

**Carmel Presbyterian Church  
Second Sunday in Lent  
Self-Development of People Sunday  
March 13, 2022**



**Order of Worship\***

*\* Please stand, as able.*

*Congregation voices **Bold** responses.*

**Greeting and Announcements – Pastor Peter**

**Prelude – “Londonderry Air” – Franklin D. Ashdown**

**\* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively; Adapted from Psalm 27) – Pastor Peter**

Wait for the Lord. Be strong; take heart.

**We will see the goodness of God in the land of the living.**

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

**Whom shall we fear?**

Though adversaries plot against us,

**God protects us from harm.**

Sing to the Lord with songs of joy.

**Make melody to the Lord, our God.**

Come, let us worship.

**\* Opening Hymn 488 – “The God of Abraham Praise” —LEONI**

**Call to Confession – Pastor Peter**

**Prayer of Confession (In unison; adapted from Genesis 15, Psalm 27) – Pastor Peter**

**Mysterious One, in the darkness of night, you met Abraham’s deepest fears. We long to meet you in the secret place of our dreams. Come to us in our darkest nights, and overcome our fear and dread with your hope and promise of new life. Help us be strong and take heart, for you are our light and our salvation. Your power draws us like a moth to the flame. Teach us your ways, O God, that we may be your beloved children—children of life and promise...**

*(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)*

Amen. **Amen.**

**Kyrie 574 – “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us” – David N. Johnson  
Sanctuary Choir**

***Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively; From Luke 13) – Pastor Peter***

Friends: hear the good news of the gospel. Christ's desire is to gather us together,

**As a mother hen gathers her brood under her wing.**

Be strong; take heart, for God's love and mercy pursue us,

**Even in the darkest night. Thanks be to God!**

**\* *Gloria Patri – Hymn 579 – “Glory Be to the Father” — Henry W. Greatorex***

**\* *Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively) – Pastor Peter***

Believing that we will see the goodness of God in our fellowship today, let us share signs of this goodness as we pass the peace of Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you!

**Peace be with you!**

*(Remaining in your pew, greet one another, sharing God's peace now and throughout the week.)*

***Children's Message – Pastor Peter***

*(Following the Children's Message, children third-grade and below are invited to depart for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)*

***Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison) – Led by Janet Simon***

**God: your people are listening! As we approach your Word for us today, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may join in the hope of your sons and daughters in Christ. Amen.**

***Old Testament Reading — Read by Janet Simon***

*The Old Testament lectionary reading is Genesis, chapter 15, verses 1-12,17-18. Abram believes in the Lord; God makes a covenant with Abram. Listen now for the Word of God to you!*

After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great."

But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram's high moral character.

He said to Abram, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession."

But Abram said, "Lord God, how do I know that I will actually possess it?"

He said, "Bring me a three-year-old female calf, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a dove, and a young pigeon." He took all of these animals, split them in half, and laid the halves facing each

other, but he didn't split the birds. When vultures swooped down on the carcasses, Abram waved them off. After the sun set, Abram slept deeply. A terrifying and deep darkness settled over him.....

.... After the sun had set and darkness had deepened, a smoking vessel with a fiery flame passed between the split-open animals. That day the Lord cut a covenant with Abram: "To your descendants I give this land, from Egypt's river to the great Euphrates..."

*This is the Word of the Lord!*

***Thanks be to God!***

**\* Hymn 179 – "God Is My Strong Salvation" – CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN**

***(From the lectionary Psalm 27: I believe I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.)***

***New Testament Reading – Read by Janet Simon***

*Our second reading from the lectionary is Philippians, chapter 3, verse 17- Chapter 4, verse 1. God will transform our humiliation into glory; stand firm in the Lord. Listen now for the Word of God to you!*

Brothers and sisters, become imitators of me and watch those who live this way—you can use us as models. As I have told you many times and now say with deep sadness, many people live as enemies of the cross. Their lives end with destruction. Their god is their stomach, and they take pride in their disgrace because their thoughts focus on earthly things. Our citizenship is in heaven. We look forward to a savior that comes from there—the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform our humble bodies so that they are like his glorious body, by the power that also makes him able to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

***New Testament Gospel Reading – Read by Pastor Peter***

*The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 13, verses 31-35. Sorrow for Jerusalem: Jesus laments: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets! Listen now for the Word of God to you!*

At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."

Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Look, I'm throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. However, it's necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it's impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn't want that. Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won't see me until the time comes when you say, *Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord's name.*"

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

**"Foxes and Hens"**

**\* Hymn 84 – "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" – RATHBUN**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns – Pastor Peter**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession & The Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors') – Pastor Peter**

**Invitation to the Offering – Pastor Peter**

*(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)*

**Offertory –**

**"We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light"**

**Hal H. Hopson**

**(Text: based on Psalm 27:1-4)**

**Sanctuary Choir, Jimmy Scholly, conga drum**

*We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.*

*The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?  
Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light. (Refrain)*

*One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:  
To dwell in the house of the Lord; to live with God forever. (Refrain)*

*When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone.  
Our feet are lifted high; yes, high upon a rock. (Refrain)*

*We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure.  
We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song. (Refrain)*

**\* Doxology 592 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – Genevan Psalter**

**\* Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts and Tithes – Led by Janet Simon**

**God of light: your blessings are as numerous as the stars; your mercy is as deep as the sea. When we had no future, you gifted us with a heritage that endures. For gathering us into your embrace like a mother hen gathers her chicks, and for your many blessings, we offer you our tithes and offerings. May these gifts be a source of blessing for others, that all might know the promise of your goodness in the mean places of the world. Amen.**

**\* Hymn 282 – "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" – WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT**

**\* Charge and Benediction (Read responsively) – Pastor Peter**

Go forth in hope: The Lord is our light and our salvation.

**In God, we are not afraid.**

Go forth in courage: The Lord is our shelter from the storm.

**In God, we dwell secure.**

Go forth in peace: The Lord embraces us in the arms of love.

**In God, we find our true home.**

*Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)*

*Postlude – Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten — J. S. Bach  
("If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee")*

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## **Announcements**

### **Guests: You Are Welcome Here**

**WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY.** We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will gather with us again soon. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for a weekly email of future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with the Pastor if you are interested in membership. A **Virtual Fellowship Time** is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building. Welcome!

**THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY** this morning glorify God in loving memory of Jack Badger by his family.

**GRATITUDE FOR MUSICAL GIFTS** – Special thanks to **Jimmy Scholly** for helping us with the conga drum today. Jimmy grew up singing in the Carmel choirs and is a senior at Abington High School.

**EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THOSE FLEEING VIOLENCE IN UKRAINE** – Support the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s **emergency relief for those fleeing violence in Ukraine**. The Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, has produced the largest refugee crisis in Europe this century. In less than a week, 2 million residents – mostly women and children – fled their homes. Ukrainians face urgent needs for medical care and basic needs like food, water, and fuel. Your donation at this crucial moment can help save lives. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** has a specially designated account to supplement the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering to enable a significant response for humanitarian efforts to assist international refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Please drop a check marked "**Ukraine22**" in the offering plate or make your direct donation via [www.pcusa.org/ukraine22](http://www.pcusa.org/ukraine22). Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated.

**GOOD HAPPENS WHEN YOU DONATE TO OGHS!** – **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** is the way Presbyterians come together each year. The gifts are shared among **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People**, and a group of live chickens as a way to fight poverty. Special envelopes are in the pews and on the table in the back of the Sanctuary near the offering plate. This Sunday on the denominational calendar is **Self-Development of People Sunday**.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX** – Lenten devotionals: Family devotional bags, "**Reflections on the Heart**," with a Lenten calendar and family activities, and a separate Adult devotional guide, "**Full to the Brim**," are available on the table in the Narthex. Take one or more home to use during Lent. Provided by the Christian Education Committee.

**CELEBRATE EASTER – JOIN THE FESTIVAL CHOIR** – You are invited to join our **Sanctuary Choir** to help form a special **Festival Choir** for our **Good Friday** and **Easter** services. It is just a commitment of five weeks. Carmel members and friends who cannot make that weekly Thursday night commitment throughout the academic year, but would like to sing in a choir, are invited for these special services. Anyone who can match pitch and can smile is welcome to sing. **Rehearsals** for **Easter** begin on Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will run for five weeks: Thursdays, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 7 and Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 PM. We will be singing for the **Good Friday** service on April 15 at 7:30 PM and the 10:00 AM **Easter** service on April 17. Please contact **Abby Palmisano** and let her know that you can come, or just come to as many of the rehearsal dates as you can make. If you have any questions, please call Abby at 215-887-1074 (press #3). Hope to see you then!

**ENJOY BINGO WITH EACH OTHER IN CARMEL HALL ON MARCH 25** – Join together in Carmel Hall for a good old-fashioned game of **BINGO**. **Food** starts at 6:30, games at 7:00 on Friday, March 25, 2022. Come one, come all, bring the kiddos, introduce them to this nostalgic fun. Please let us know you can join us so we can prepare appropriately. Contact **Melissa Deacon**: [mdeacon782@comcast.net](mailto:mdeacon782@comcast.net) or call the Church Office.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP EACH SUNDAY IN CARMEL HALL** – **Coffee Hour Fellowship** is back after Sunday worship downstairs in Carmel Hall. Join us for coffee/tea, baked goods, and good conversation with fellow members and friends.

**ZOOM ADULT STUDY WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT: PRACTICE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES!** – Participate in a special Lenten six-week adult group zoom study *Practice Spiritual Disciplines*. Be part of the discussion each Wednesday in Lent—through Wednesday, April 6—on ZOOM from 7:30-9:00 pm. Make the Season of Lent more meaningful; prepare for **Holy Week** and Easter's new life! God's central invitation to followers of Jesus is to draw near to God in Christ and to allow God, through the Holy Spirit, to transform us into Christ's image. **Christian spiritual disciplines and spiritual practices** are ways in which we do that. Spiritual disciplines are usually thought of as those things that help us draw near to God and might include different forms of prayer, meditation, study, and service. Spiritual practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Many of the spiritual disciplines covered in this unit have emerged over the centuries as Christians have experimented with ways to make space in their lives to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to transform them. Pick up *Practice Spiritual Disciplines: An Adult Reflection Booklet* available now in the narthex and in the Church Office. More copies are on order. Copies of this week's session on "Prayer" are available in the Church Office.

**CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS** of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care and Children's Worship** (third grade and below) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are being led by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, Marleen Heintz for **Nursery Care** and Melissa MacFarland for **Children's Worship**. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, *please call the Church Office by Friday noon*, so that the nursery is staffed. **Children's Worship** will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after the **Children's Message**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen or Melissa.

**CARMEL YOUTH GROUPS OASIS AND REFUGE & CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES:** **Refuge** will meet on designated Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm, in person, in Carmel Hall and welcomes all in grades 3-8. Safety protocols will be followed with dinner and a rotating activity each week: service or craft project, Bible lesson, gym or game room activity and monthly special activities. **Oasis** meets designated Sundays, 7:00 pm in the

Loft and welcomes all in grades 9-12. Join in the Fellowship and, as always, friends are welcome. The **Confirmation Group** meets Sundays at 9:00 am in the Chapel.

**WONDER “WHAT’S GOING ON?” CHECK OUT CARMEL’S WEBSITE!** Explore the wealth of information at [www.presbycarmel.org](http://www.presbycarmel.org). Easily find links for the current livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not to miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

**JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH!** **Live Streaming Worship** continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone and on Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP SUPPLIES, HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BIBLES and ORDERS OF SERVICE** are available from the Ushers.

**SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE** several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

**WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19** – Masking in the building is now optional in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's revised guidelines that places Montgomery County in the "medium" risk level. Those whose health is compromised should consult their healthcare provider as to whether to continue wearing a mask. Visitors and members are welcome to wear a mask if they wish. Masking requirements will automatically fluctuate accordingly as Montgomery County moves between the various CDC levels of low, medium and high, with masks only required when at the high level. Members will be notified as levels change and updated signs will be placed on the front door of the church.

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***Participating in Worship this Morning (and clergy)***

*Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor*

*James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus*

*Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music*

*Janet Simon, Liturgist*

*The Sanctuary Choir*

*Jimmy Scholly, Playing the Conga Drum*

*Beth Cherry and Barbara Knox, Usher/Greeters*

*Beth Cherry and Barbara Knox, Shepherds*

*Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member*

*Gary Moll, Stefanie O’Gara, Jay Raulinitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators*

*Hosting Coffee & Fellowship*

***Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live streamed at 10:00 am)***

*YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIDvsRw>  
**Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409  
**“Virtual Fellowship Time” may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.***

***Signup to Help with Worship!***

*Each Sunday we have several spots you can assist. Click here:  
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>*

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The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI 6.6.8.4 D

Daniel ben Judah, 1404

Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt.

Hebrew melody  
Adapt. Thomas Olivers  
and Meyer Lyon, 1770

1. The God of A-braham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
2. Your spir - it still flows free, High surg - ing where it will;  
3. You have e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;

The an - cient of e - ter - nal days, The God of love!  
In proph-et's word You spoke of old And You speak still.  
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven con - fessed,  
Es - tab - lished is Your law, And change-less it shall stand,  
We praise You, liv - ing God! We praise Your ho - ly name;

We bow be - fore Your ho - ly name, For - ev - er blest.  
Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.  
The first, the last, be - yond all thought, And still the same!

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# Glory Be to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

PSALM 27

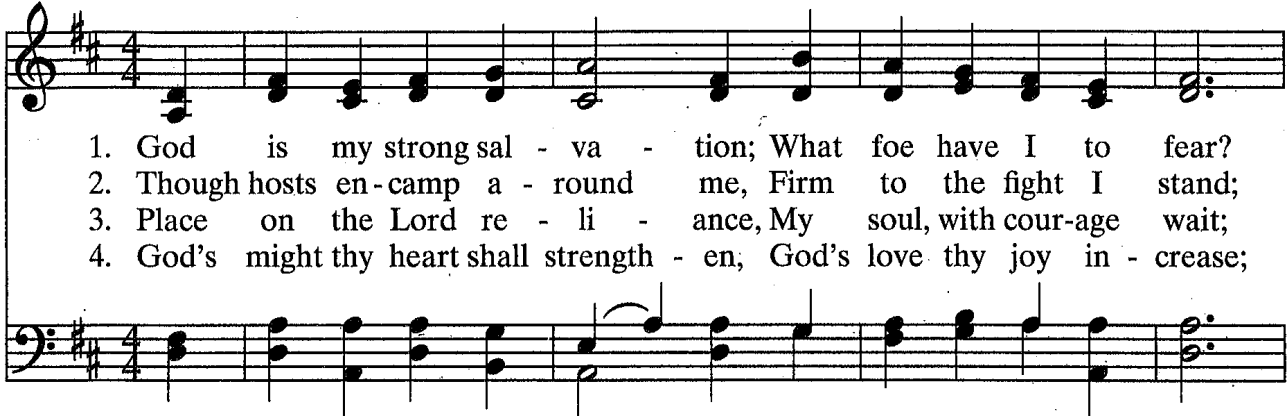
# God Is My Strong Salvation

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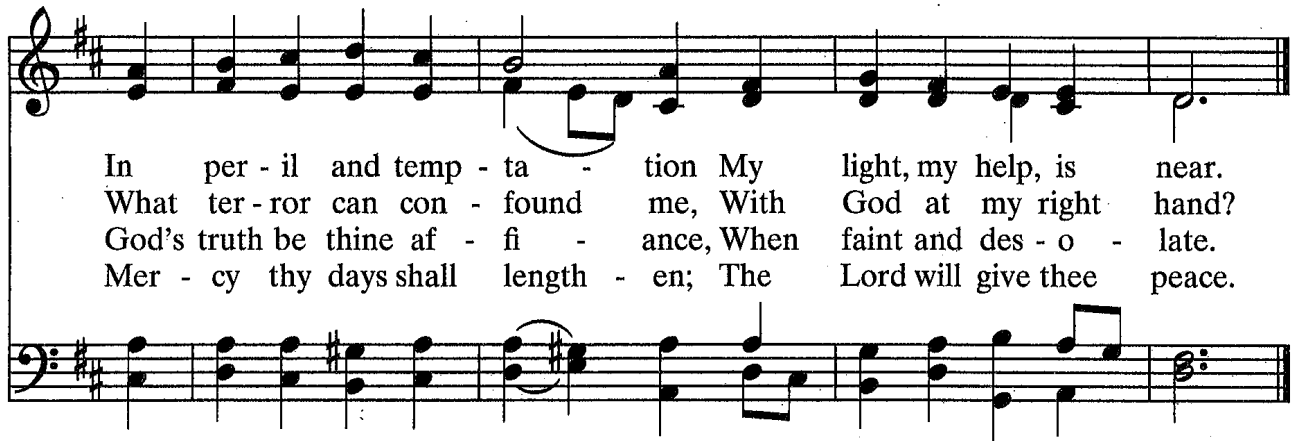
CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN 7.6.7.6

James Montgomery, 1822; alt. 1988

Melchior Vulpius, 1609



1. God is my strong sal - va - tion; What foe have I to fear?  
2. Though hosts en-camp a - round me, Firm to the fight I stand;  
3. Place on the Lord re - li - ance, My soul, with cour-age wait;  
4. God's might thy heart shall strength - en; God's love thy joy in - crease;



In per - il and temp - ta - tion My light, my help, is near.  
What ter - ror can con - found me, With God at my right hand?  
God's truth be thine af - fi - ance, When faint and des - o - late.  
Mer - cy thy days shall length - en; The Lord will give thee peace.

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory

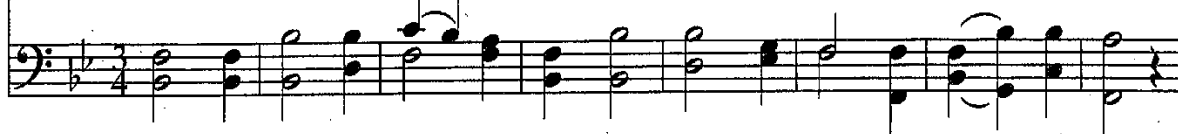
RATHBUN 8.7.8.7

John Bowring, 1825

Ithamar Conkey, 1849



1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tower-ing o'er the wrecks of time;
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hopes de-ceive, and fears an - noy,
3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing Light and love up - on my way,
4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and plea-sure, By the cross are sanc - ti - fied;



All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub-lime.  
Nev - er shall the cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.  
From the cross the ra - diance stream-ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
Peace is there that knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.



SERVICE MUSIC

# 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise \*Him, all creatures

here below; Praise \*Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Or "God."

# If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 282

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT 98.98.8.8

Georg Neumark, 1657

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hope-ful  
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer-ful  
 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,  
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Keep-er's plea - sure  
 own part faith - ful - ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,

To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most  
 So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 wants are clear To One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 sook at need The soul se - cured by trust in - deed.