

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

# Psalm 71

Psalm 71; 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

♩ = 88 *Unison*

D A<sup>7sus</sup><sub>D</sub> G<sub>A</sub> GM<sup>7</sup><sub>A</sub> D D<sub>A</sub> D D<sub>F#</sub> G E<sub>G</sub><sup>m</sup> G<sub>D</sub> D G<sub>A</sub> A A<sub>E</sub> A

1. You have been my strength, Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther.  
2. In the face of fear, With this bod - y fail - ing,  
3. Ev - er - last - ing God, Faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful,

D F<sup>#m</sup><sub>C#</sub> G<sub>B</sub> A<sub>C#</sub> G<sub>D</sub> D A<sub>E</sub> D<sub>F#</sub> G GM<sup>7</sup> D<sub>F#</sub> GM<sup>7</sup> A sus A<sup>7sus</sup><sub>E</sub> A A<sup>7</sup>

You were there to cra - dle me and soothe my in - fant cry.  
I am grow - ing strong - er as I trust You need by need.  
Grace and truth and ten - der - ness are al - ways who You are.

D A<sup>7sus</sup><sub>D</sub> G<sub>A</sub> GM<sup>7</sup><sub>A</sub> D G G<sup>6</sup> G<sub>D</sub> D G<sub>A</sub> A A<sub>E</sub> A

Now that I am old, Gripped by grow - ing weak - ness,  
Fill each day with praise! Flood them all with sing - ing!  
You are all my hope, You, my liv - ing prom - ise:

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LOVE IN EPHESIANS  
5.6.13.5.6.13.5.

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D F#m G A G F# Bm D Em7 D F# G6 G6 G B

Hold me ev - er clos - er, O my joy, my hope, my  
May my ev - 'ry word and deed be al - ways, on - ly  
Soon this seed will blos - som in - to ev - er - last - ing

A sus A sus A G D Em7 A7 D D A D

song, God, my joy, my song!  
You, Al - ways, on - ly You!  
life, Rich and end - less life.

TOPICS: Aging; Assurance & Comfort; Eternal Life; Faith

LEAD-IN: *You are my hope;  
O Lord God, You are my confidence from my youth.  
You have sustained me from my birth;  
You are He who took me from my mother's womb;  
My praise is continually of You.*

*Even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me  
Until I declare Your strength to this generation.  
(Psalm 71: 5-6, 18, NASB)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## Reflection on Psalm 71

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were born  
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (Psalm 90:1-2, NASB)*

Sovereign God, You are  
without beginning and  
without end,  
from everlasting to everlasting.  
Unchanging fullness,  
unchanging perfection,  
You will always be who You have always been:  
pure love forever overflowing,  
forever right and good and faithful,  
at peace in Your perfect well-being.

My brief life is  
framed in You and  
immersed in You.  
You knit me together in my mother's womb.  
You were there to deliver me at my birth.  
You have been with me  
every day,  
every step,  
through every need and  
every moment of my life.

And now that I am aging,  
now that I sense  
weakness and  
physical decay  
dogging my steps,  
I am still immersed in You.  
You still cradle me in Your arms,  
vulnerable and helpless as I am.  
And You are still  
pure love,  
pure joy, and  
perfect peace.

Sickness or health,  
now and every moment,  
You are still  
my sure and certain hope,  
my deep, unfailing joy,  
my life,  
my strength,  
my Father, and  
my everlasting God.