# **Psalm Hymns & Devotionals**

for Psalms 76 - 100 with scripture and links to recordings

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(NASB)

1 God is known in Judah;His name is great in Israel.2 His tabernacle is in Salem;His dwelling place also is in Zion.3 There He broke the flaming arrows,The shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah

4 You are resplendent,
More majestic than the mountains of prey.
5 The stouthearted were plundered,
They sank into sleep;
And none of the warriors could use his hands.
6 At Your rebuke, God of Jacob,
Both rider and horse were cast into a dead sleep.
7 You, You indeed are to be feared,
And who may stand in Your presence, once You are angry?

8 You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; The earth feared and was still 9 When God arose to judgment, To save all the humble of the earth. Selah 10 For the wrath of mankind shall praise You; You will encircle Yourself with a remnant of wrath.

11 Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them;All who are around Him are to bring gifts to Him who is to be feared.12 He will cut off the spirit of princes;He is feared by the kings of the earth.

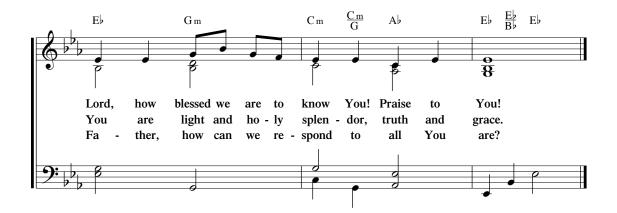
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We know You, the
      almighty,
      all-wise,
      all-loving God.
And You personally live
      within us and
      among us.
We are immersed in You.
O Father, what a privilege!
      How can we help but rejoice?
      How can we help but trust You?
And the more we trust You,
      the more we rejoice!
When we see You face-to-face -
      and You promise that we will -
we can only imagine the joy!
After a lifetime of
      waiting and
      longing,
we will stand face-to-face with
      the dearest Desire of our Hearts.
What inexpressible joy!
And it will never end!
But O God, what sheer terror
when those who have
      rejected You
stand face-to-face with You,
the One they have
      ignored and
      denied!
Too late!
I can't imagine the gripping horror and
      the wailing!
So how should we,
      Your people
respond to You for
      all You are,
      in all Your magnificence?
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All You ask is that we come to You as little children,
joyful in You,
trusting You,
obeying You.
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So Father, we come! Thank You! Praise to You!



WORDS: Ken Bible MUSIC: African-American Spiritual and Ken Bible DEATH AIN'T NOTHING 2 11.11.11.11.11.



(NASB)

1 My voice rises to God, and I will cry aloud;

My voice rises to God, and He will listen to me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;

In the night my hand was stretched out and did not grow weary;

My soul refused to be comforted.

3 When I remember God, then I am restless;

When I sigh, then my spirit feels weak. Selah

4 You have held my eyelids open;

I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old,

The years of long ago.

6 I will remember my song in the night;

I will meditate with my heart,

And my spirit ponders:

7 Will the Lord reject forever?

And will He never be favorable again?

8 Has His favor ceased forever?

Has His promise come to an end forever?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious,

Or has He in anger withdrawn His compassion? Selah

10 Then I said, "It is my grief,

That the right hand of the Most High has changed."

11 I shall remember the deeds of the Lord;

I will certainly remember Your wonders of old.

12 I will meditate on all Your work,

And on Your deeds with thanksgiving.

13 Your way, God, is holy;

What god is great like our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders;

You have made known Your strength among the peoples.

15 By Your power You have redeemed Your people,

The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

16 The waters saw You, God;

The waters saw You, they were in anguish;

The ocean depths also trembled.

17 The clouds poured out water;

The skies sounded out:

Your arrows flashed here and there.

18 The sound of Your thunder was in the whirlwind;
The lightning lit up the world;
The earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea
And Your paths in the mighty waters,
And Your footprints were not known.

20 You led Your people like a flock
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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My God, You never change.
      My body,
      my emotions,
      my world
             are blown about on a
             sea of change.
You see all reality.
You see and
      know and
      are only
complete, absolute truth.
      I tend to see and feel through
             small and self-centered eyes.
      What I see and feel is often
             not reality.
So when I pray to You,
      transcendent.
      all-knowing,
      almighty God,
help me to keep my eyes focused always on
      You.
      not me.
Keep me trusting You,
      loving You, and
      praising You.
Keep me patiently waiting and
rejoicing in
      Your perfect will and
      Your perfect timing.
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TUNE: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (REST, alt.)



WORDS: Ken Bible MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker (1887) and Ken Bible REST 2 8.6.8.8.6.

(NASB)

1 Listen, my people, to my instruction;

Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will tell riddles of old,

3 Which we have heard and known,

And our fathers have told us.

4 We will not conceal them from their children.

But we will tell the generation to come the praises of the Lord,

And His power and His wondrous works that He has done.

5 For He established a testimony in Jacob,

And appointed a law in Israel,

Which He commanded our fathers

That they were to teach them to their children.

6 So that the generation to come would know, the children yet to be born,

That they would arise and tell them to their children,

7 So that they would put their confidence in God

And not forget the works of God,

But comply with His commandments,

8 And not be like their fathers,

A stubborn and rebellious generation,

A generation that did not prepare its heart

And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The sons of Ephraim were archers equipped with bows,

Yet they turned back on the day of battle.

10 They did not keep the covenant of God

And refused to walk in His Law:

11 They forgot His deeds

And His miracles that He had shown them.

12 He performed wonders before their fathers

In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea and caused them to pass through,

And He made the waters stand up like a heap.

14 Then He led them with the cloud by day

And all the night with a light of fire.

15 He split the rocks in the wilderness

And gave them plenty to drink like the ocean depths.

16 He brought forth streams from the rock

And made waters run down like rivers.

17 Yet they still continued to sin against Him,
To rebel against the Most High in the desert.
18 And in their heart they put God to the test
By asking for food that suited their taste.
19 Then they spoke against God;
They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
20 Behold, He struck the rock so that waters gushed out,
And streams were overflowing;
Can He also provide bread?
Will He prepare meat for His people?"

21 Therefore the Lord heard and was full of wrath; And a fire was kindled against Jacob, And anger also mounted against Israel, 22 Because they did not believe in God And did not trust in His salvation. 23 Yet He commanded the clouds above And opened the doors of heaven: 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat, And gave them food from heaven. 25 Man ate the bread of angels: He sent them food in abundance. 26 He made the east wind blow in the sky And by His power He directed the south wind. 27 When He rained meat upon them like the dust, Even winged fowl like the sand of the seas, 28 He let them fall in the midst of their camp, All around their dwellings. 29 So they ate and were well filled, And He satisfied their longing. 30 Yet before they had abandoned their longing, While their food was in their mouths, 31 The anger of God rose against them And killed some of their strongest ones, And subdued the choice men of Israel. 32 In spite of all this they still sinned And did not believe in His wonderful works. 33 So He brought their days to an end in futility, And their years to an end in sudden terror.

34 When He killed them, then they sought Him, And they returned and searched diligently for God;

35 And they remembered that God was their rock,

And the Most High God their Redeemer.

36 But they flattered Him with their mouth

And lied to Him with their tongue.

37 For their heart was not steadfast toward Him,

Nor were they faithful with His covenant.

38 But He, being compassionate, forgave their wrongdoing and did not destroy them;

And often He restrained His anger

And did not stir up all His wrath.

39 So He remembered that they were only flesh,

A wind that passes and does not return.

40 How often they rebelled against Him in the wilderness

And grieved Him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God,

And pained the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember His power,

The day when He redeemed them from the enemy,

43 When He performed His signs in Egypt

And His marvels in the field of Zoan,

44 And turned their rivers to blood,

And their streams, so that they could not drink.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them that devoured them,

And frogs that destroyed them.

46 He also gave their crops to the grasshopper

And the product of their labor to the locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hailstones

And their sycamore trees with frost.

48 He also turned their cattle over to the hailstones,

And their herds to bolts of lightning.

49 He sent His burning anger upon them,

Fury and indignation and trouble,

A band of destroying angels.

50 He leveled a path for His anger;

He did not spare their souls from death,

But turned their lives over to the plague,

51 And struck all the firstborn in Egypt,

The first and best of their vigor in the tents of Ham.

52 But He led His own people out like sheep,

And guided them in the wilderness like a flock;

53 He led them safely, so that they did not fear;

But the sea engulfed their enemies.

54 So He brought them to His holy land,

To this hill country which His right hand had gained.

55 He also drove out the nations from them

And apportioned them as an inheritance by measurement,

And had the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God

And did not keep His testimonies,

57 But turned back and acted treacherously like their fathers;

They turned aside like a treacherous bow.

58 For they provoked Him with their high places

And moved Him to jealousy with their carved images.

59 When God heard them, He was filled with wrath

And He utterly rejected Israel;

60 So that He abandoned the dwelling place at Shiloh,

The tent which He had pitched among people,

61 And He gave up His strength to captivity

And His glory into the hand of the enemy.

62 He also turned His people over to the sword,

And was filled with wrath at His inheritance.

63 Fire devoured His young men,

And His virgins had no wedding songs.

64 His priests fell by the sword,

And His widows could not weep.

65 Then the Lord awoke as if from sleep,

Like a warrior overcome by wine.

66 He drove His adversaries backward;

He put on them an everlasting disgrace.

67 He also rejected the tent of Joseph,

And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,

68 But chose the tribe of Judah,

Mount Zion, which He loved.

69 And He built His sanctuary like the heights,

Like the earth which He has established forever.

70 He also chose His servant David

And took him from the sheepfolds;

71 From the care of the ewes with nursing lambs He brought him

To shepherd Jacob His people,

And Israel His inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart,

And guided them with his skillful hands.

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Father,
all creation is
      a hymn to Your faithfulness.
All history sings of Your
      unfailing love and
      absolute dependability.
Your faithfulness overwhelms
      our brief and fragile memories.
Your goodness overflows
      our limited minds and senses.
You are constantly blessing us!
Yet how quick we are to
      forget!
How easily we return to
the puny resources we can
      touch and
      control.
How prone we are to
      doubt You and
      find false security in our material world.
O Magnificent God,
In You Yourself are
      all the power,
      all the wisdom,
      all the wonder,
      all the mystery,
      all the discovery,
      all the deep, unshakable peace our hearts could ever want!
Help us to
      look up,
      look back, and
      look around.
Help us to remember and rejoice in
      all You are and
      all You have done.
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(NASB)

1 God, the nations have invaded Your inheritance;

They have defiled Your holy temple;

They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

2 They have given the dead bodies of Your servants to the birds of the sky as food, The flesh of Your godly ones to the animals of the earth.

3 They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem;

And there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a disgrace before our neighbors,

An object of derision and ridicule to those around us.

5 How long, Lord? Will You be angry forever?

Will Your jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out Your wrath upon the nations which do not know You,

And upon the kingdoms which do not call upon Your name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob

And laid waste his settlement.

8 Do not hold us responsible for the guilty deeds of our forefathers;

Let Your compassion come quickly to meet us,

For we have become very low.

9 Help us, God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;

And save us and forgive our sins for the sake of Your name.

10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Let vengeance for the blood of Your servants which has been shed

Be known among the nations in our sight.

11 Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You;

According to the greatness of Your power, let those who are doomed to die remain.

12 And return to our neighbors seven times as much into their lap

Their taunts with which they have taunted You, Lord.

13 So we Your people and the sheep of Your pasture

Will give thanks to You forever;

To all generations we will tell of Your praise.

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Like ancient Israel,
sometimes we realize that the
      devastation in our lives
is the result of our own sin.
The sorrow.
the suffering,
the broken relationships
      are the result of our own
             bad decisions and
             destructive actions.
What do we do then?
Where can we turn when
      what we have done
      can't be undone?
In that dreadful place,
      at the very bottom of ourselves,
we can discover -
      or rediscover -
the marvelous, boundless love of
      our Creator and
      our Father.
Our failures
      never exhaust,
      never wear down,
      never overwhelm
the bottomless well.
      the vast ocean of
His love.
      His compassions never fail.
       They are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV).
       Where sin increased, grace increased all the more (Romans 5:20, NIV).
Our Father freely forgives us -
      eagerly,
      completely,
      forever.
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He cleanses us.

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Then as we trust Him,
day by day, He
renews and
restores us,
not only taking away the
guilt and
power of sin,
but reshaping us into
more than we ever thought we could be.
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As He does, He calls us to be generous distributors of the same lavish love that transformed us.

Now that is amazing grace!

with Romans 5:20



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MY TIME AIN'T LONG 2 8.7.8.5.5.7.

(NASB)

1 Listen, Shepherd of Israel,

Who leads Joseph like a flock;

You who are enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth!

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, awaken Your power,

And come to save us!

3 God, restore us

And make Your face shine upon us, and we will be saved.

4 Lord God of armies,

How long will You be angry with the prayer of Your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears.

And You have made them drink tears in large measure.

6 You make us an object of contention to our neighbors,

And our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 God of armies, restore us

And make Your face shine upon us, and we will be saved.

8 You removed a vine from Egypt;

You drove out the nations and planted it.

9 You cleared the ground before it,

And it took deep root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered with its shadow,

And the cedars of God with its branches.

11 It was sending out its branches to the sea

And its shoots to the Euphrates River.

12 Why have You broken down its hedges,

So that all who pass that way pick its fruit?

13 A boar from the forest eats it away,

And whatever moves in the field feeds on it.

#### 14 God of armies, do turn back;

Look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine,

15 The shoot which Your right hand has planted,

And of the son whom You have strengthened for Yourself.

16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down:

They perish from the rebuke of Your face.

17 Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand,

Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.

18 Then we will not turn back from You:

Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

19 Lord God of armies, restore us; Make Your face shine upon us, and we will be saved.

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Almighty God,
You are the Good Shepherd.
      We are Your sheep.
You speak.
      We listen.
You lead.
      We follow.
You protect.
      We lie down in security.
You provide.
      We have everything we need.
Source of All,
You are the True Vine.
      We are the branches.
You are life.
      We live.
You nourish.
      We grow.
You are fruitfulness.
      We are fruitful.
You freely, constantly give of Yourself.
      We are
             healthy,
             holy,
             complete, and
             eternally satisfied
      in You.
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with Psalm 23; John 10:1-18; 15:1-8 TUNE: How Can I Keep from Singing (ENDLESS SONG, alt.)



WORDS: Ken Bible MUSIC: Robert Lowry (1826-1899) and Ken Bible ENDLESS SONG 2 C.M.w.Ref.

(NASB)

1 Sing for joy to God our strength;
Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.
2 Raise a song, strike the tambourine,
The sweet sounding lyre with the harp.
3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
At the full moon, on our feast day.
4 For it is a statute for Israel,
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
5 He established it as a testimony in Joseph
When he went throughout the land of Egypt.
I heard a language I did not know:

6 "I relieved his shoulder of the burden,
His hands were freed from the basket.
7 You called in trouble and I rescued you;
I answered you in the hiding place of thunder;
I put you to the test at the waters of Meribah. Selah
8 Hear, My people, and I will admonish you;
Israel, if you would listen to Me!
9 There shall be no strange god among you;
Nor shall you worship a foreign god.
10 I, the Lord, am your God,
Who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

11 "But My people did not listen to My voice,
And Israel did not [e]obey Me.
12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart,
To walk by their own plans.
13 Oh that My people would listen to Me,
That Israel would walk in My ways!
14 I would quickly subdue their enemies
And turn My hand against their adversaries.
15 Those who hate the Lord would pretend to obey Him,
And their time of punishment would be forever.
16 But I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

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When we praise and worship God -
      not simply going through the motions,
      but from our heart,
      committing all we are to Him -
we align ourselves with Him.
We yield ourselves fully to Him.
As we do.
      He fills us with His own Spirit.
For all we are,
      He gives all He is.
And He Himself is
      all the riches of heaven,
      all the glories of paradise.
He is life.
      richer than we could ever imagine.
He is love
      in all its fullness.
He is perfect peace,
      complete well-being.
He is unspeakable,
      inexpressible
      joy.
He invites us:
       Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
      (Psalm 81:10, NASB)
He eagerly promises us:
      Oh that My people would listen to Me...
      I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
      And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.
      (Psalm 81:13, 16, NASB)
Come and worship Him!
Come and know Him!
Come and simply trust
      your Maker,
      your Father!
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TUNE: Give Me Jesus



WORDS: Ken Bible MUSIC: African-American Spiritual; arr. by Ken Bible GIVE ME JESUS 7.7.7.4.w.Ref.

(NASB)

1 God takes His position in His assembly; He judges in the midst of the gods.
2 How long will you judge unjustly
And show partiality to the wicked? Selah
3 Vindicate the weak and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
4 Rescue the weak and needy;
Save them from the hand of the wicked.

5 They do not know nor do they understand; They walk around in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are shaken. 6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are sons of the Most High. 7 Nevertheless you will die like men, And fall like one of the princes." 8 Arise, God, judge the earth! For You possess all the nations.

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God is the Creator,
      the Sovereign Lord,
      the great Judge of all the earth.
He is a just God,
      a compassionate God.
And He holds our leaders responsible for
bringing justice, even to
      the poorest and weakest,
      the most needy,
      the most vulnerable and
      least powerful among us.
In His time, He will hold leaders accountable.
But know that He holds all of us accountable.
Each of us
      bears His image and
      breathes His life.
He loves each and every human being,
      great and small,
with a burning, unquenchable love.
Each is precious to Him.
He has amply provided for
      each of us and
      all of us.
He expects each of us to live as a
generous, open-handed distributor of
      His goodness,
      His blessing,
      His love.
Each of us interacts daily
      in various ways
with needy people,
      some very near to us,
      some further away.
Some are hungry,
      but not all.
Some are poor,
      but not all.
Some need
      our help,
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our time,
      our simple kindness, or
      just a bit of respect.
Love is a debt we owe to
      each and every person,
      each and every day (Romans 13:8-10).
What a debt!
But God never abandons us to
      our own weakness.
He gives us His own loving Spirit
      to live in us and
      love through us.
Ask Him for His help.
Then
      watch,
      listen, and
      obey.
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(NASB)

1 God, do not remain quiet;

Do not be silent and, God, do not be still.

2 For behold, Your enemies make an uproar,

And those who hate You have exalted themselves.

3 They make shrewd plans against Your people,

And conspire together against Your treasured ones.

4 They have said, "Come, and let's wipe them out as a nation,

So that the name of Israel will no longer be remembered."

5 For they have conspired together with one mind;

They make a covenant against You:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites.

Moab and the Hagrites;

7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek,

Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assyria also has joined them;

They have become a help to the children of Lot. Selah

9 Deal with them as with Midian,

As with Sisera and Jabin at the river of Kishon,

10 Who were destroyed at En-dor,

Who became like dung for the ground.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb,

And all their leaders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, "Let's possess for ourselves

The pastures of God."

13 My God, make them like the whirling dust,

Like chaff before the wind.

14 Like fire that burns the forest.

And like a flame that sets the mountains on fire,

15 So pursue them with Your heavy gale,

And terrify them with Your storm.

16 Fill their faces with dishonor,

So that they will seek Your name, Lord.

17 May they be ashamed and dismayed forever,

And may they be humiliated and perish.

18 So that they will know that You alone, whose name is the Lord,

Are the Most High over all the earth.

#### **Reflection on Psalm 83**

The gospel accounts of Jesus' suffering and death show Jesus attacked by all the forces of evil, all focused on destroying Him.

Psalm 2 tells the same story, written many centuries before Jesus' birth.

Psalm 83 says that we too,

His treasured ones,

His servants,

His brothers and sisters,

are the focus of the same

destructive.

coordinated Evil.

The Evil One has

many names, many faces,

many servants, many methods,

but only one intent:

to "steal, kill, and destroy"

God's people. (John 10:10)

No wonder Jesus taught us to daily, constantly pray,

"Deliver us from the evil one."

But God is Almighty,

all-sovereign,

our Savior.

He saves His dear children

from whatever and whomever threatens or attacks them.

That's what He does.

That's who He is.

Whether Satan's attack is

subtle or

head-on,

turn to Your Savior and

simply trust Him.

You are safe in Him.

with John 8:34-36, 44; Romans 6; 8:1-4; Philippians 2:9-11; 1 John 3:9; 4:4 Tune: OLIVE'S BROW (alt.)



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(NASB)

1 How lovely are Your dwelling places,

Lord of armies!

2 My soul longed and even yearned for the courtyards of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

3 The bird also has found a house.

And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may put her young:

Your altars, Lord of armies,

My King and my God.

4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house!

They are ever praising You. Selah

5 Blessed is the person whose strength is in You,

In whose heart are the roads to Zion!

6 Passing through the Valley of Baca they make it a spring;

The early rain also covers it with blessings.

7 They go from strength to strength,

Every one of them appears before God in Zion.

8 Lord God of armies, hear my prayer;

Listen, God of Jacob! Selah

9 See our shield, God,

And look at the face of Your anointed.

10 For a day in Your courtyards is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God

Than live in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield:

The Lord gives grace and glory;

He withholds no good thing from those who walk with integrity.

12 Lord of armies.

Blessed is the person who trusts in You!

### The Joy of Your Presence

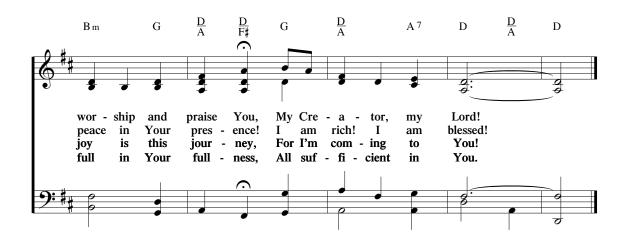
Inspired by Psalm 84

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O Father, how I love being in Your presence!
When I realize that I am with You,
all I am sings for joy,
      body,
      mind, and
      spirit.
You are infinitely above me
      in excellence,
      in power, and
      in holiness.
Yet when I am with You, I sense that
      this is where I belong.
I know a freedom,
      a rightness,
      a rest in You.
This life is not easy, Father.
The needs never end.
There is weariness,
      darkness, and
      deep sorrow.
But when I realize that all of life is a journey to You,
      everything changes!
Weariness turns to praise.
Darkness shines with Your unfailing goodness.
Sorrow is matched with an inexpressible joy.
Your presence lights my pathway every day.
But what is more.
      You Yourself are the heaven toward which I travel.
O Father, absorb my
      every thought and
      every desire.
You are my joy,
      now and forever!
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(NASB)

1 Lord, You showed favor to Your land;You restored the fortunes of Jacob.2 You forgave the guilt of Your people;You covered all their sin. Selah3 You withdrew all Your fury;You turned away from Your burning anger.

4 Restore us, God of our salvation,
And cause Your indignation toward us to cease.
5 Will You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
6 Will You not revive us again,
So that Your people may rejoice in You?
7 Show us Your mercy, Lord,
And grant us Your salvation.

8 I will hear what God the Lord will say;
For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones;
And may they not turn back to foolishness.
9 Certainly His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
That glory may dwell in our land.
10 Graciousness and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth sprouts from the earth,
And righteousness looks down from heaven.
12 Indeed, the Lord will give what is good,
And our land will yield its produce.
13 Righteousness will go before Him
And will make His footsteps into a way.

#### **Reflection on Psalm 85**

Father, You have *turned back our captivity* to sin (v.1). You have turned away Your anger from us (v.3). Your displeasure with our wrongness is past. Praise to You! But now, Lord, having tasted the freedom of forgiveness, having enjoyed the pleasure of a good relationship with You, we pray for You to finish what You have started. Turn us fully to Yourself (v.4). Turn us to fullness of life and fullness of joy in You (v.6). As we remain turned toward You (v.8), bless us with Your peace; bless us with the complete well-being that flows from a right relationship with You. Father, we long to live every moment with Your loving, smiling face shining on us and our face always turned to You, drinking in the joy of Your presence. We long to breathe every breath face-to-face with You forever!



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(NASB)

1 Incline Your ear, Lord, and answer me;

For I am afflicted and needy.

2 Protect my soul, for I am godly;

You my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.

3 Be gracious to me, Lord,

For I call upon You all day long.

4 Make the soul of Your servant joyful,

For to You, Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,

And abundant in mercy to all who call upon You.

6 Listen, Lord, to my prayer;

And give Your attention to the sound of my pleading!

7 On the day of my trouble I will call upon You,

For You will answer me.

8 There is no one like You among the gods, Lord,

Nor are there any works like Yours.

9 All nations whom You have made will come and worship before You, Lord,

And they will glorify Your name.

10 For You are great, and you do [b]wondrous deeds;

You alone are God.

#### 11 Teach me Your way, Lord;

I will walk in Your truth;

Unite my heart to fear Your name.

12 I will give thanks to You, Lord my God, with all my heart,

And I will glorify Your name forever.

13 For Your graciousness toward me is great,

And You have saved my soul from the depths of Sheol.

14 God, arrogant men have risen up against me,

And a gang of violent men have sought my life,

And they have not set You before them.

15 But You, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,

Slow to anger and abundant in mercy and truth.

16 Turn to me, and be gracious to me;

Grant Your strength to Your servant,

And save the son of Your maidservant.

17 Show me a sign of good,

That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,

Because You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

#### **Reflection on Psalm 86**

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I like the peace and trust that
      permeates this Psalm.
It doesn't have the frantic tone that many Psalms have.
Yes, it expresses honestly
      its desperate situation and
      its need.
but it does so with
calm confidence:
      "Yes, Lord, I am
             afflicted and
             needy (v.1).
      I cry to You all day long (v.3).
       Arrogant, violent, godless men have risen up against me (v.14).
       But I know You are still the
             faithful,
             loving,
             great and
             good God
      that You have always been, and
      I trust You.
      Right here,
       right now,
             I trust You."
The Psalm reminds me of Jesus Christ.
Even in the hour of
      His greatest need and
      His greatest suffering,
He continued to
      trust His Father.
When surrounded by people anxious to
      torture and execute Him,
He remained calm.
On the cross,
      in the grip of unimaginable pain,
He spewed no bitter words.
He spoke of
      forgiving others,
      caring for His mother,
      finishing His Father's work, and
      committing Himself to the Father's care.
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Father, in my hour of need, help me to pray as Christ prayed and trust as Christ trusted. Keep my heart and mind focused on You.

with John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; 15:11; 17:13



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(NASB)

- 1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.
- 2 The Lord loves the gates of Zion

More than all the other dwelling places of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of you,

City of God. Selah

4 "I shall mention Rahab and Babylon among those who know Me; Behold, Philistia and Tyre with Cush:

'This one was born there.'"

5 But of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; And the Most High Himself will establish her.

6 The Lord will count when He registers the peoples,

"This one was born there." Selah

7 Then those who sing as well as those who play the flutes will say,

"All my springs of joy are in you."

#### Reflection on Psalm 87

O Father, what a privilege it is to be Your people! You long for our complete well-being with a love that is undying and undiminished. So wherever we are, You are there. And wherever You are is fullness of life. fullness of love, and fullness of joy. Since Your love burns like an unquenchable fire, it engulfs every people and every person. Your love respects no boundaries! In Christ You are reaching out to every nation and every individual, calling us, drawing us, redeeming us to come together as one Church, one family, one Body in Your holy Son, Jesus Christ. That full oneness in Him is our sure destiny. You, Almighty God, have begun it, and You will complete it!

Praise to You!

with Matthew 18:20; John 10:16; Ephesians 1:9-10; Revelation 7:9-10



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ANDANTE CANTABILE

(NASB)

1 Lord, the God of my salvation, I have cried out by day and in the night before You. 2 Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry! 3 For my soul has had enough troubles, And my life has approached Sheol. 4 I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I have become like a man without strength, 5 Abandoned among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You no longer remember, And they are cut off from Your hand. 6 You have put me in the lowest pit, In dark places, in the depths. 7 Your wrath has rested upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. Selah 8 You have removed my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an object of loathing to them; I am shut up and cannot go out. 9 My eye grows dim from misery; I have called upon You every day, Lord; I have spread out my hands to You.

10 Will You perform wonders for the dead?
Or will the departed spirits rise and praise You? Selah
11 Will Your graciousness be declared in the grave,
Your faithfulness in Abaddon?
12 Will Your wonders be made known in the darkness?
And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But I, Lord, have cried out to You for help,
And in the morning my prayer comes before You.
14 Lord, why do You reject my soul?
Why do You hide Your face from me?
15 I was miserable and about to die from my youth on;
I suffer Your terrors; I grow weary.
16 Your burning anger has passed over me;
Your terrors have destroyed me.
17 They have surrounded me like water all day long;
They have encircled me altogether.

18 You have removed lover and friend far from me; My acquaintances are in a hiding place.

#### **Reflection on Psalm 88**

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Psalm 88 is the darkest of all the Psalms.
The other Psalms of lament include a statement of trust.
      normally at the end.
Psalm 88 ends in
      darkness.
      agony, and
      near despair.
It offers no expression of trust in God.
Well, almost none.
By the time we reach the blackness of the ending,
       "darkness is my closest friend (v.18b, NIV),"
it's easy to forget the opening words of the Psalm,
       "O Lord, the God of my salvation (v.1a, NASB)."
That is the only overt statement of faith
      the psalmist can muster.
But there is one other,
one that is not overt
but stands behind the entire Psalm:
      despite feeling utterly abandoned by God,
      overwhelmed by wave after wave of
             terror and
             pain,
      he continues to pray.
Praying to God
      in brutal honesty
is itself an expression of faith.
Has anyone experienced
      all the horrors of death
as fully as God's own Son,
      Jesus Christ?
He felt that God had utterly deserted Him,
      yet He continued to pray and
      continued to trust.
even as the anguish of death consumed Him.
When you feel
      abused.
      rejected, and
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forgotten by God, continue to bring your prayer to Him. Sometimes that is the richest gift we can offer.



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(NASB)

1 I will sing of the graciousness of the Lord forever;

To all generations I will make Your faithfulness known with my mouth.

2 For I have said, "Graciousness will be built up forever;

In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness."

3 "I have made a covenant with My chosen:

I have sworn to My servant David,

4 I will establish your descendants forever

And build up your throne to all generations." Selah

5 The heavens will praise Your wonders, Lord;

Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

6 For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord?

Who among the sons of the mighty is like the Lord,

7 A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,

And awesome above all those who are around Him?

8 Lord God of armies, who is like You, mighty Lord?

Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

9 You rule the surging of the sea;

When its waves rise, You calm them.

10 You Yourself crushed Rahab like one who is slain;

You scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours:

The world and all it contains, You have established them.

12 The north and the south, You have created them;

Tabor and Hermon shout for joy at Your name.

13 You have a strong arm;

Your hand is mighty, Your right hand is exalted.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;

Mercy and truth go before You.

15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound!

Lord, they walk in the light of Your face.

16 In Your name they rejoice all the day,

And by Your righteousness they are exalted.

17 For You are the glory of their strength,

And by Your favor our horn is exalted.

18 For our shield belongs to the Lord,

And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

19 Once You spoke in vision to Your godly ones,

And said, "I have given help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. 20 I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him, 21 With whom My hand will be established: My arm also will strengthen him. 22 The enemy will not deceive him, Nor will the son of wickedness afflict him. 23 But I will crush his adversaries before him. And strike those who hate him. 24 My faithfulness and My favor will be with him, And in My name his horn will be exalted. 25 I will also place his hand on the sea, And his right hand on the rivers. 26 He will call to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' 27 I will also make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. 28 I will maintain My favor for him forever. And My covenant shall be confirmed to him. 29 So I will establish his descendants forever, And his throne as the days of heaven.

30 "If his sons abandon My Law And do not walk in My judgments, 31 If they violate My statutes And do not keep My commandments, 32 Then I will punish their wrongdoing with the rod, And their guilt with afflictions. 33 But I will not withhold My favor from him, Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness. 34 I will not violate My covenant, Nor will I alter the utterance of My lips. 35 Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. 36 His descendants shall endure forever. And his throne as the sun before Me. 37 It shall be established forever like the moon. And a witness in the sky is faithful." Selah

38 But You have rejected and refused, You have been full of wrath against Your anointed. 39 You have repudiated the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown in the dust.

40 You have broken down all his walls:

You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

41 All who pass along the way plunder him;

He has become a disgrace to his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;

You have made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You also turn back the edge of his sword,

And have not made him stand in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor

And cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have shortened the days of his youth;

You have covered him with shame. Selah

46 How long, Lord?

Will You hide Yourself forever?

Will Your wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember what my lifespan is;

For what futility You have created all the sons of mankind!

48 What man can live and not see death?

Can he save his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah

49 Where are Your former acts of favor, Lord,

Which You swore to David in Your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, the taunt against Your servants;

How I carry in my heart the taunts of all the many peoples,

51 With which Your enemies have taunted, Lord,

With which they have taunted the footsteps of Your anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord forever!

Amen and Amen.

#### Reflection on Psalm 89

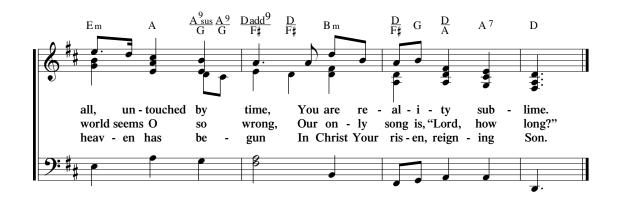
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Almighty, eternal God, You are
      grace and
      truth.
You are
      unfailing love and
      absolute dependability.
All Your heavenly beings celebrate it.
All creation proclaims it
      day after day,
      eon after eon,
      above the limitations of human language.
Even human history affirms it.
But when trouble comes,
      when suffering comes,
      when darkness comes.
all that is real to us is
      pain.
We are reduced to asking,
       How long, O Lord?
       Will You hide Yourself forever? (Psalm 89:46, NASB)
But in Jesus Christ,
      in our own flesh and blood,
we see the truth.
In Him,
in His sufferings,
      Your unfailing love and
      Your absolute dependability
are tested most severely and
      vindicated most undeniably.
In His life.
in His death,
in His resurrection,
      all Your promises,
      all Your grace, and
      all Your truth
are displayed in
      all their beauty and
      all their eternal fruitfulness.
In His sufferings
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we find our own, and we celebrate Your goodness, even in our temporary pain.

with John 1:14-16; Philippians 2:5-11



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(NASB)

90 Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were born

Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

3 You turn mortals back into dust
And say, "Return, you sons of mankind."
4 For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it passes by,
Or like a watch in the night.
5 You have swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep;
In the morning they are like grass that sprouts anew.
6 In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew;
Toward evening it wilts and withers away.

7 For we have been consumed by Your anger,
And we have been terrified by Your wrath.
8 You have placed our guilty deeds before You,
Our hidden sins in the light of Your presence.
9 For all our days have dwindled away in Your fury;
We have finished our years like a sigh.
10 As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years,
Or if due to strength, eighty years,
Yet their pride is only trouble and tragedy;
For it quickly passes, and we disappear.
11 Who understands the power of Your anger
And Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?
12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

13 Do return, Lord; how long will it be?
And be sorry for Your servants.
14 Satisfy us in the morning with Your graciousness,
That we may sing for joy and rejoice all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days You have afflicted us,
And the years we have seen evil.
16 Let Your work appear to Your servants
And Your majesty to their children.
17 May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us;
And confirm for us the work of our hands;

Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

#### In Your Time

Transcendent God, You live in eternity above all time, unlimited, unhurried, untouched by its relentless flow. You are the master of time, not its slave.

Time means change, and You are beyond all change.

You are unchanging fullness, unchanging perfection.

Yet we humans need time, Father.

We need its opportunities to
change and grow.

We are only the seeds of
who we need to be.

And You are like a gardener,
content to work,
content to wait,
content to patiently nurture us
until the time is exactly right and
we are all Your love intended us to be.

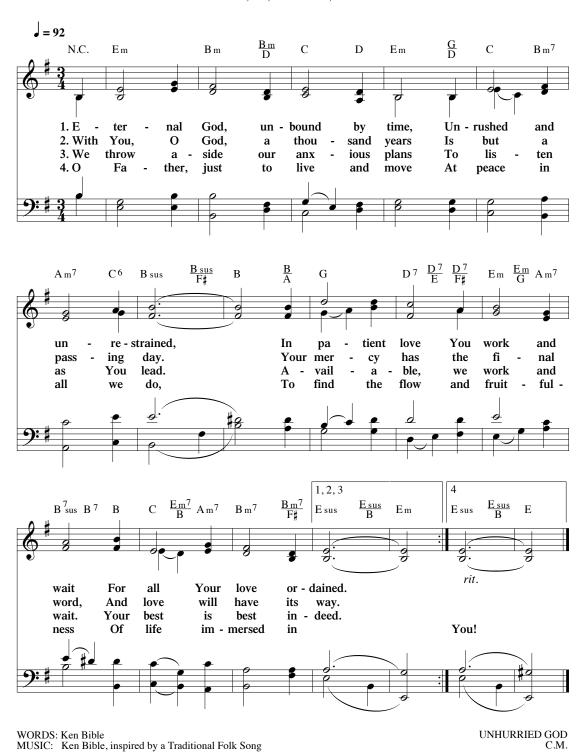
You will not rush.

What seems like delays is
only Your mercy,
only Your unflinching determination to give
only Your best to Your children.

Transcendent God, we cannot think Your thoughts.
We cannot trace Your ways,
But we trust Your perfect wisdom and
Your unchanging love.
Help us to work and rest
in Your Spirit,
in Your time,
in Your peace.

## Eternal God, Unbound by Time

Psalm 31:15; 90; John 15:5; 2 Peter 3:3-9



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(NASB)

1 One who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will lodge in the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!"
3 For it is He who rescues you from the net of the trapper And from the deadly plague.
4 He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings you may take refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and wall.

5 You will not be afraid of the terror by night, Or of the arrow that flies by day; 6 Of the plague that stalks in darkness, Or of the destruction that devastates at noon. 7 A thousand may fall at your side And ten thousand at your right hand, But it shall not approach you. 8 You will only look on with your eyes And see the retaliation against the wicked. 9 For you have made the Lord, my refuge, The Most High, your dwelling place. 10 No evil will happen to you, Nor will any plague come near your tent.

11 For He will give His angels orders concerning you,To protect you in all your ways.12 On their hands they will lift you up,So that you do not strike your foot against a stone.13 You will walk upon the lion and cobra,You will trample the young lion and the serpent.

14 "Because he has loved Me, I will save him;
I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name.
15 He will call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
16 I will satisfy him with a long life,
And show him My salvation."

### **Praying in His Presence**

I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. (Psalm 73:23, NIV)

For years I struggled when I tried to pray.
I thought of God as a Someone way out there somewhere.
To connect with Him,
I thought I had to approach Him just the right way.

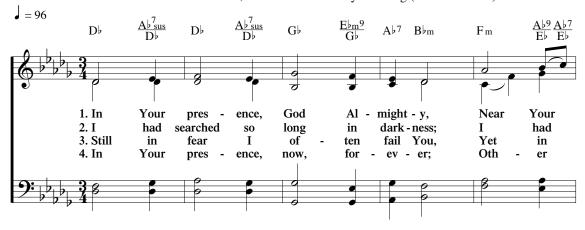
I would try to work up the right frame of mind.
I would try to concentrate and empty my mind of all other thoughts.
What a struggle!

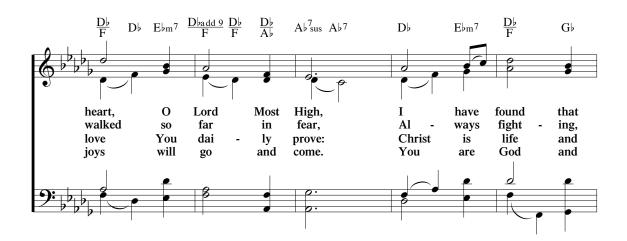
How wonderful to finally realize that God isn't out there somewhere: He is always right here with me.
And I don't have to struggle to contact Him:
He loves me.
He wants to hear from me and is already listening.

Jesus, I will always talk to You as to a Friend right here with me.

# In Your Presence, God Almighty

ALTERNATE TUNE: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (NETTLETON)







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1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord
And to sing praises to Your name, Most High;
2 To declare Your goodness in the morning
And Your faithfulness by night,
3 With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp,
With resounding music on the lyre.
4 For You, Lord, have made me joyful by what You have done,
I will sing for joy over the works of Your hands.

5 How great are Your works, Lord!
Your thoughts are very deep.
6 A stupid person has no knowledge,
Nor does a foolish person understand this:
7 When the wicked sprouted up like grass
And all who did injustice flourished,
It was only that they might be destroyed forevermore.
8 But You, Lord, are on high forever.
9 For, behold, Your enemies, Lord,
For, behold, Your enemies will perish;
All who do injustice will be scattered.

10 But You have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.

11 And my eye has looked at my enemies,
My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.
12 The righteous person will flourish like the palm tree,
He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 Planted in the house of the Lord,
They will flourish in the courtyards of our God.
14 They will still yield fruit in advanced age;
They will be full of sap and very green,
15 To declare that the Lord is just;
He is my rock, and there is no malice in Him.

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Father, how good it is to
praise You and
thank You!

As I wake in the morning and
face the new day,
I bask in the light of
Your unfailing love.

As I complete the day and
look back,
I smile in the glow of
Your faithfulness,
Your absolute, unwavering dependability.
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As I reflect on all You have done in the wide world and in my own life,
Father, how can I help but love You and thank You?

Your works and ways give me a glimpse into
Your mind and
Your thoughts.
How deep!
How high!

How can I help but trust You? How can I help but worship You?

Focused on You,
I get a perspective
high above my daily struggles.
I see You working all things for good,
far beyond my fearful, childish understanding.

Planted in You, growing in You, I am tree, immovable, always green, always fruitful. Almighty God, I am deeply rooted in You.



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(NASB)

1 The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The Lord has clothed and encircled Himself with strength. Indeed, the world is firmly established; it will not be moved. 2 Your throne is established from of old; You are from eternity.

3 The floods have lifted up, Lord,
The floods have lifted up their voice,
The floods lift up their pounding waves.
4 More than the sounds of many waters,
Than the mighty breakers of the sea,
The Lord on high is mighty.
5 Your testimonies are fully confirmed;
Holiness is pleasing to Your house,
Lord, forevermore.

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Yahweh,
Creator,
Savior,
our Father,
      rules all reality as
      Sovereign King.
Absolute power and
unimaginable glory
      surround Him like a garment.
His control is
      eternal,
      unshakable and
      unchallenged.
The world's
      stability and
      security
rest not on created things
but on
      Him.
The chaos
      in our world and
      in our lives
seems
      fierce and
      threatening,
But His Word is
      sovereign.
His love is
      all-wise and
      unfailing.
His faithfulness is
      absolutely,
      eternally
             dependable.
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WORDS: Ken Bible MUSIC: Piae Cantiones, 1582, and Ken Bible PERSONENT HODIE 2 6.6.7.6.6.

(NASB)

1 Lord, God of vengeance,
God of vengeance, shine forth!
2 Rise up, Judge of the earth,
Pay back retribution to the proud.
3 How long, Lord, shall the wicked—
How long shall the wicked triumph?
4 They pour out words, they speak arrogantly;
All who do injustice boast.
5 They crush Your people, Lord,
And afflict Your inheritance.
6 They kill the widow and the stranger
And murder the orphans.
7 They have said, "The Lord does not see,
Nor does the God of Jacob perceive."

8 Pay attention, you stupid ones among the people;
And when will you understand, foolish ones?
9 He who planted the ear, does He not hear?
Or He who formed the eye, does He not see?
10 He who disciplines the nations, will He not rebuke,
He who teaches mankind knowledge?
11 The Lord knows human thoughts,
That they are mere breath.

12 Blessed is the man whom You discipline, Lord,
And whom You teach from Your Law,
13 So that You may grant him relief from the days of adversity,
Until a pit is dug for the wicked.
14 For the Lord will not abandon His people,
Nor will He abandon His inheritance.
15 For judgment will again be righteous,
And all the upright in heart will follow it.
16 Who will stand up for me against evildoers?
Who will take his stand for me against those who do injustice?

17 If the Lord had not been my help,My soul would soon have dwelt in the land of silence.18 If I should say, "My foot has slipped,"Your faithfulness, Lord, will support me.19 When my anxious thoughts multiply within me,

Your comfort delights my soul.

20 Can a throne of destruction be allied with You,
One which devises mischief by decree?

21 They band themselves together against the life of the righteous
And condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the Lord has been my refuge,
And my God the rock of my refuge.

23 He has brought back their injustice upon them, And He will destroy them in their evil;

The Lord our God will destroy them.

Father, Your world is unjust.

We have made it so,
yet we cannot heal it.

Bring justice, O righteous King!

Help us do our part.

But for complete healing, we wait on
You.

We consistently
underestimate
Your deep concern and
energetic response
to our needs,
including our sins.
At the same time, we consistently
overestimate ourselves.
We don't realize how
weak,
vulnerable, and

So we look to You, worship You, work as You enable us, and wait on You.

inconsistent we are.

As we wait, You give us the peace, the joy, the absolute security that is found only in You.

Praise to You, loving Father! Praise to You, holy Son! Praise to You, faithful Spirit! May Your Kingdom come!

TUNE: Great Day!



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(NASB)

1 Come, let's sing for joy to the Lord,
Let's shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let's come before His presence with a song of thanksgiving,
Let's shout joyfully to Him in songs with instruments.
3 For the Lord is a great God
And a great King above all gods,
4 In whose hand are the depths of the earth,
The peaks of the mountains are also His.
5 The sea is His, for it was He who made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let's worship and bow down,
Let's kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
Today, if you will hear His voice,
8 Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah,
As on the day of Massah in the wilderness,
9 "When your fathers put Me to the test,
They tested Me, though they had seen My work.
10 For forty years I was disgusted with that generation,
And said they are a people who err in their heart,
And they do not know My ways.
11 Therefore I swore in My anger,
They certainly shall not enter My rest."

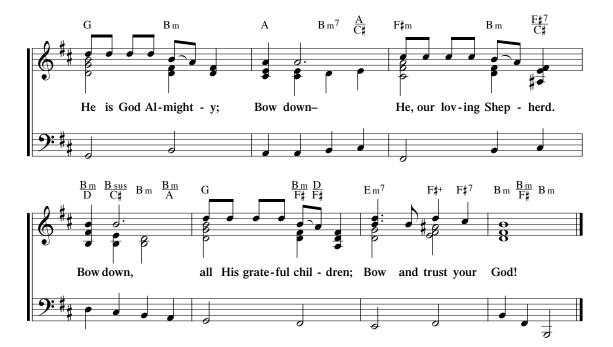
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Consider who He is:
      Yahweh, I AM, source of all being;
      our Rock;
      the one who saves us from all that threatens and oppresses us;
      ultimate ruler over all rulers:
      Creator and sustainer of all reality.
The most magnificent heights,
the most mysterious depths, and
the infinite variety of creation -
all that is beyond our imagination -
      are encompassed in His hand,
      resting in His effortless control.
How should we respond to
      the simple reality of all He is?
Sing!
Shout for joy!
Praise Him jubilantly!
Bring Him our exuberant thanksgiving!
Bow down in worship.
But bowing to Him means more than
      repeating the right words or
      assuming a physical posture.
Bowing to Him means
      fully giving ourselves to His complete authority
      unreservedly,
      in full obedience.
      without resistance.
It means focusing our hearts and minds,
      not on our own desires,
      not on our own resources,
but on Him.
Bowing means
      trusting Him and
      following Him
like sheep follow their shepherd.
It means keeping our hearts
      pliable in His hands,
      fully responsive to His will,
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like clay in the hands of a potter.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. (Psalm 95:6, NASB)



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(NASB)

1 Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord, bless His name;

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

3 Tell of His glory among the nations,

His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

But the Lord made the heavens.

6 Splendor and majesty are before Him,

Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name;

Bring an offering and come into His courtyards.

9 Worship the Lord in holy attire;

Tremble before Him, all the earth.

10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns;

Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved;

He will judge the peoples fairly."

11 May the heavens be joyful, and may the earth rejoice;

May the sea roar, and all it contains;

12 May the field be jubilant, and all that is in it.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy

13 Before the Lord, for He is coming,

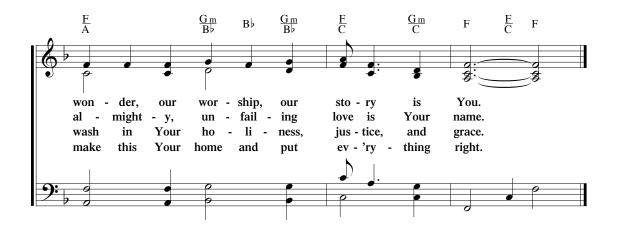
For He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness,

And the peoples in His faithfulness.

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Creator,
Savior,
Sovereign King,
our Father,
may our songs be
      forever fresh and
      forever new,
forever rising as
       our living response to
       Your living presence.
Your love is new every morning.
Keep the song in our hearts
       fresh and new every day.
O Father, Your power and goodness are
       universal.
They bless every living being.
So may all of us -
       every nation,
       every culture,
       every individual -
worship You.
Only universal praise is fitting for
       all You are.
And Almighty God, our songs are only the beginning.
All of creation.
       every corner of the world
will soon explode with rejoicing.
For You Yourself are coming to us!
You are coming
       to bring justice,
       to bring all the beauty of holiness,
       to make this earth Your eternal home.
O Father, we are waiting for that day!
Our rejoicing has already begun!
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(NASB)

1 The Lord reigns, may the earth rejoice;

May the many islands be joyful.

2 Clouds and thick darkness surround Him;

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

3 Fire goes before Him

And burns up His enemies all around.

4 His lightning lit up the world;

The earth saw it and trembled.

5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord,

At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare His righteousness,

And all the peoples have seen His glory.

7 May all those be ashamed who serve carved images,

Who boast in idols:

Worship Him, all you gods.

8 Zion heard this and was joyful,

And the daughters of Judah have rejoiced

Because of Your judgments, Lord.

9 For You are the Lord Most High over all the earth;

You are exalted far above all gods.

10 Hate evil, you who love the Lord,

Who watches over the souls of His godly ones;

He saves them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown like seed for the righteous,

And gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Be joyful in the Lord, you righteous ones,

And praise the mention of His holy name.

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See fire and smoke,
      light and darkness,
      heaven and earth
proclaim Him:
      One God!
      Almighty God!
      Glorious God!
Look to Jesus Christ, the
      God
      man.
See His life,
      death, and
      life from death
proclaim Him:
      One God!
      Almighty God!
      Glorious God!
At His coming,
      all the angels,
      all His people, and
      all creation
sing for joy:
      He has come!
      He is here!
      GOD IS WITH US!
Join the celebration!
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Look to creation.

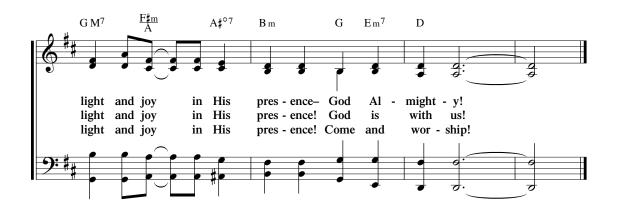
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(NASB)

1 Sing a new song to the Lord,
For He has done wonderful things,
His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.
2 The Lord has made His salvation known;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
3 He has remembered His graciousness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
Be cheerful and sing for joy and sing praises.
5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
With the lyre and the sound of melody.
6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Shout joyfully before the King, the Lord.

7 May the sea roar and all it contains,
The world and those who dwell in it.
8 May the rivers clap their hands,
May the mountains sing together for joy
9 Before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth;
He will judge the world with righteousness
And the peoples with fairness.

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From the very beginning,
      God has longed to be
      with His people.
From the garden to the wilderness,
      from the tabernacle to the temple,
God has burned with the desire to
      live among His people and
      be their God in the fullest possible sense.
He planned it.
He promised it, and
      in His absolute sovereignty,
      He determined that it would be so.
He came once -
      to become one of us and
      to give His own life to rescue us.
And He left only
      to pour out His Spirit on us and
      to prepare for our full, eternal union with Him.
The same sovereign love that caused Him to come once
      is bringing Him back.
He has promised, and
      He yearns for us with the heart of a Father.
Nothing can keep Him away.
      Nothing!.
All His people,
all the nations.
all creation,
      rejoice!
      Stay ready!
      Wait expectantly!
HE
IS
COMING!
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Tune: WARRENTON, alt. (Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)



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1 The Lord reigns, the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned above the cherubim, the earth quakes!
2 The Lord is great in Zion,
And He is exalted above all the peoples.
3 May they praise Your great and awesome name;
Holy is He.

4 The strength of the King loves justice; You have established order; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. 5 Exalt the Lord our God And worship at His footstool; Holy is He.

6 Moses and Aaron were among His priests,
And Samuel was among those who called on His name;
They called upon the Lord and He answered them.
7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
They kept His testimonies
And the statute that He gave them.
8 Lord our God, You answered them;
You were a forgiving God to them,
And yet an avenger of their evil deeds.
9 Exalt the Lord our God
And worship at His holy hill,
For the Lord our God is holy.

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When we think of God as being
      "above us",
what do we mean?
It is less matter of
      physical location than
      quality of being.
His transcendence means He is
      outside this creation,
      separate from it,
      unlimited by it.
He is "above" it in the sense that He
      sees it all.
      knows it all,
      controls it all,
      is infinitely greater than it all, and
      is qualified to judge it all,
             perfectly and
             completely.
And yet...
His love keeps Him in
      constant.
      intimate contact
with us and
      with our physical home
       at every level.
That's why He incarnated Himself -
      made Himself one of us -
so that He could
      touch us,
      share in our lives, and
      fully share Himself with us.
He draws near to us and
      longs to draw us near to Him.
He speaks to us and
      eagerly waits for us to
      speak to Him.
His holiness -
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that is, His

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purity and
      transcendence -
does not keep Him separate from us.
On the contrary,
because He is holy,
His love is
      pure and
      undiluted,
      burning,
      yearning,
      ceaseless working
to unite us to Himself.
His goal is
simply this:
      that we might trust Him
so that He can work all His
      magnificent
      loving will
in us
      forever.
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(NASB)

- 1 Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Serve the Lord with jubilation;

Come before Him with rejoicing.

3 Know that the Lord Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courtyards with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting And His faithfulness is to all generations.

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Great I AM,
Creator,
Shepherd,
You rule
      all that is for
      all time.
You are the Source of
      all existence and
      everything good.
You are truly the
      All-in-all!
You are grace and truth -
      unfailing love and
      absolute dependability,
We rejoice in all You are!
We sing to You and
      of You.
Graciously invited, we come before You
      together,
      as Your people.
We serve You
      gladly and
      eagerly.
We reflect on
      Who You are and
      who we are -
             humble creatures of dust,
             yet glorious in You.
O our God,
      we praise You!
      We thank You!
      We bless You!
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