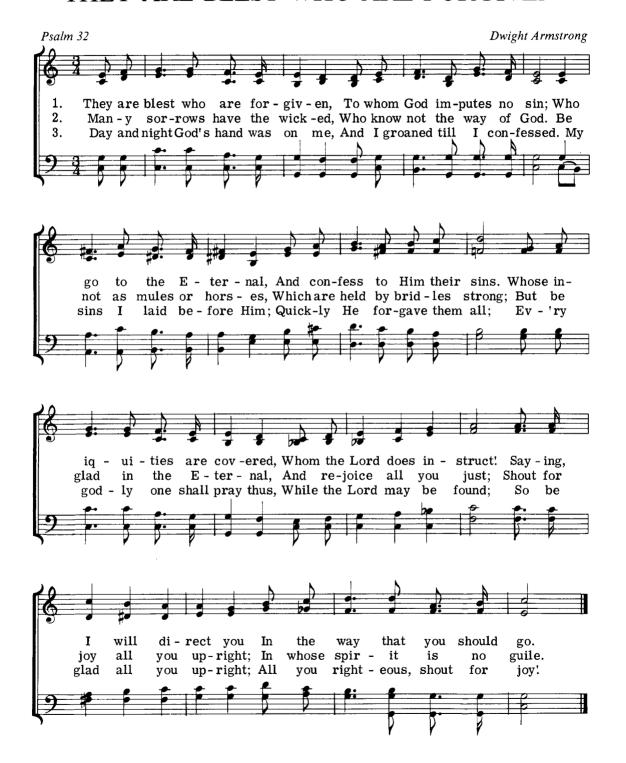
MINE EYES UPON THE LORD CONTINUALLY ARE SET



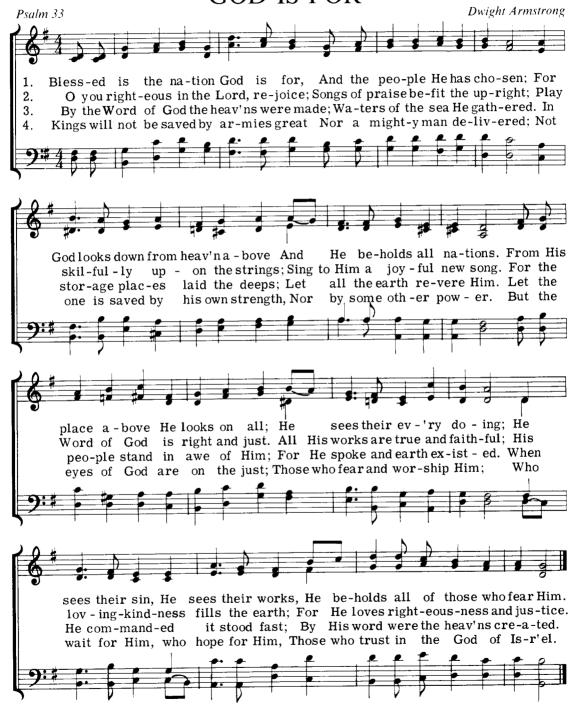
IN THEE, O LORD, I PUT MY TRUST



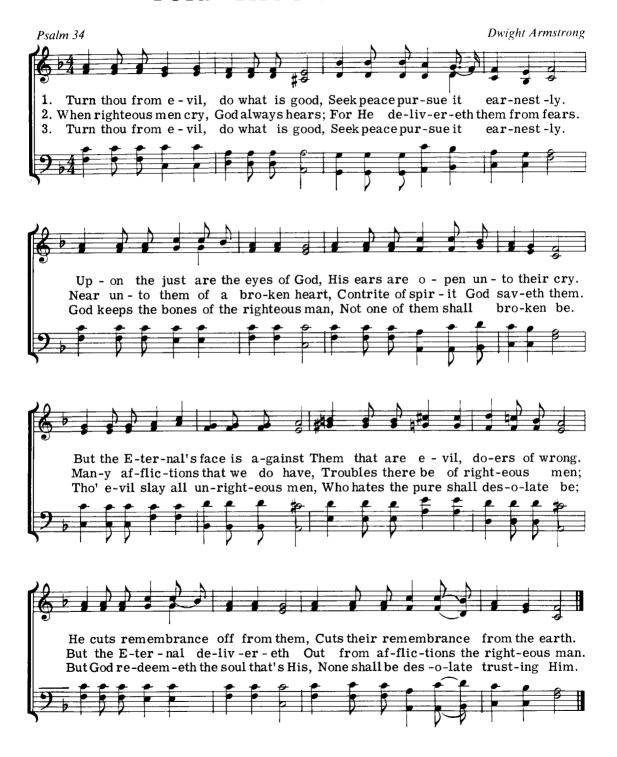
THEY ARE BLEST WHO ARE FORGIVEN



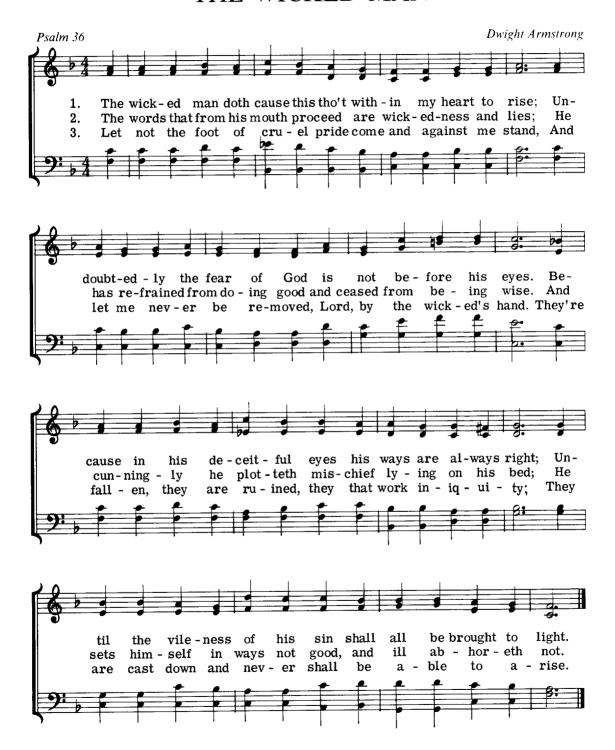
BLESSED IS THE NATION GOD IS FOR



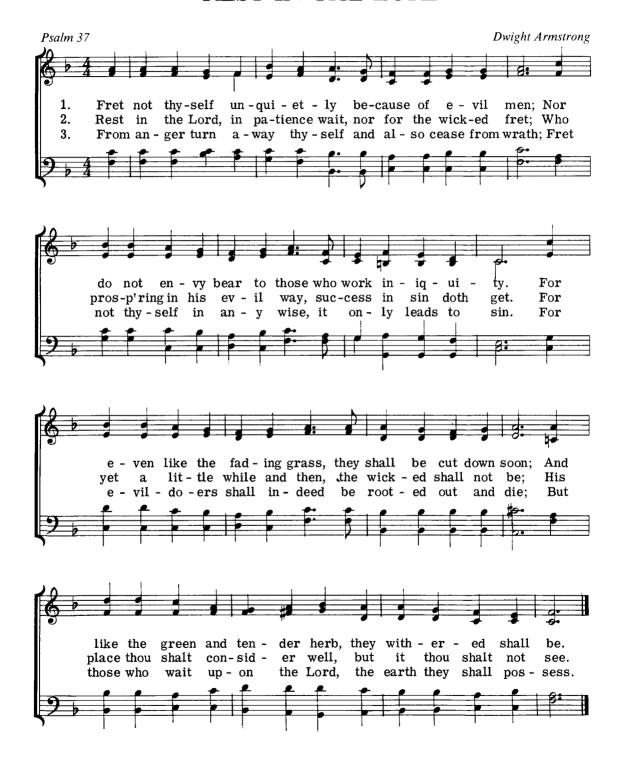
TURN THOU FROM EVIL



THE WICKED MAN



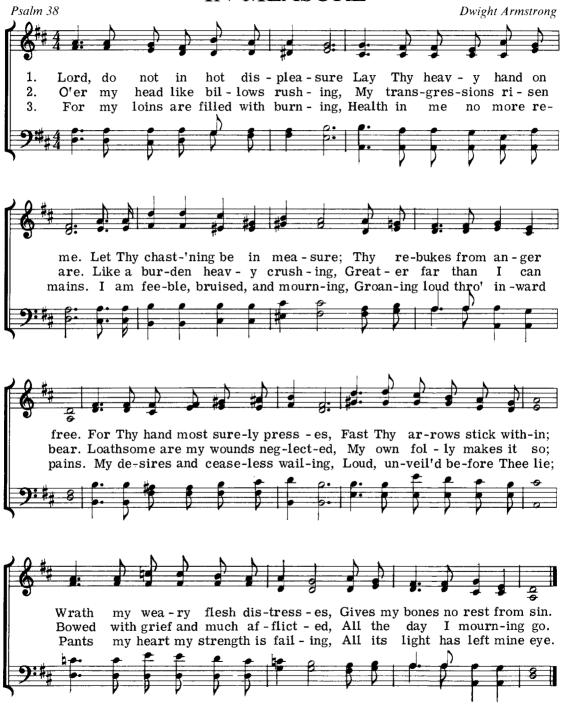
REST IN THE LORD



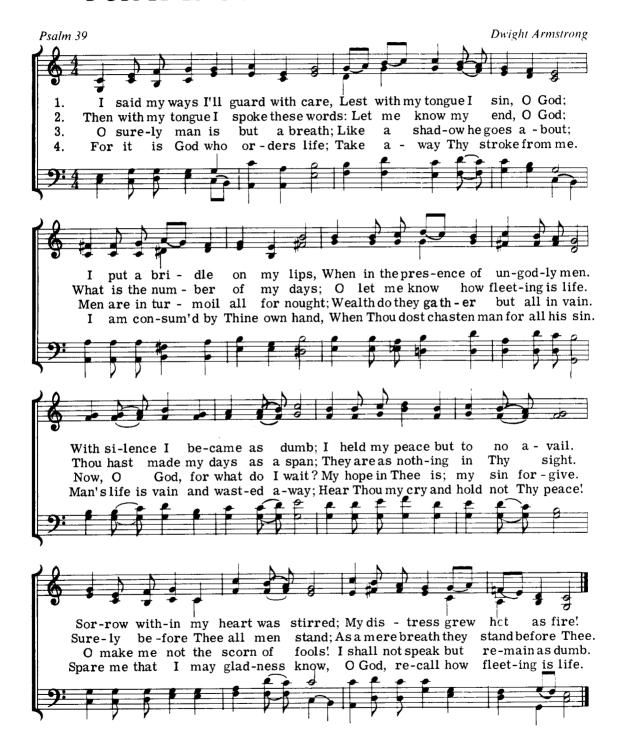
WAIT AND HOPE AND LOOK FOR GOD



LET THY CHASTENING BE IN MEASURE



FOR IT IS GOD WHO ORDERS LIFE



RIGHTEOUS JUDGE



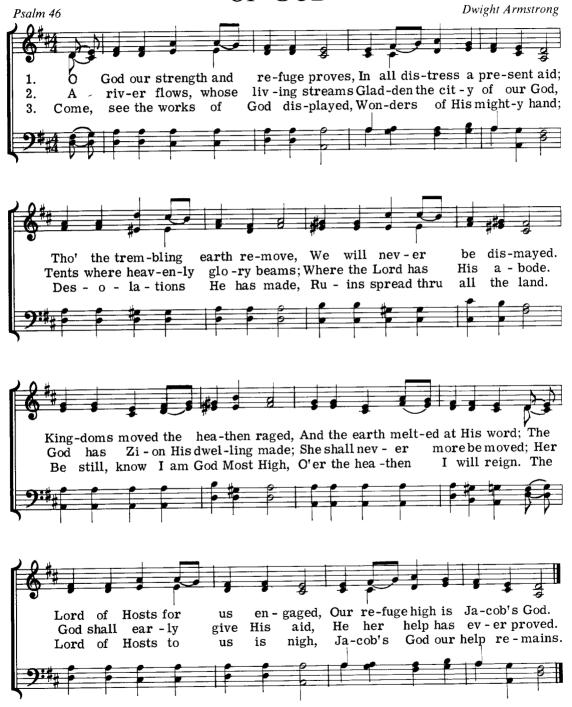
O GOD, WE HAVE HEARD



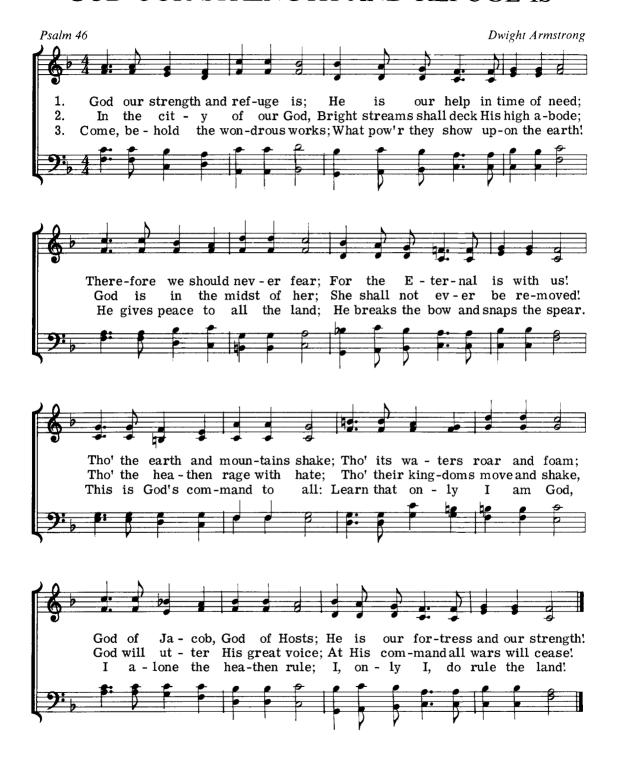
AWAKE, O ETERNAL!



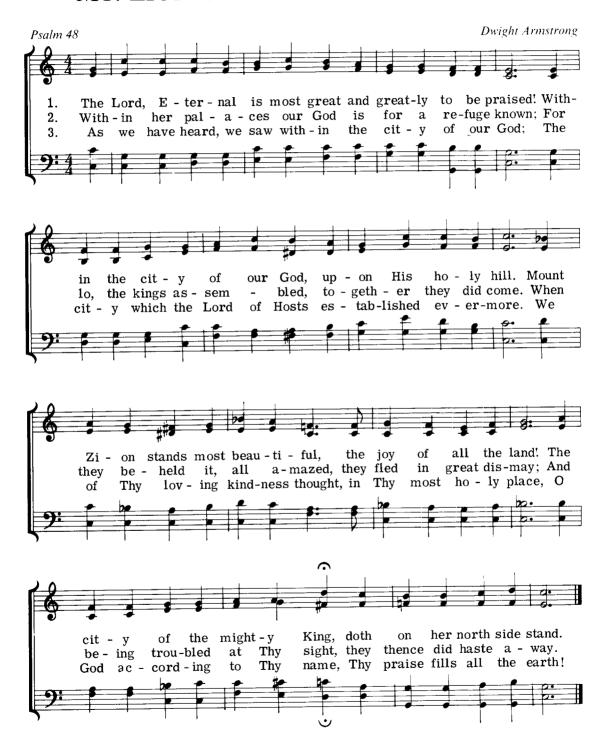
COME, SEE THE WORKS OF GOD



GOD OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE IS



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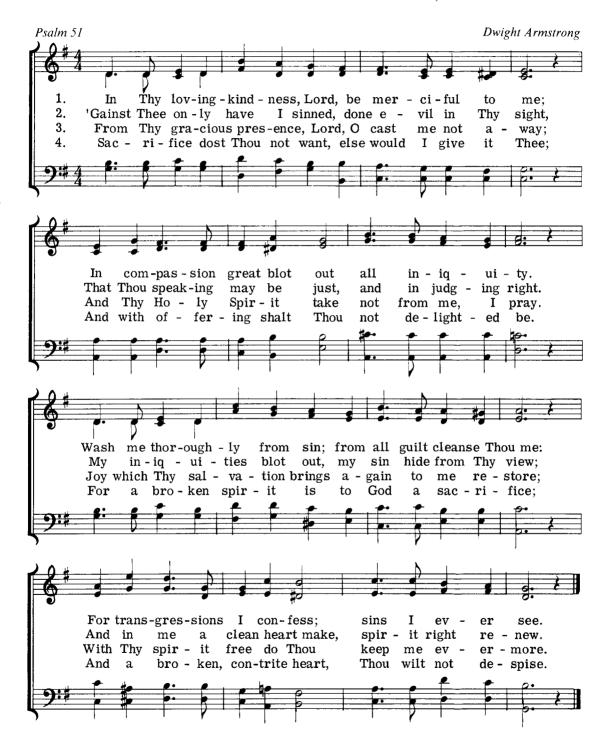
NATIONS GIVE EAR, BOTH LOW AND HIGH



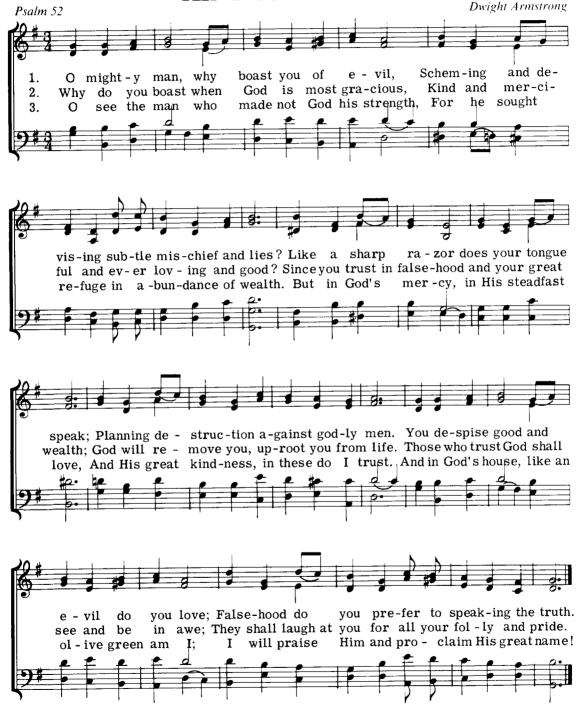
GIVE THANKS AND OFFER PRAISE



IN THY LOVING KINDNESS, LORD







FOOLS HAVE SAID THAT THERE IS NO GOD



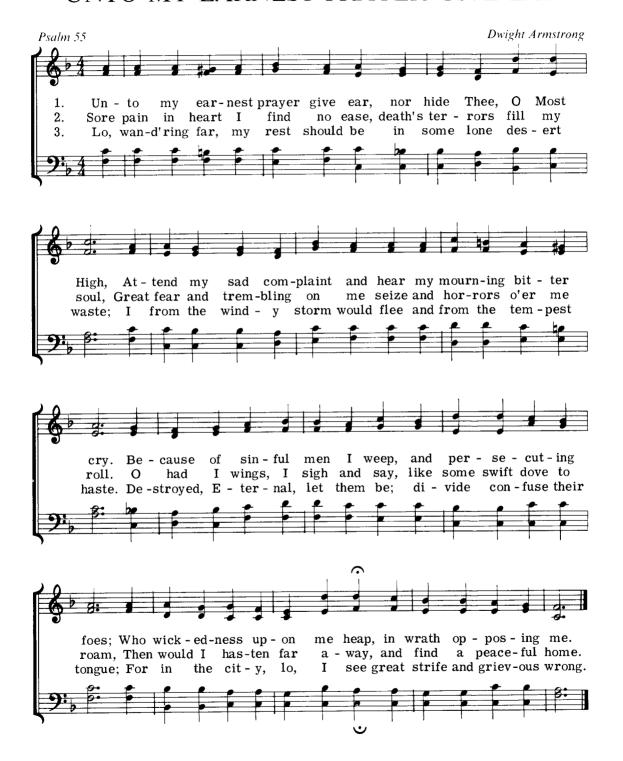
SAVE ME, O GOD, BY THY GREAT NAME



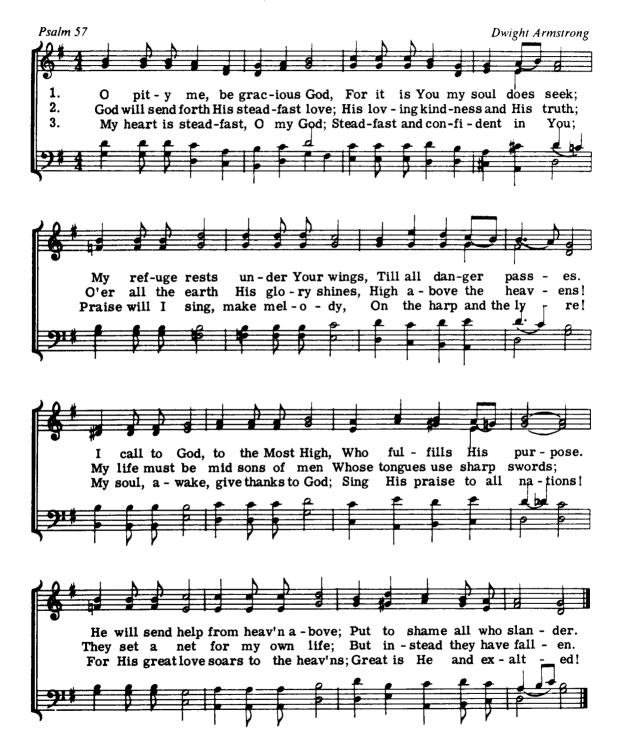
BUT AS FOR ME, I'LL CALL ON GOD



UNTO MY EARNEST PRAYER GIVE EAR



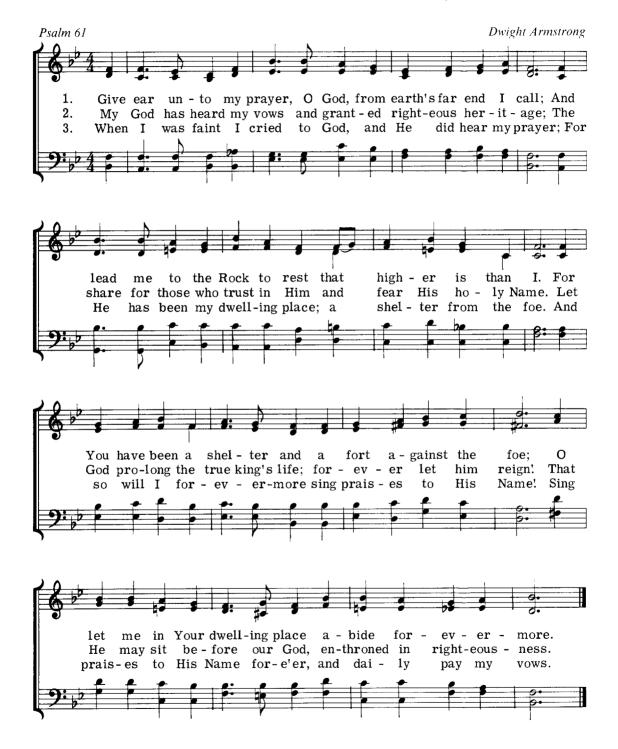
O PITY ME, BE GRACIOUS GOD



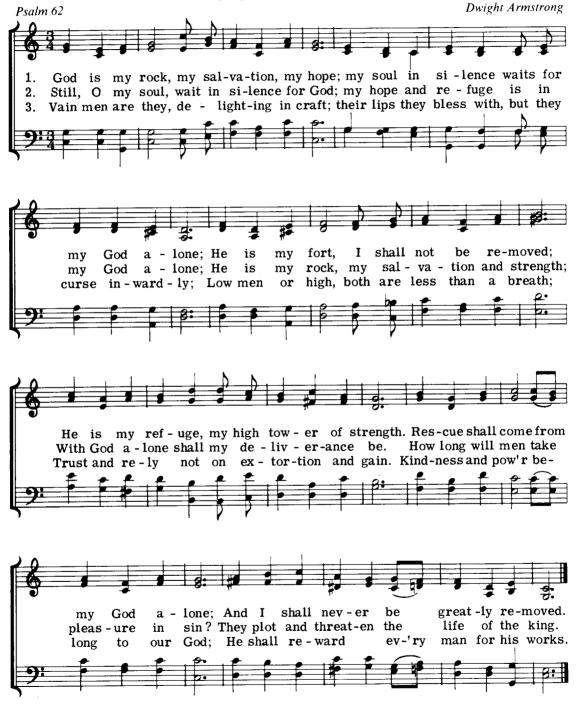
RETURN AGAIN, O GOD



GIVE EAR UNTO MY PRAYER, O GOD



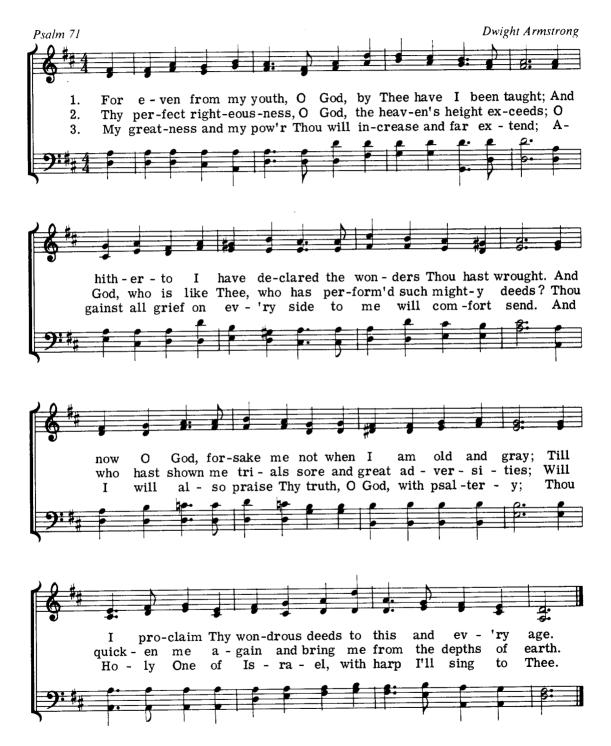
GOD IS MY ROCK, MY SALVATION



JOYFULLY SING AND PRAISE GOD!



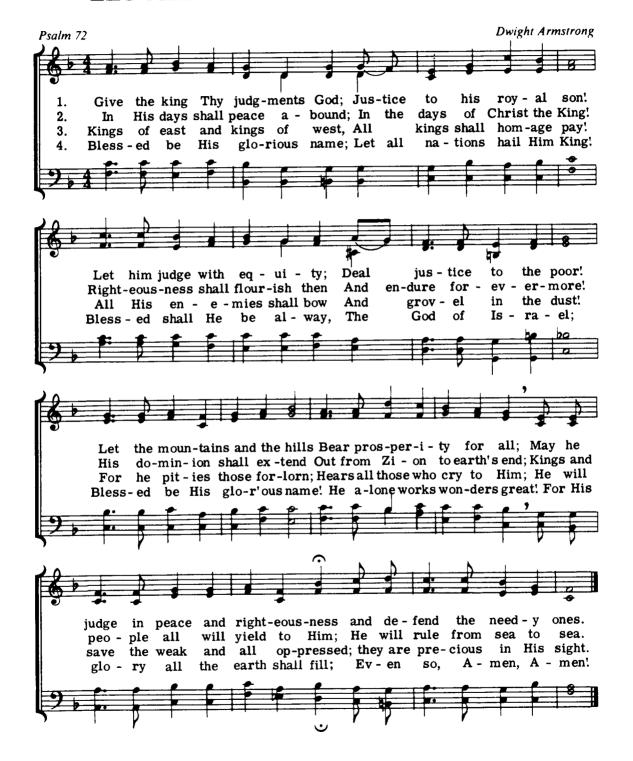
FOR EVEN FROM MY YOUTH, O GOD



O GOD, FORSAKE ME NOT



LET ALL NATIONS HAIL HIM KING!



GIVE JUDGMENT TO THE KING, O GOD



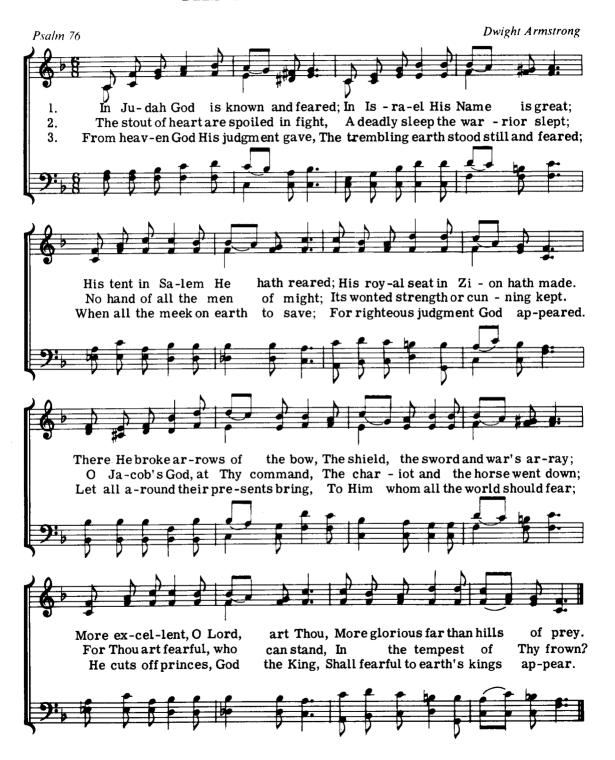
THE DAY AND NIGHT ARE THINE



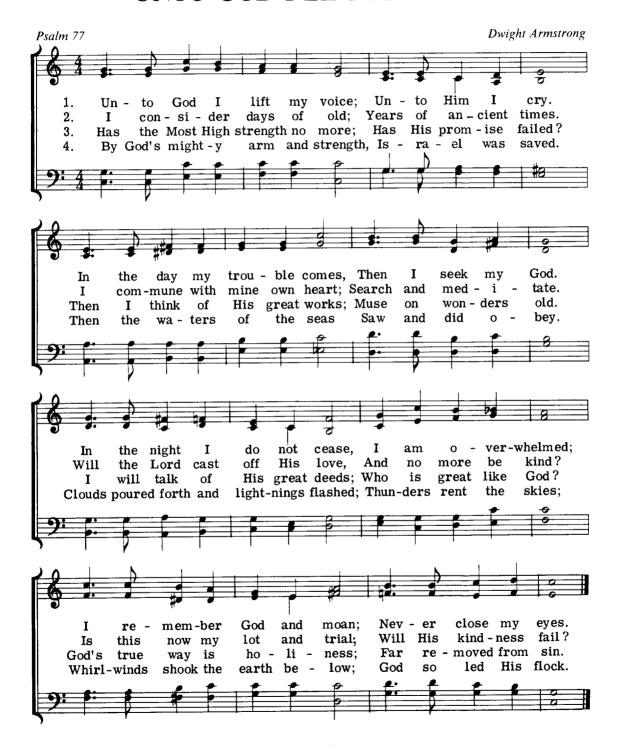
LET US SING TO GOD



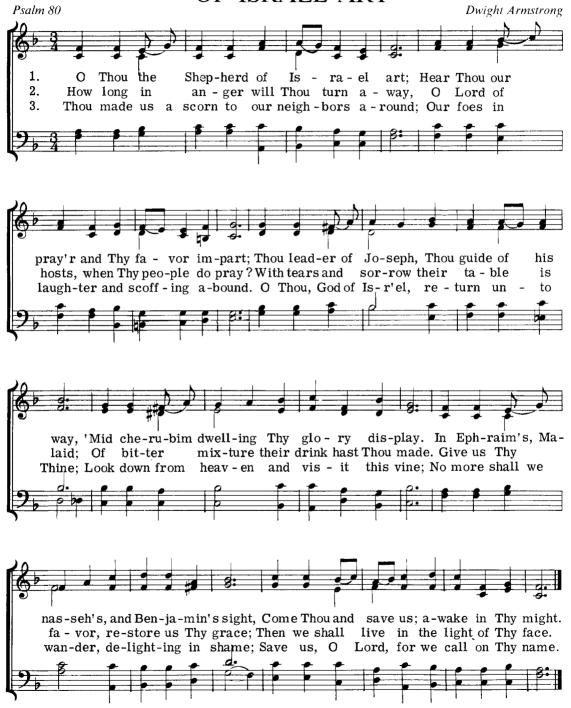
HIS NAME IS GREAT!



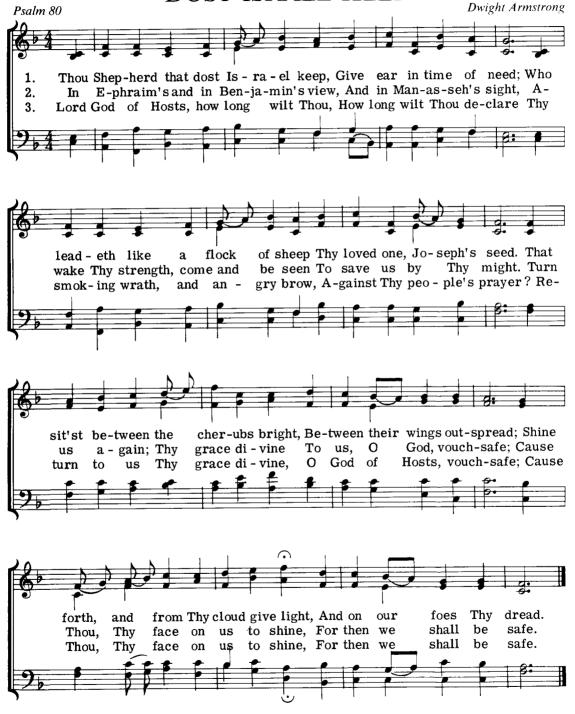
UNTO GOD I LIFT MY VOICE



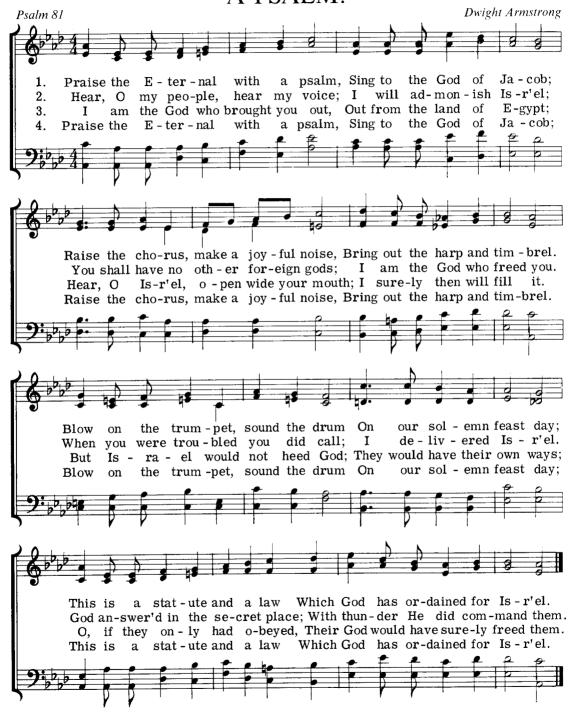
O THOU THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL ART



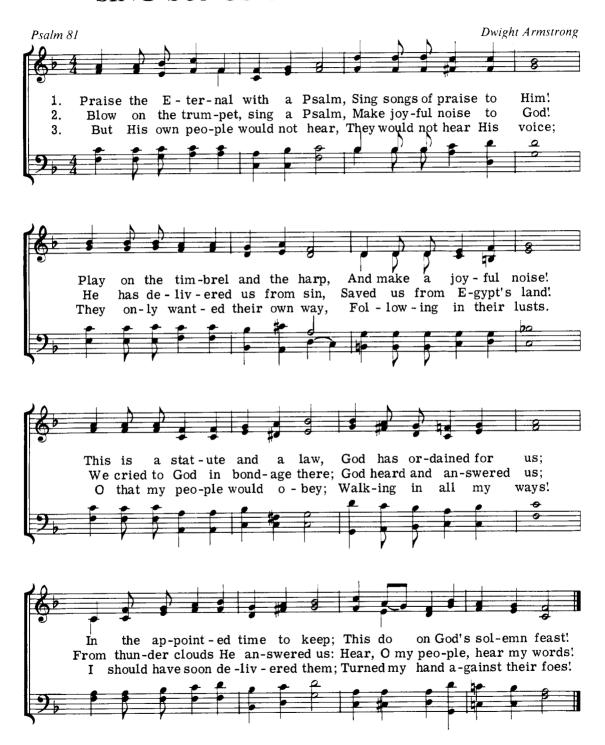
THOU SHEPHERD THAT DOST ISRAEL KEEP



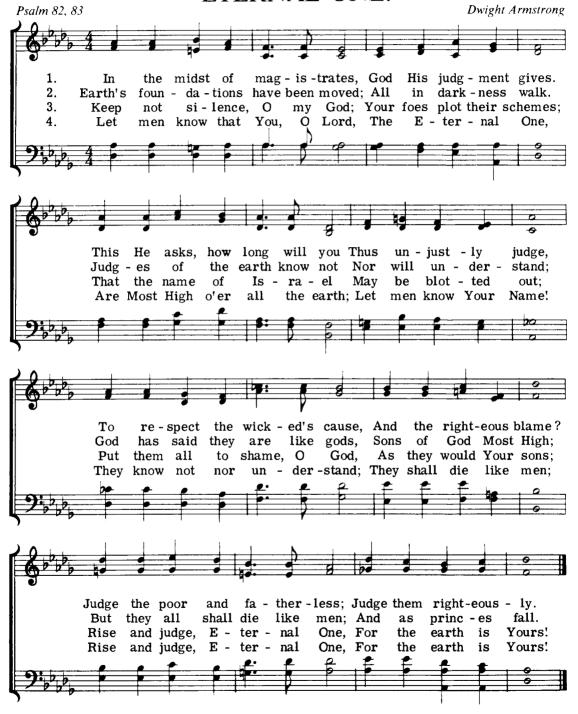
PRAISE THE ETERNAL WITH A PSALM!



SING SONGS OF PRAISE TO HIM!



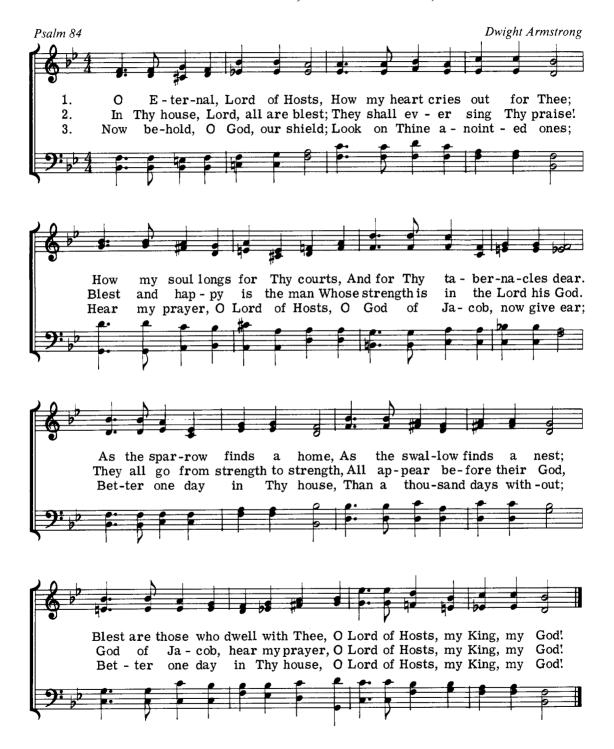
RISE AND JUDGE, ETERNAL ONE!



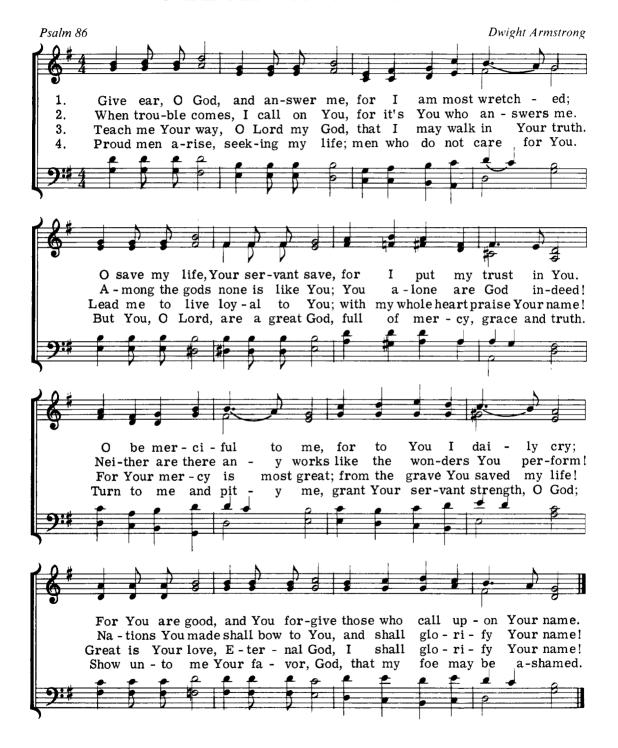
HOW LOVELY ARE THY DWELLINGS



O LORD OF HOSTS, MY KING, MY GOD!



O BE MERCIFUL TO ME



O THOU GOD OF MY SALVATION



HOW LONG, ETERNAL, HIDE THOU AWAY?



THOU ART OUR GOD FOREVER



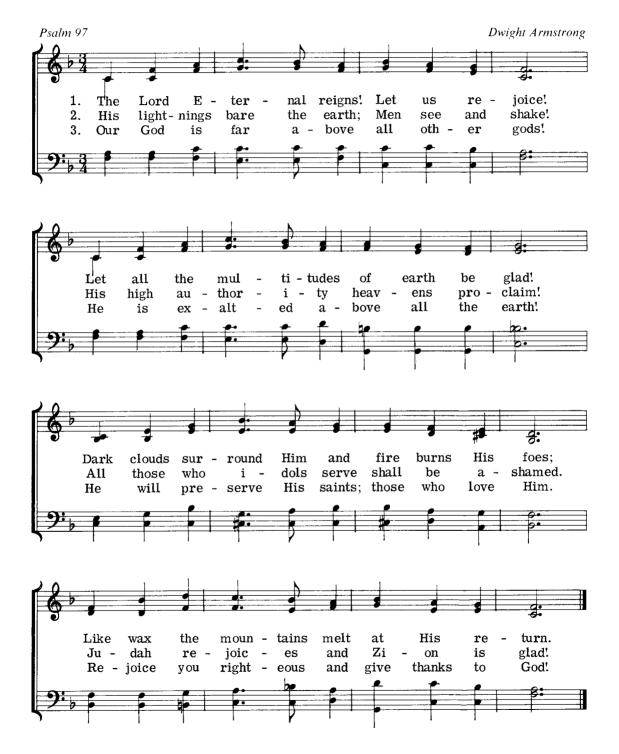
HOW GOOD IT IS TO THANK THE LORD



O COME AND LET US WORSHIP HIM



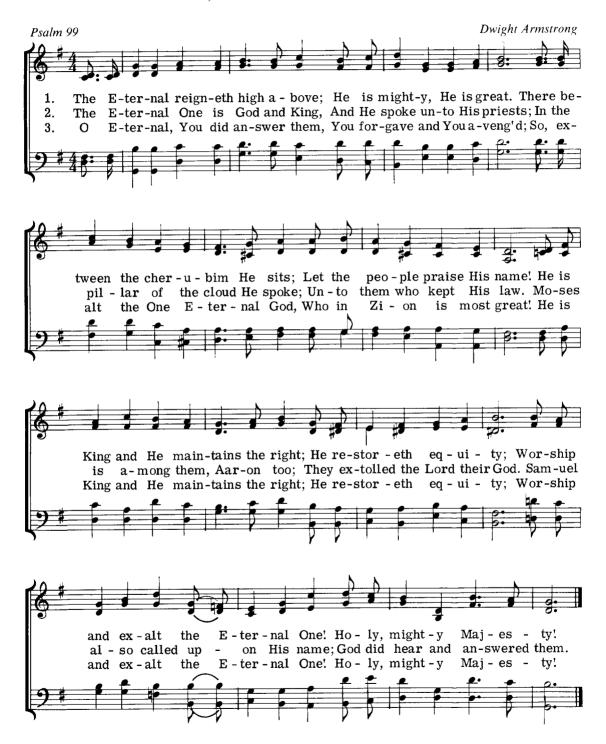
THE LORD ETERNAL REIGNS!



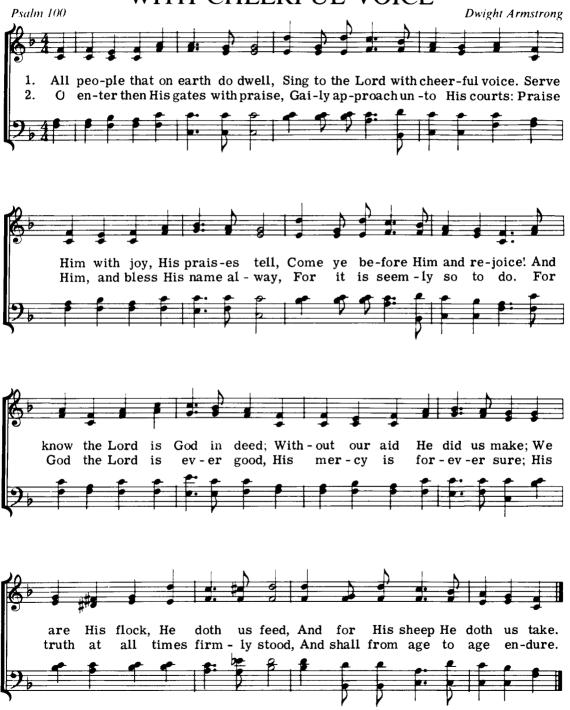
SING PRAISES AND REJOICE!



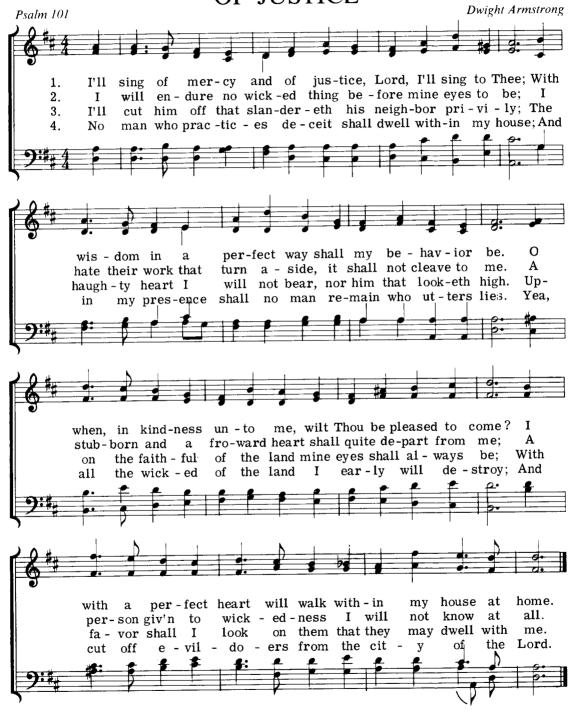
HOLY, MIGHTY MAJESTY!



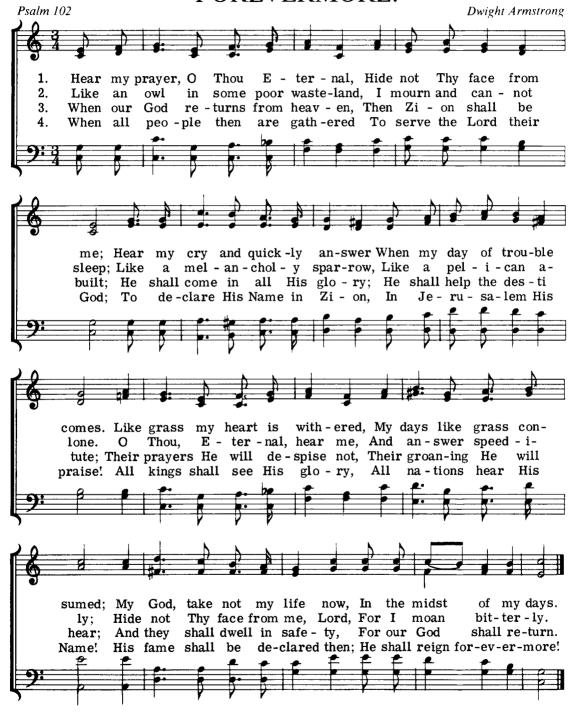
SING TO THE LORD WITH CHEERFUL VOICE



I'LL SING OF MERCY AND OF JUSTICE



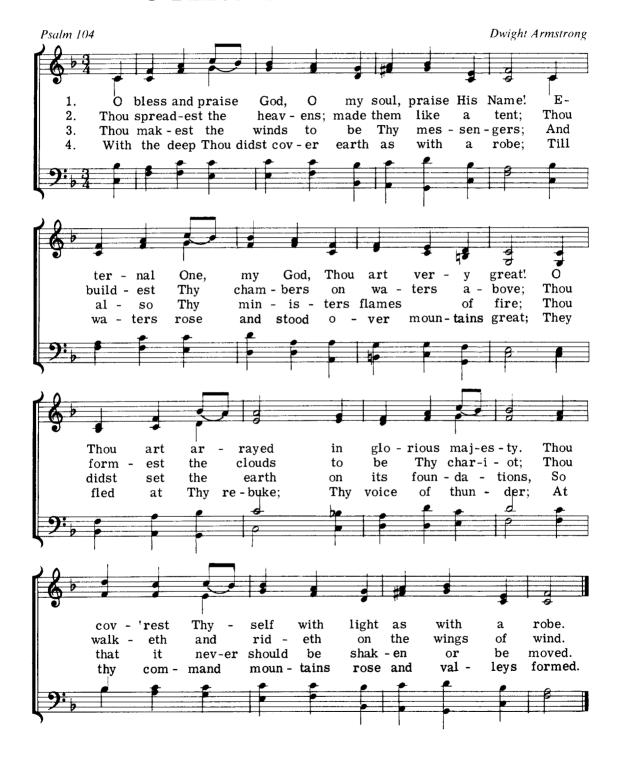
HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE!



BLESS THE LORD ETERNAL, O MY SOUL



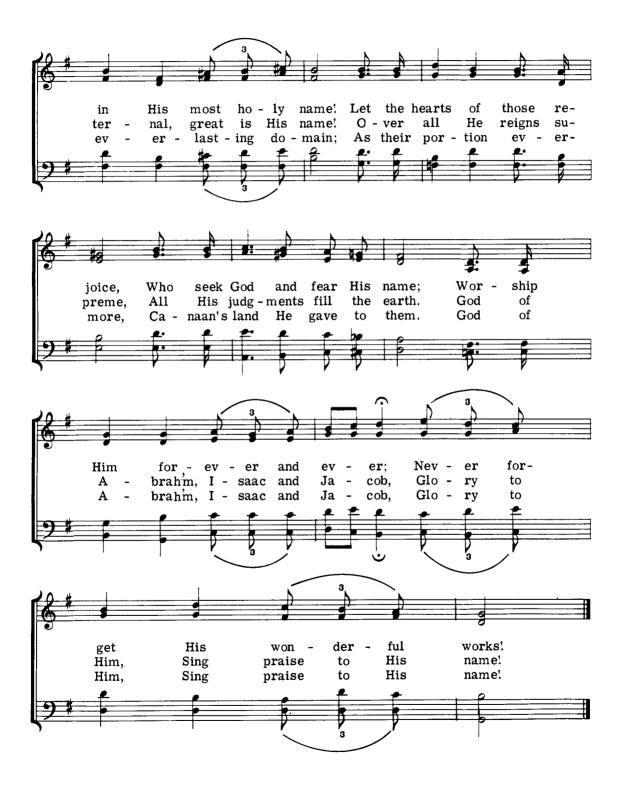
O BLESS AND PRAISE GOD!



REMEMBER US, O ETERNAL



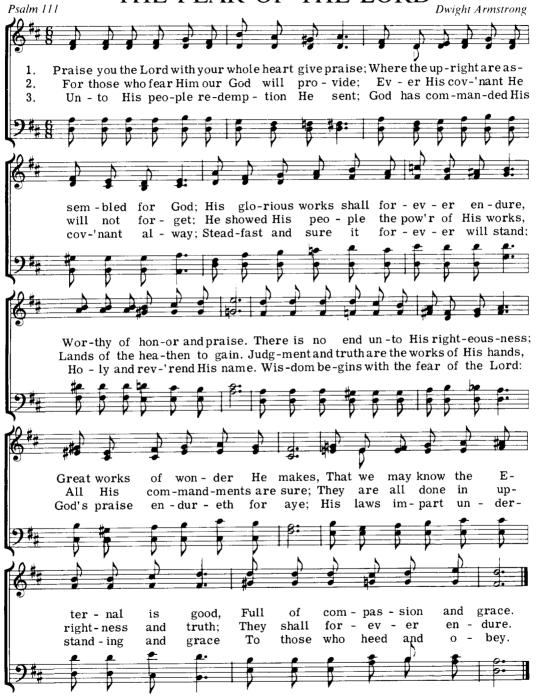




O THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THEIR GOD!



WISDOM BEGINS WITH THE FEAR OF THE LORD

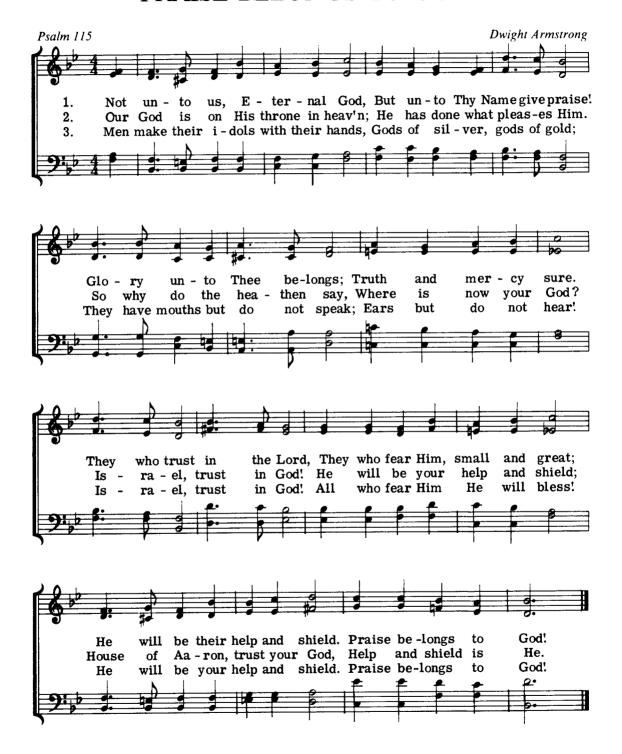


WHEN ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT WENT

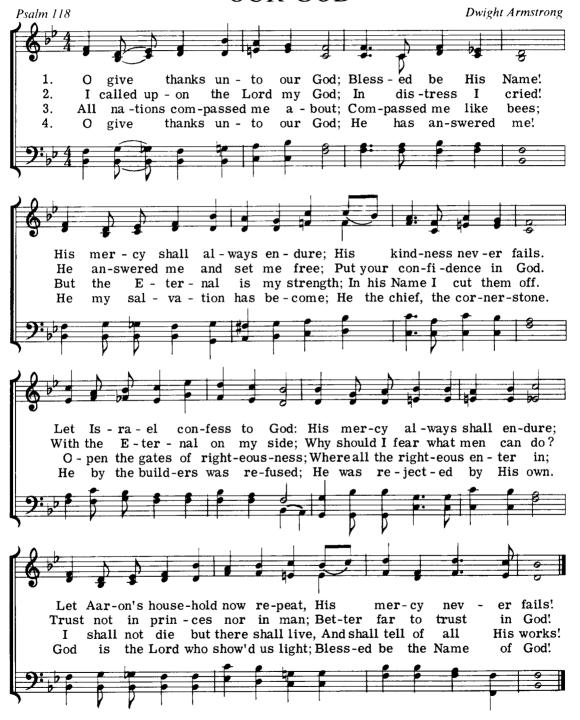




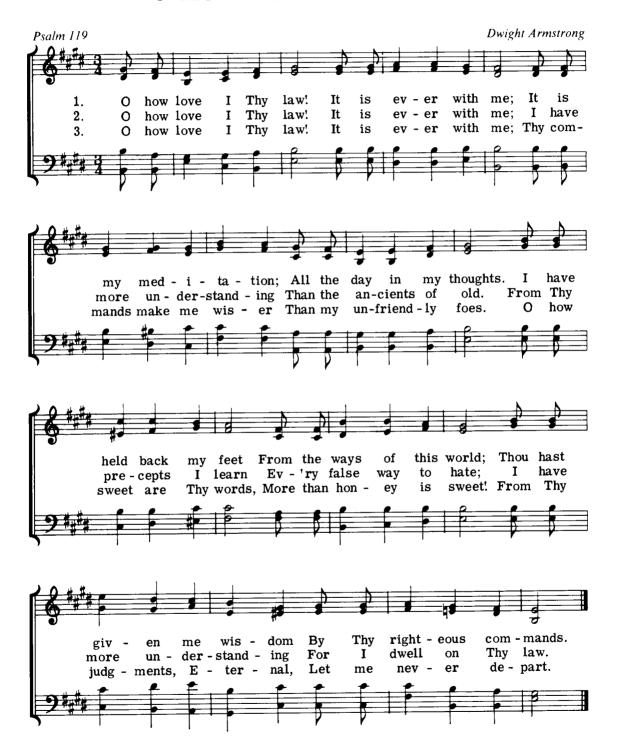
PRAISE BELONGS TO GOD!



O GIVE THANKS UNTO OUR GOD



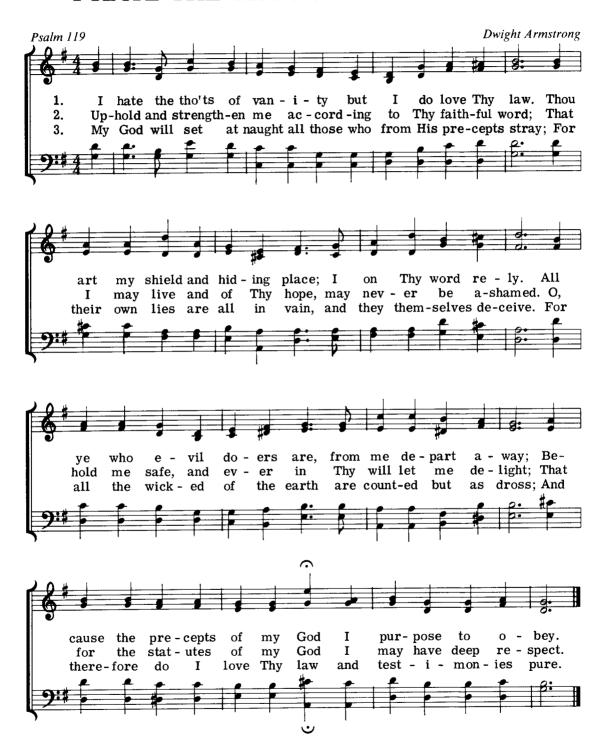
O HOW LOVE I THY LAW!



FOR THY LAW IS TRUTH AND LOVE



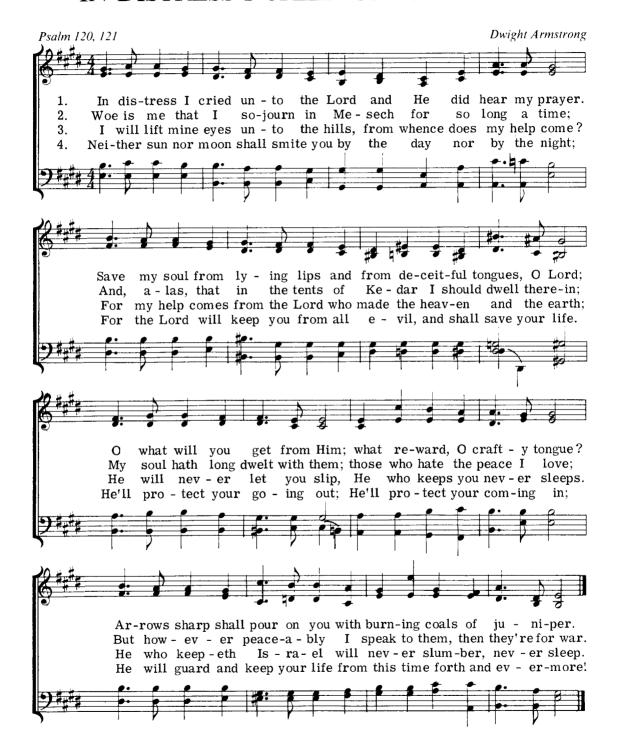
I HATE THE THOUGHTS OF VANITY



LORD YOU DEALT WELL WITH ME



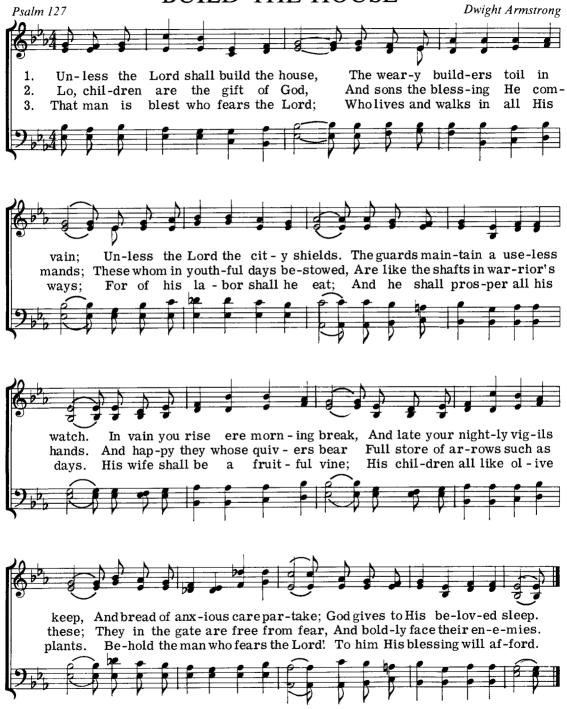
IN DISTRESS I CRIED UNTO THE LORD



TO THE HILLS I'LL LIFT MINE EYES



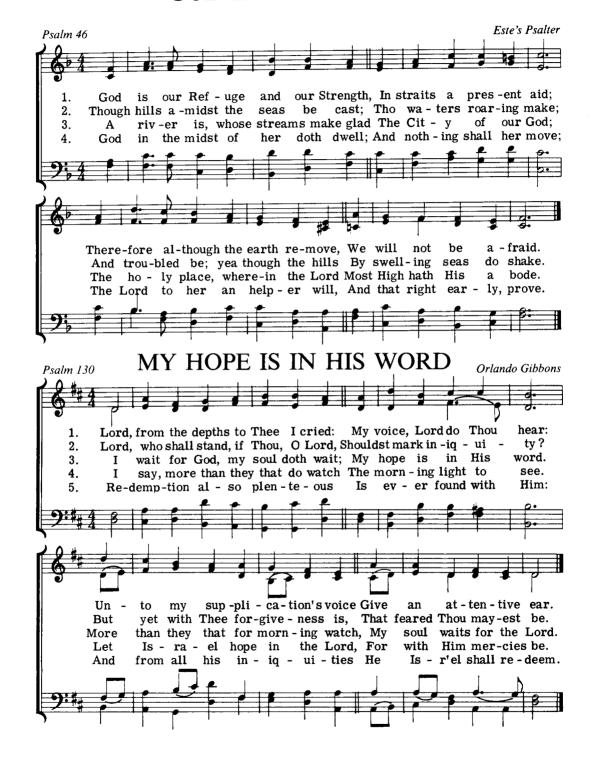
UNLESS THE LORD SHALL BUILD THE HOUSE



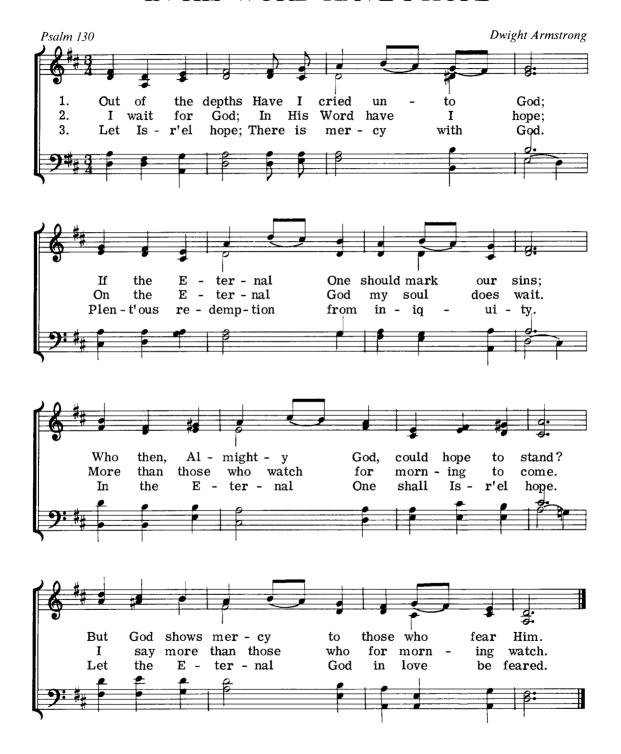
BLEST AND HAPPY IS HE



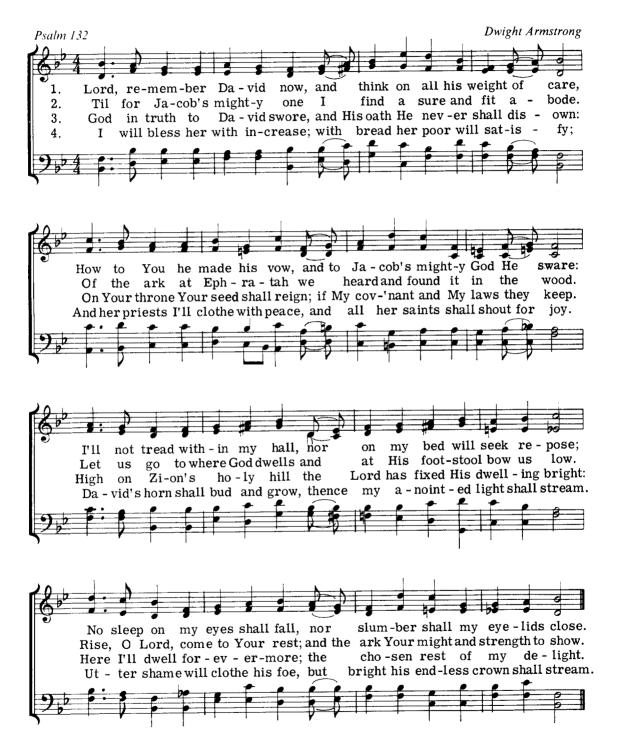
GOD IS OUR REFUGE



IN HIS WORD HAVE I HOPE



HIGH ON ZION'S HOLY HILL



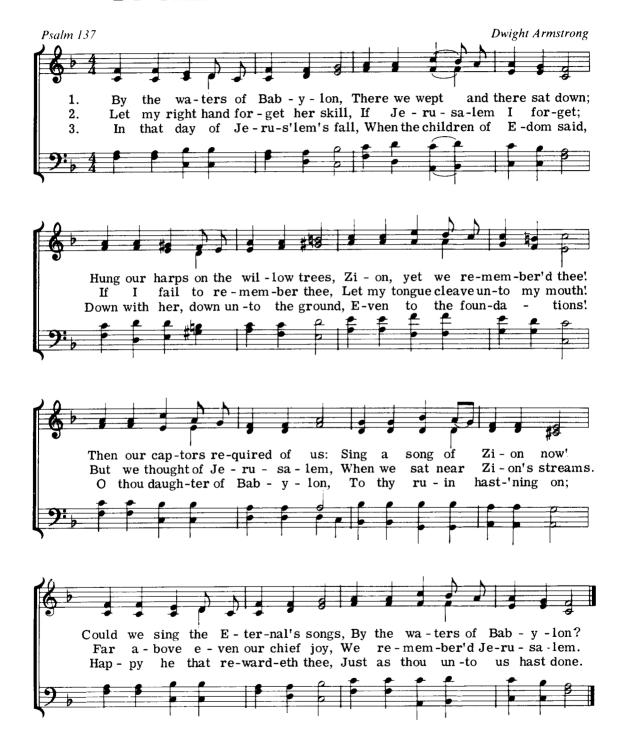
PRAISE GOD'S NAME!



HIS MERCY NEVER FAILS



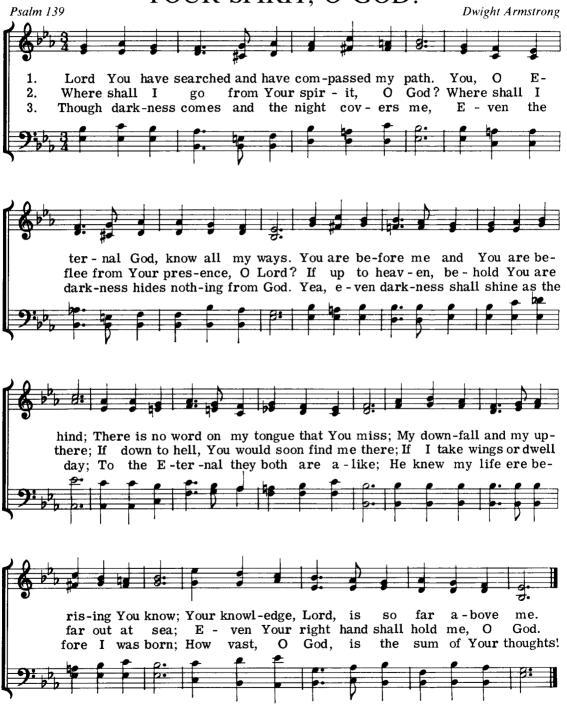
BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON



LORD, I WILL PRAISE THEE!



WHERE SHALL I GO FROM YOUR SPIRIT, O GOD?



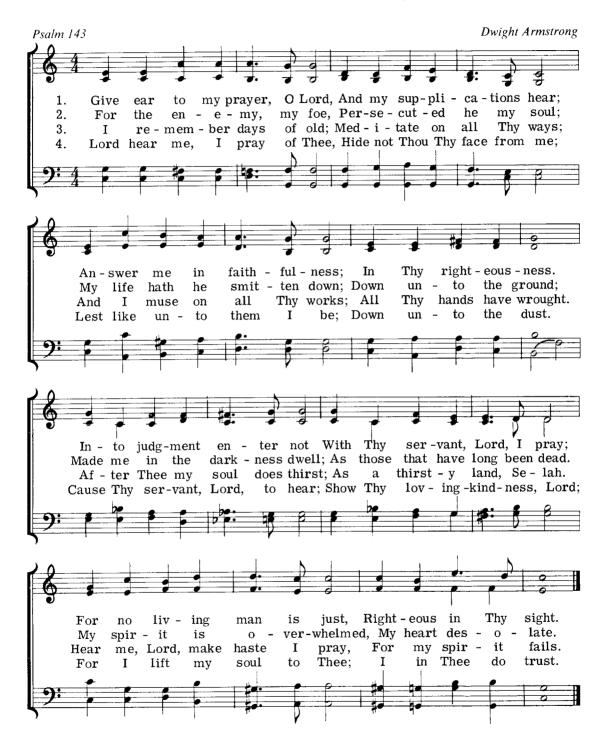
HEAR MY CRY, ETERNAL ONE



TO THE ETERNAL I WILL CRY



GIVE EAR TO MY PRAYER, O LORD



O LORD, THOU ART MY GOD AND KING!

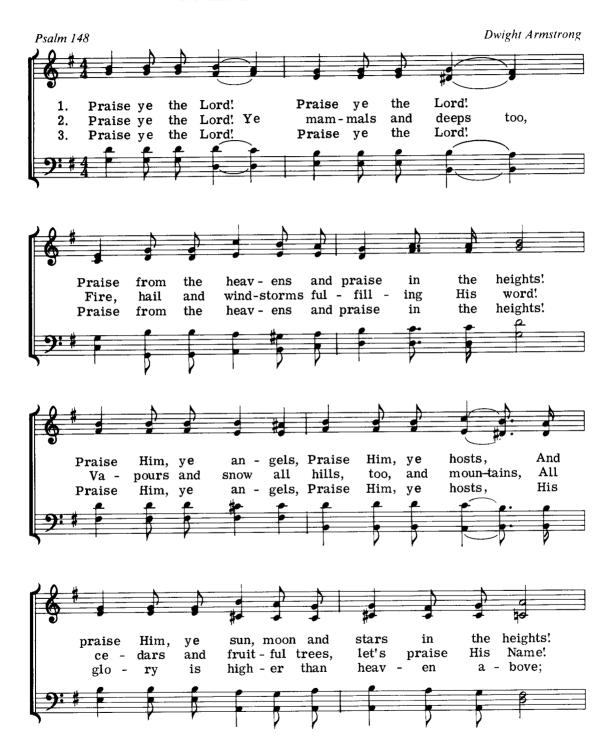


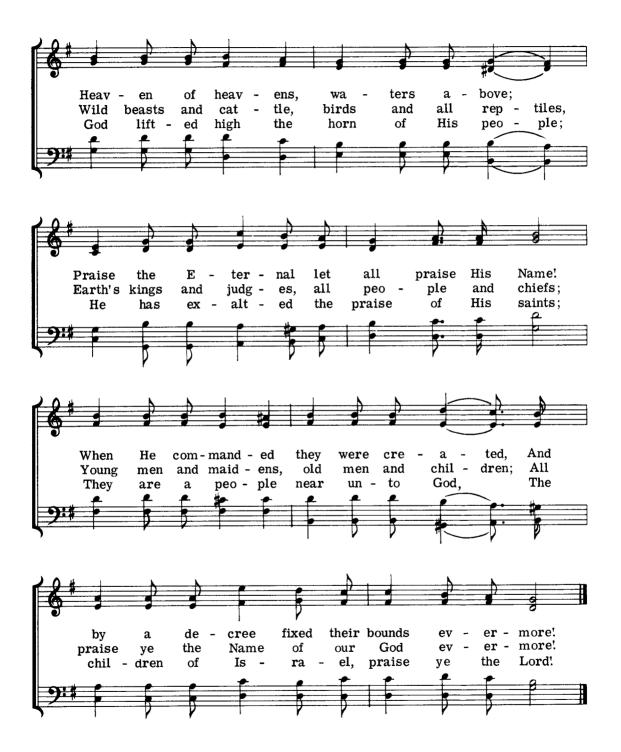
LORD, TEACH ME THAT I MAY KNOW





PRAISE YE THE LORD!





HALLELUJAH! PRAISE GOD!



COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING



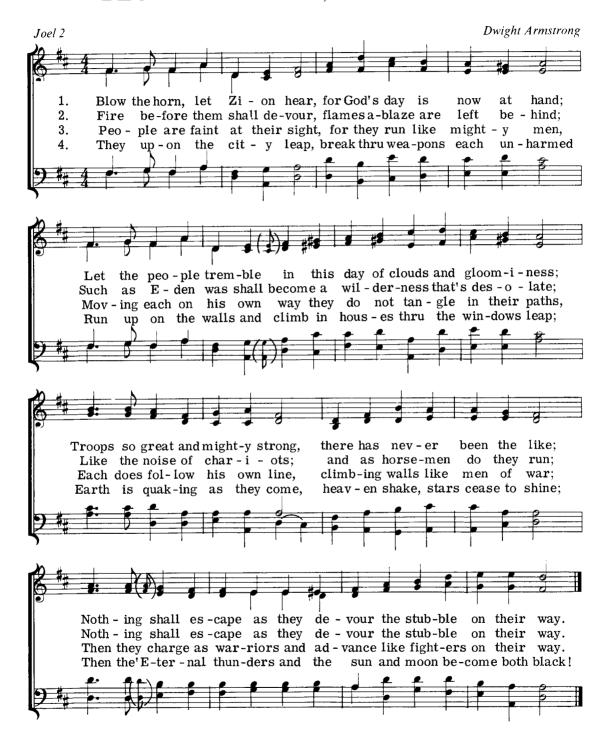
I WILL SING TO THE ETERNAL



THEE WILL I LOVE, O LORD



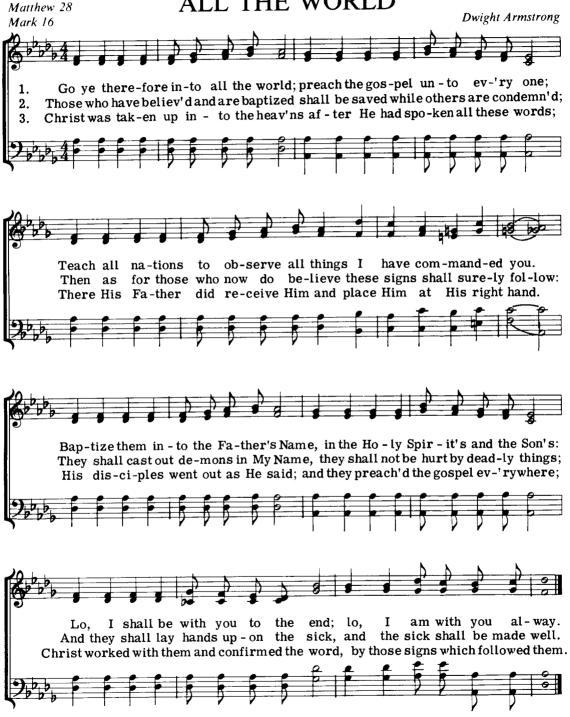
BLOW THE HORN, LET ZION HEAR!



BEHOLD, THE DAY WILL COME



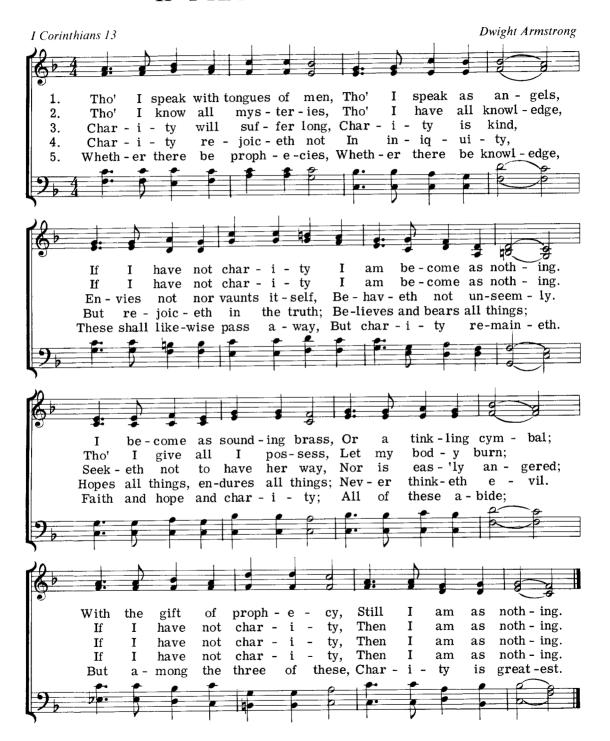
GO YE THEREFORE INTO ALL THE WORLD



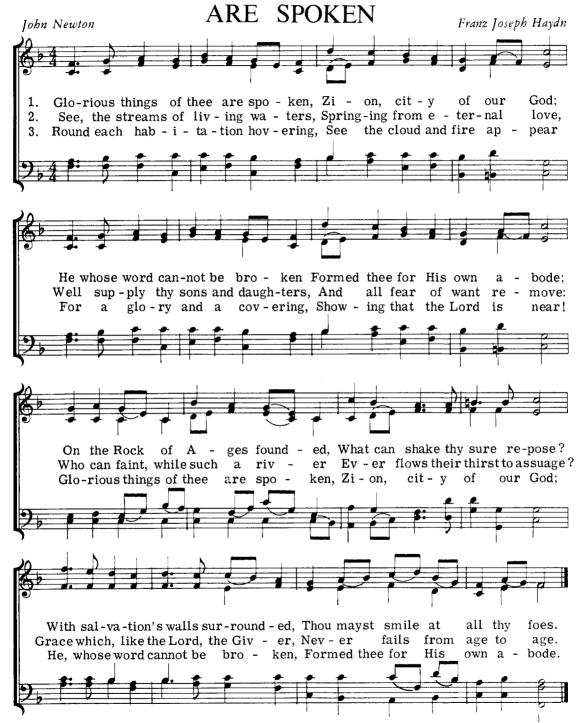
NOT MANY WISE MEN NOW ARE CALLED



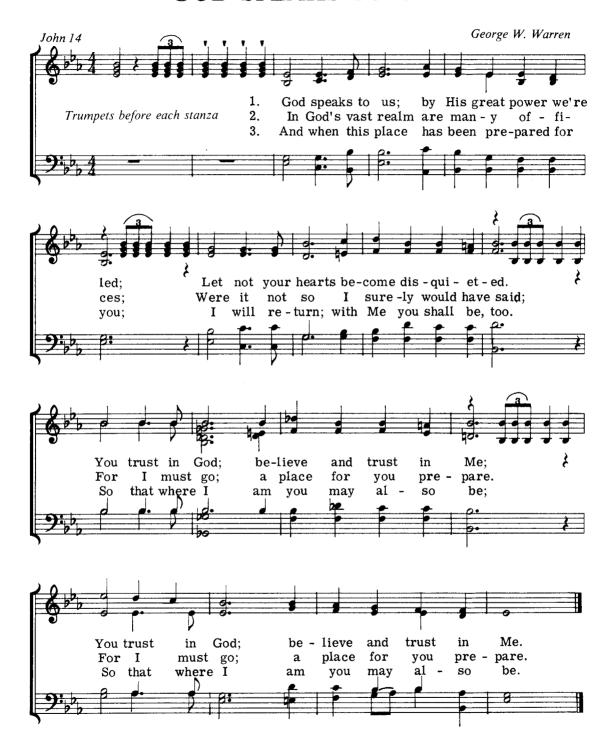
IF I HAVE NOT CHARITY



GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE



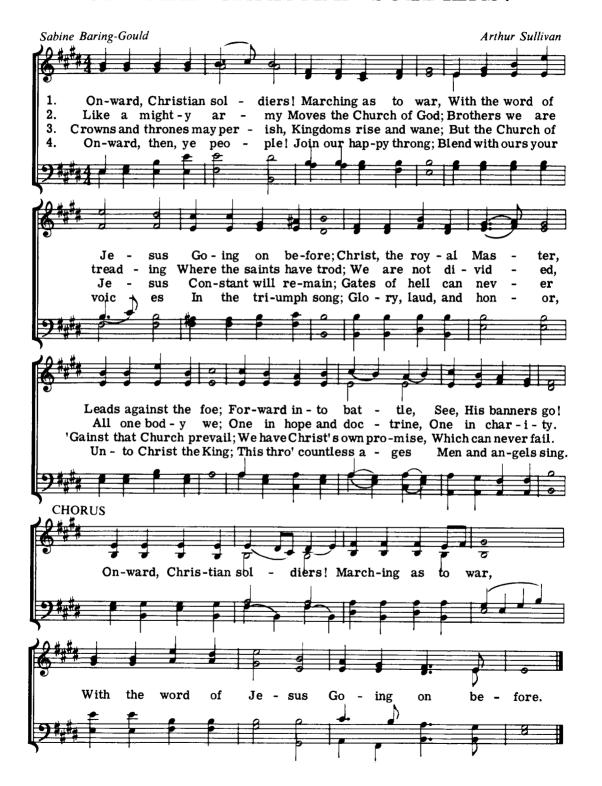
GOD SPEAKS TO US



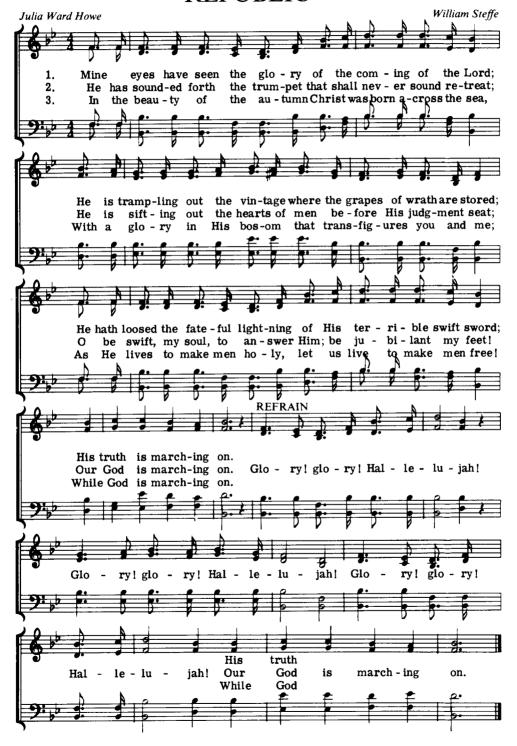
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL



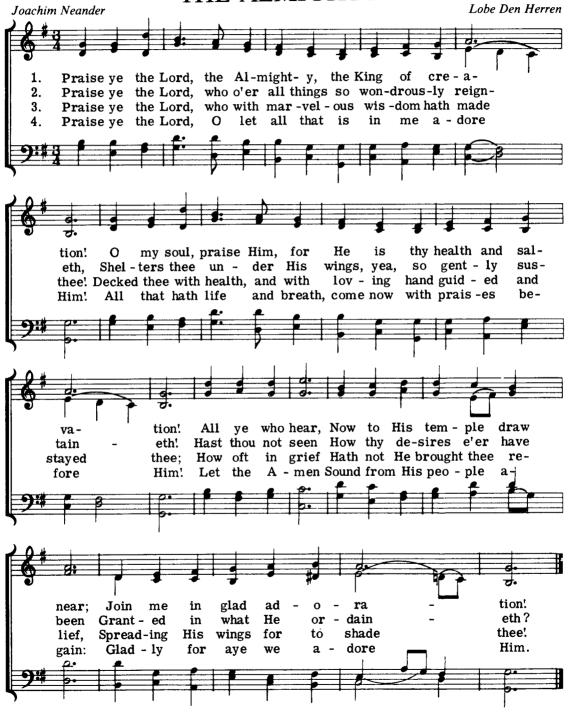
ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!



BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC



PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY



"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving" Psalm 100:4



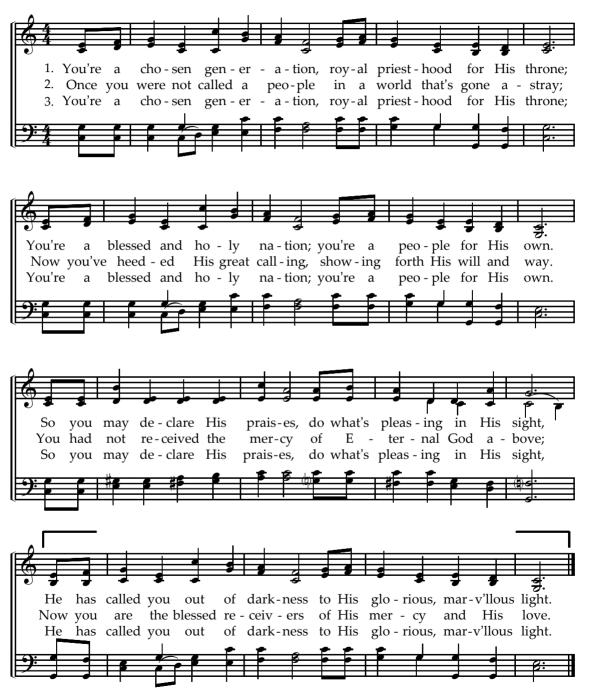
Hearts of the Fathers

"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children" Malachi 4:6



A Chosen Generation

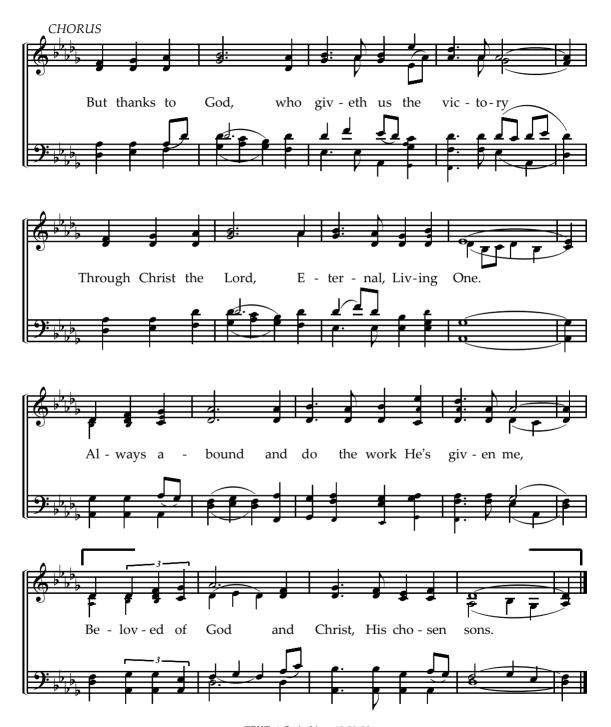
"...a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people" 1 Peter 2:9



The Trumpet Shall Sound

Inanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ" 1 Corinthians 15:57





TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 MUSIC: Ross Jutsum

Ambassadors for Christ

"...be reconciled to God" 2 Corinthians 5:20



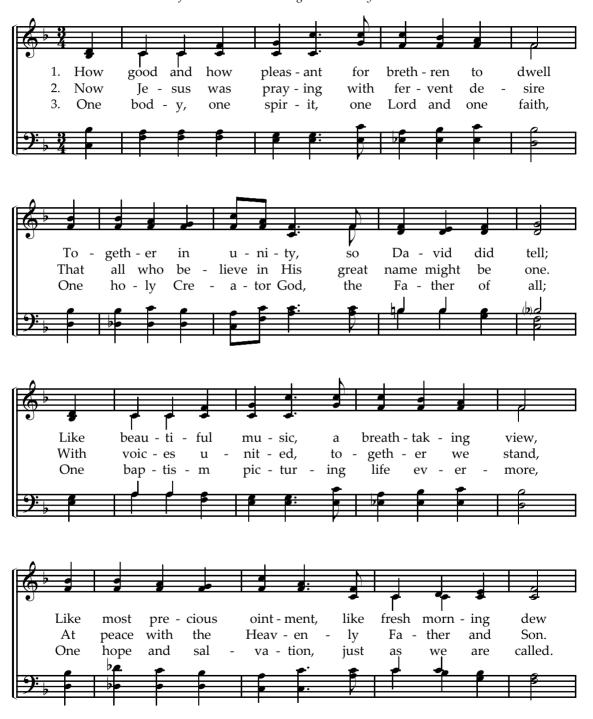


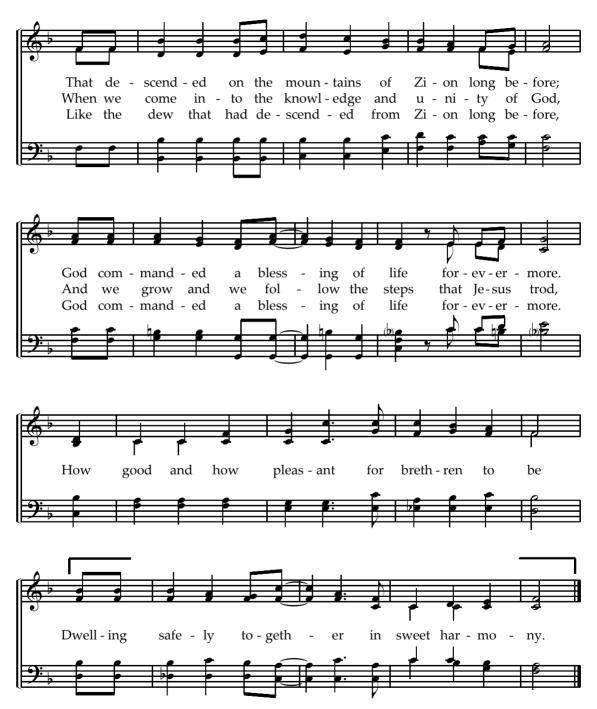
TEXT: Matthew 6:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; 6:1-2, 6, 16-18; Philippians 3:14

MUSIC: Ross Jutsum

How Good and How Pleasant

"...it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1



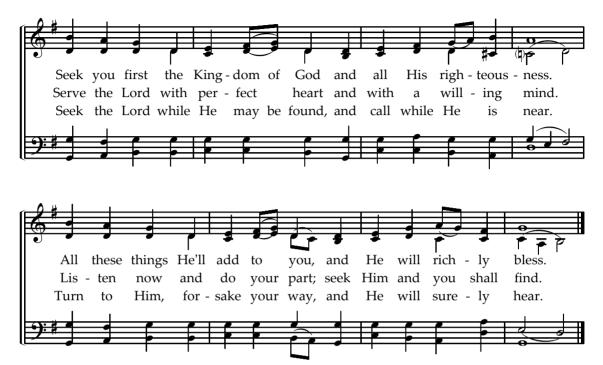


TEXT: Psalm 133; John 17; Ephesians 4; 1 John 3:23 MUSIC: Ross Jutsum

Seek You First the Kingdom of God

"...and all these things shall be added to you" Matthew 6:33





TEXT: 1 Chronicles 28; Isaiah 55; Matthew 6:33; 7:7 MUSIC: Ross Jutsum

"...serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts.

If you seek Him,

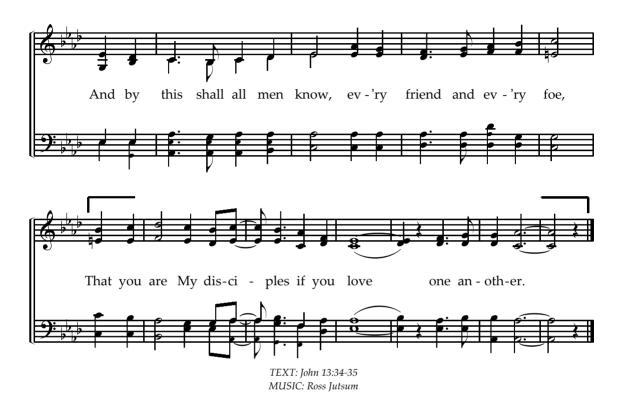
He will be found by you."

1 Chronicles 28:9

By This Shall All Men Know

"...that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" John 13:35





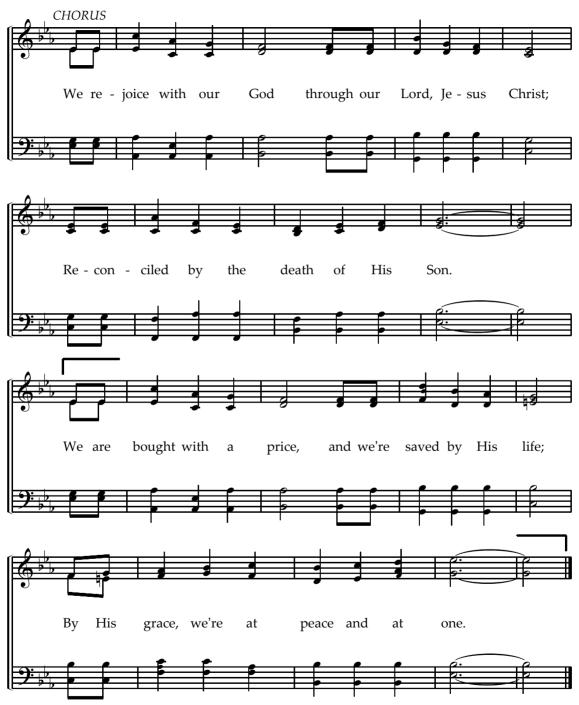
"Therefore, behold,
I will again do a marvelous work among this people,
a marvelous work and a wonder."

Isaiah 29:14

At One With God

"We were reconciled to God through the death of His Son" Romans 5:10

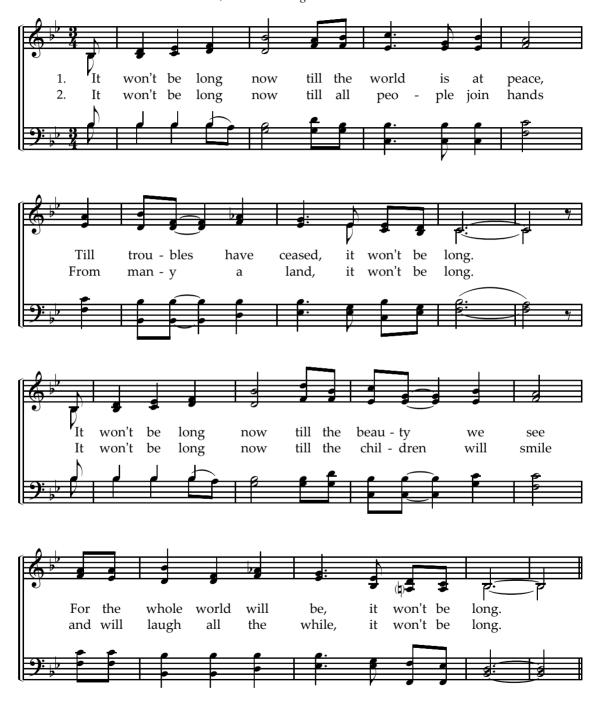




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It Won't Be Long Now "Behold, I make all things new" Revelation 21:5





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About this Hymnal

The songs in this hymnal are essentially the psalms and other passages of English translations of the Holy Bible set to music. While the English words would have been foreign to the original Christians, the messages that they convey would have been consistent with the songs that the original Christians sang.

The songs in this specific hymnal were published by the old Worldwide Church of God in 1974, plus ten additional hymns later commissioned by Herbert W. Armstrong. On June 26, 2006, the hymns written by Dwight Armstrong were released into the public domain by the then copyright holder. In 2013, the *Continuing* Church of God took steps to make these hymns available on the internet (www.ccog.org) as well as in written form. The Bible Hymnal as produced by the *Continuing* Church of God that you are now reading about is essentially the old 1974 edition plus ten additions, with updated covers and a few sentences after Herbert W. Armstrong's signature related to the "HOW THIS HYMNAL CAME TO BE" introduction to the 1974 edition.

About the Front Cover

The photo shows some of the few remaining bricks (plus some added later) of a building in Jerusalem sometimes known as the Cenacle, but better described as the Church of God on Jerusalem's Western Hill (that 'western hill' is commonly known as 'Mt. Zion'). It is believed to have been the site of perhaps the earliest real Christian church building. Bricks from the Jewish Temple, that the Romans destroyed c.70 A.D., are believed to have been used in both the foundation and walls of this building.

Some legends suggest this building/wall is near or where the last Passover of Jesus, Pentecost of Acts 2, and/or certain other notable New Testament events took place (like Matthias being chosen as an apostle, Acts 1:12-26). While those New Testament uses for it are scientifically questionable, history suggests that it was used by Christians as early as in the first century. Furthermore it most certainly was a location that the Sabbath-keeping Nazarene Christians used until they were forced out of it in the fourth century by supporters of Emperor Constantine's professed faith. Although the Greco-Romans have since built their type of church in the same basic location, some of the original bricks continue and are shown on the cover. The *Continuing* Church of God is continuing the original Christian faith and felt that the building should remind people that the original faith came out of the area of Judea and Jerusalem as did apparently the first known Christian building.

About the *Continuing* Church of God

The Bible teaches that Christians are to "contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3, NKJV) and to "Let brotherly love (Philadelphia) continue" (Hebrews 13:1) while "continuing stedfastly in the teaching of the apostles" (Acts 2:42 YLT). This is what the *Continuing* Church of God strives to do as it works on Jesus' commissions as laid out in Matthew 28:19-20 and the proclamation of gospel of the Kingdom as set forth in Matthew 24:14 and Matthew 28:19-20.

The predominant biblical name of the true Church in the New Testament is "Church of God." Variants of this expression are clearly stated singular and plural forms in twelve different places in the New Testament (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 10:32; 11:16,22; ;15:9; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:14; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; 1 Timothy 3:5,15). Throughout Christian history, the true church has normally used a version of the expression "Church of God" (or Church of Christ, cf. Romans 16:16) though often with another term with it (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Timothy 3:15). Jesus said that Christians would be kept in His Father's name (John 17:12), which most often is simply "God" in the New Testament, hence "Church of God." Historical records show that name or variants (Romans 16:16) have been used by the truly faithful (as well as some imitators) throughout the church age.

History also shows that the leadership of the Church of God often relocated. For example, after problems in Jerusalem in the late 60s A.D., the main location of the early faithful leadership of the Church of God shifted to Asia Minor (though portions were earlier also in Antioch). It then seemed to pass to various parts of Europe and then to differing locations in the Western Hemisphere. The original faith has continued throughout the centuries, though the geographic location of its main leadership often changed as was foretold in scripture (Hebrews 13:14 and Matthew 10:22-23).

Since the true Church of God has continued as prophesied from the time of the original apostles (Matthew 16:18), the name *Continuing* Church of God was selected to help convey that. The *Continuing* Church of God is a new name for the group with the truest continuing succession to the original Church of God of the New Testament. The top human leadership for *Continuing* Church of God has long been based in the "Five Cities" region of California. The *Continuing* Church of God has its main administrative office in Grover Beach, California. More information on its work, priorities, mission, doctrine, leadership, and history can be found at www.ccog.org.

