

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: From the Word which God has sown, a harvest will be gathered in.

C: But hardened ground and rocks and thorns all struggle to suppress God's Word.

P: "My Word shall not return to me empty," says the Lord, "It shall accomplish the thing for which I sent it."

C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: So let the seed be sown.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Lord of the living harvest:

C: we confess that we have sinned. In our thinking, speaking, doing – proper fruit has not been borne. Your final harvest fills our hearts with fear.

P: "My Word shall not return to me empty," says the Lord.

C: For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, remove our guilt, inspire our hearts – that we may bear fruit and yield thirty sixty and a hundredfold.

P: "My Word shall accomplish the thing for which I sent it," says the Lord. Like a grain of wheat buried in the earth, Jesus Christ was given into death for you.

C: And he has borne abundant fruit!

P: In him there is forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead. By him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

C: How great the harvest God provides! Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - "The Solid Rock"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.
By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy,
live according to it,
and grow in faith and hope and love;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "Wonderful Merciful Savior"

THE SERMON: "Grace in the Midst of Hopelessness"

THE APOSTLES CREED

**CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of
the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,


People: Hear our prayer.

THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – “Heaven Is In My Heart”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

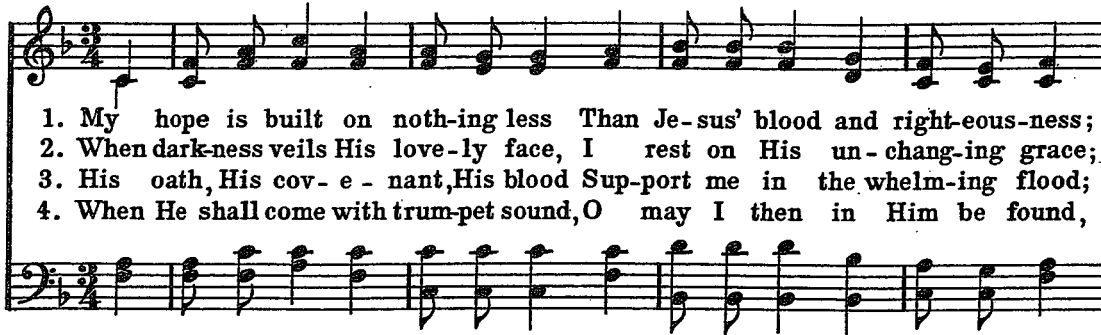
People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Solid Rock

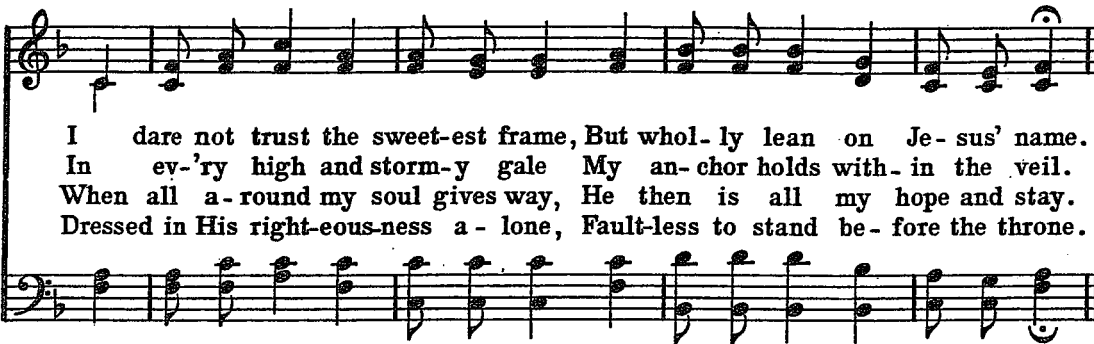
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EDWARD MOTE, 1797-1874

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

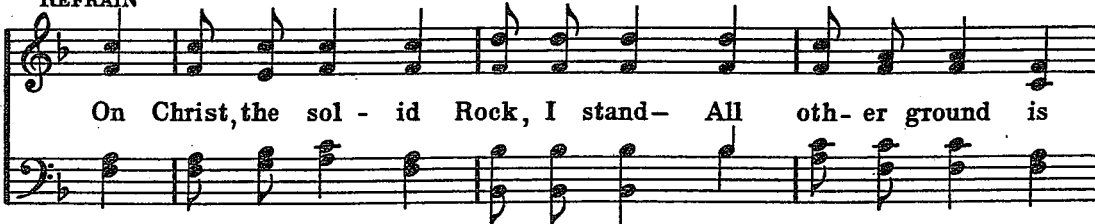


1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness;
2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace;
3. His oath, His cov-e-nant, His blood Sup-port me in the whelm-ing flood;
4. When He shall come with trump-et sound, O may I then in Him be found,

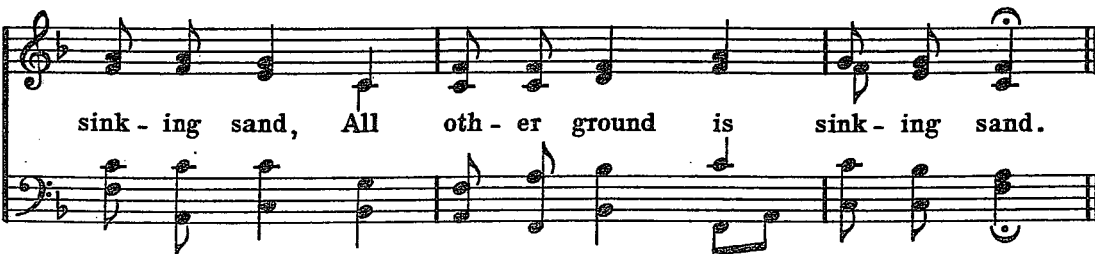


I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
In ev-'ry high and storm-y gale My an-chor holds with-in the veil.
When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in His right-eous-ness a-lone, Fault-less to stand be-fore the throne.

REFRAIN



On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand- All oth-er ground is



sink-ing sand, All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus

Blessed Assurance

FANNY J. CROSBY, 1820-1915

PHOEBE P. KNAPP, 1839-1908

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blest; Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

CHORUS

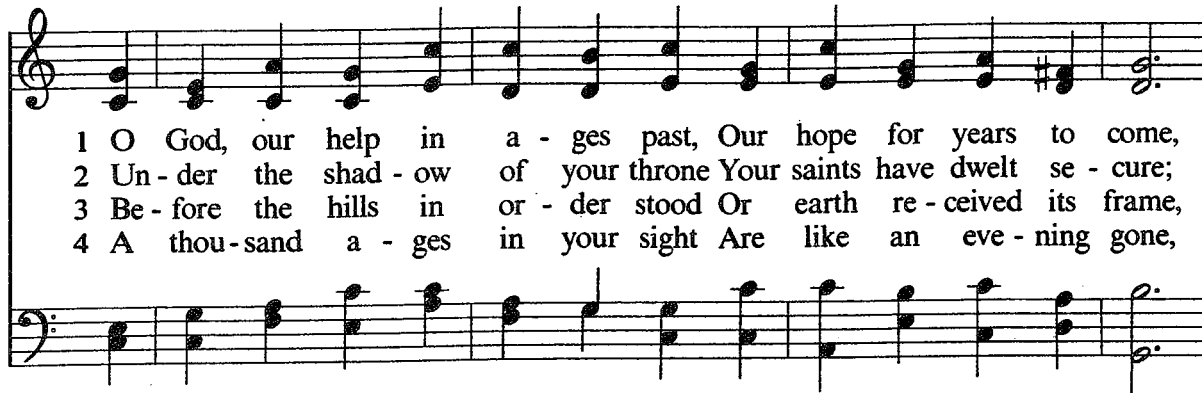
Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.
 Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry,
 Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.

this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; This is my

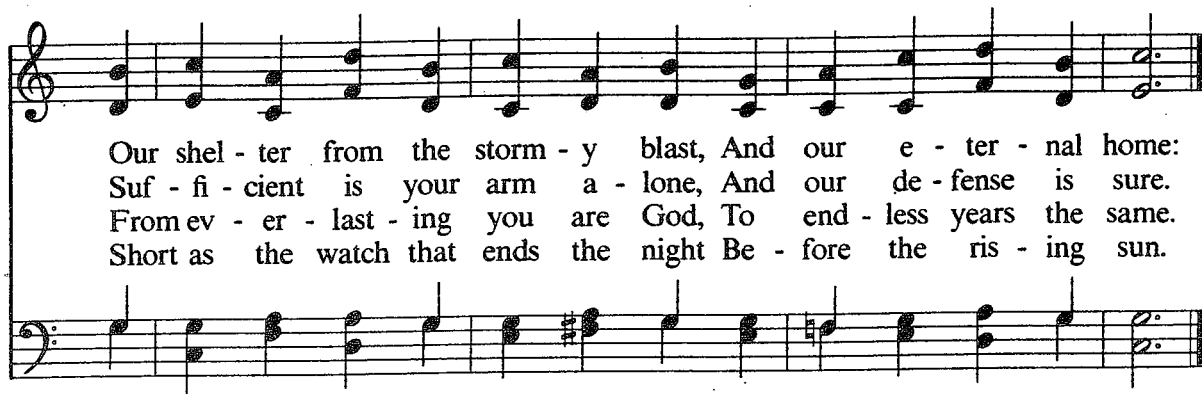
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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

31. HEAVEN IS IN MY HEART

Oh! Heaven is in my heart!

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Repeat

- 1. The kingdom of our God is here.
Heaven is in my heart!
The presence of His majesty.
Heaven is in my heart!
And in His presence joy abounds.
Heaven is in my heart!
The light of holiness surrounds.
Heaven is in my heart!**

Refrain

Oh! Heaven is in my heart!

Oh! Heaven is in my heart!

- 2. His precious life on me He spent.
Heaven is in my heart!
To give me life without an end.
Heaven is in my heart!
In Christ is all my confidence.
Heaven is in my heart!
The hope of my inheritance.
Heaven is in my heart! (Refrain)**

- 3. We are a temple for His throne.
Heaven is in my heart!
And Christ is the foundation stone!
Heaven is in my heart!
He will return to take us home.
Heaven is in my heart!
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"
Heaven is in my heart! (Refrain)**