

Hymns of Praise

Sunday September 25, 2022

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God is our refuge and our strength,
a very present aid,
and, therefore, though the earth be moved,
we will not be afraid,

though hills amid the seas be cast,
though waters roaring make,
and troubled be, yea though the hills
by swelling seas do shake.

A river's there, whose streams make glad
the city of our God,
the holy place, where God Most High
hath made a strong abode.

For God our refuge dwelleth there;
that city shall not move.
God is its strength when morning dawns,
and will its helper prove.

The Lord of Hosts is on our side,
our safety to maintain;
the God of Jacob doth for us
a refuge high remain.

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Take time to be holy; speak oft with thy Lord,
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy; the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy; let him be thy guide,
And run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his Spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

#830 – Doxology

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.

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God bless your church with strength!
Wherever we may be,
up build your servants as we work
in common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith
to venture and to soar
through open skies to sing the praise
of Christ whom we adore.

God bless your church with life!
May all our branches thrive,
unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit,
abundantly alive.
From you, one holy vine,
in freedom may we grow;
sustain us in our mission, Lord,
your love and peace to show.

God bless your church with hope!
Despite chaotic days,
may we in darkness shine to light
a pathway through life's maze.
May justice be our aim,
and kindness ours to share;
in humbleness oh may we walk,
assured our God is there!

Credits:

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Words: Psalm 46; paraphrase, Scottish
Psalter 1650

Music: Wilkin's Psalmody 1730

Tune: Stroudwater

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Words: W.D. Longstaff (1822-1894)

Music: George C. Stebbins (1846-1945)

Tune: Take Time to be Holy

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Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551;

Tune: Old 100th

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Words: John A. Dalles (b. 1954)

Music: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Tune: Ich Halte Treulich Still

