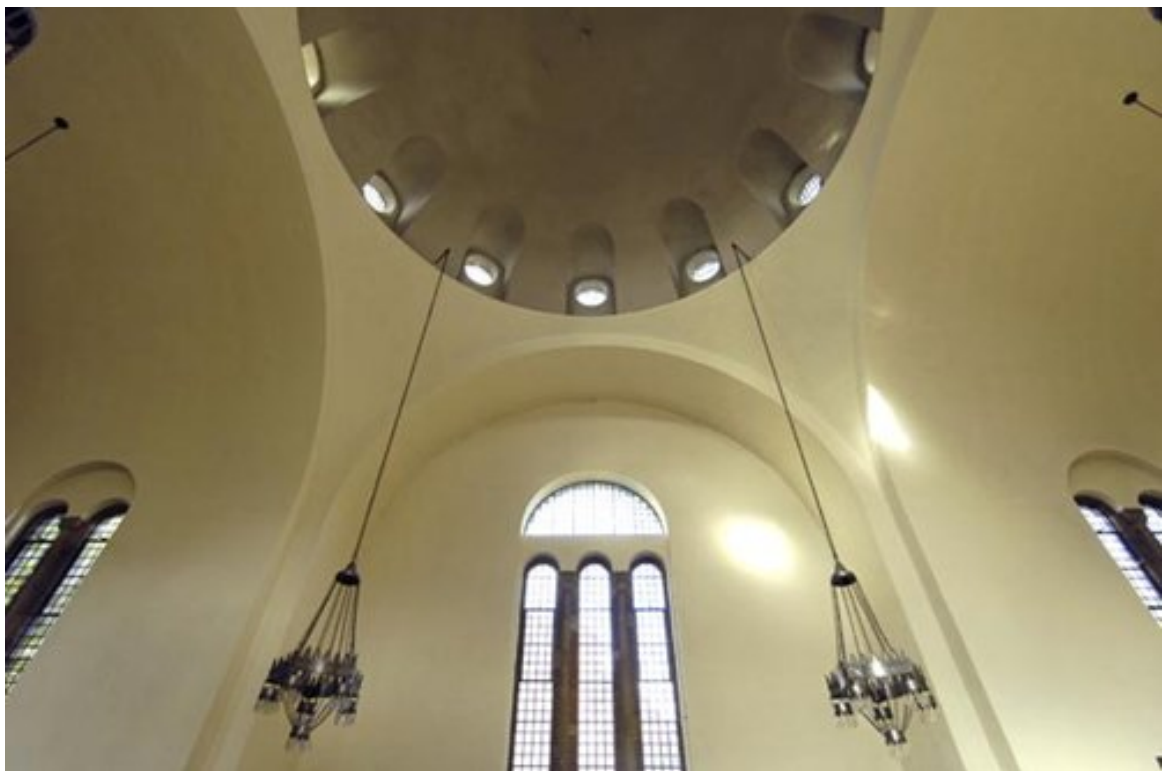


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## PERFORMANCE NOTE

The alto solo can be taken by a soprano or by an alto an octave lower if necessary  
The solo may be taken by more singers if necessary  
All organ stops and registrations are left to the discretion of the organist

For Susan Wollenberg, with many thanks

First performed by the Choir of Lady Margaret Hall with Gerard Lee (conductor) in the chapel of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford on 21 February 2010

**Duration:** 5 minutes  
**Cover photograph:** 'Chapel Ceiling' ([www.lmh.ox.ac.uk](http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk))  
**For more information:** [www.phillipcooke.com](http://www.phillipcooke.com)

## TEXT

God is our strength and refuge,  
therefore we will not fear,  
if the whole world should change.  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore.  
God is our strength and refuge.

Amen.

Psalm 46 (adapted)

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PSALM 46 (ADAPTED)

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*Allegro non troppo* (♩ = c.63)

Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Organ. The score is in 2/2 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The organ part is marked *Sw. mf sempre*. The vocal parts are currently silent.

Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Organ, starting at measure 5. The organ part continues with *mf* dynamics. The vocal parts remain silent. The organ part features a dynamic shift to *f* at the end of the section.

poco meno mosso (♩ = c.58)

2

10

*mp* *p*  
God is our strength

*mp* *p*  
God is our strength

*p* *mp* *p*  
God is our strength God is our

*p* *mp* *p*  
God is our strength God is our

*p* poco a poco cresc.

*p* poco a poco cresc.



15

*sub. mp* *p* *sub. mp* *mf*  
God is our strength God is our strength our

*sub. mp* *p* *sub. mp* *mf*  
God is our strength God is our strength our

*mp* *p* *mf*  
strength God is our strength our

*mp* *p* *mf*  
strength God is our strength our

*mf*

*mf*

20

*f* 3

strength and our ref - uge our strength and our ref -

*f*

strength and our ref - uge our strength and our ref -

*p* *f*

strength and our ref - uge is our strength

*p* *f*

strength and our ref - uge is our strength

*mp cresc.*

*sub. mp cresc.*

**Primo tempo** (♩ = c.63)

25

*mp* *pp*

uge.

*mp* *pp*

uge.

*mp* *pp*

*mp* *pp*

*f* *sub. mf*

*f* *sub. mf*

poco meno mosso (♩ = c.58)

4 30

There - fore we will not fear, \_\_\_\_\_

There - fore we will not \_\_\_\_\_

God is our strength \_\_\_\_\_

*f* *sub. pp*

*f*

35

we will not fear, \_\_\_\_\_ we will not fear, \_\_\_\_\_

fear, \_\_\_\_\_ God is our strength \_\_\_\_\_

There - fore we will not fear, \_\_\_\_\_ we will not \_\_\_\_\_

There - fore we will not fear, \_\_\_\_\_

40 *sub. mf* *f* 5

if the whole world should change, if the whole world should

if the whole world should change, if the whole world should

fear, if the whole world should change, if the whole world should

if the whole world should change, if the whole world should

Gt: *sub. mf* *f*

16'

*mf* *f*

**Primo tempo** (♩ = c.63)

45 *p* *pp*

change.

*p* *pp*

change.

*p* *pp*

change.

*p* *pp*

change.

Sw: *mf* *f*

*mf* *f*

poco meno mosso (♩ = c.58)

6 50

*fp* is  
God

*mf marc.* *f*  
Though moun - tains shake and trem - ble,

*mf marc.* *f*  
Though moun - tains shake and trem - ble,

Gt: *mf sempre*

*mf sempre*

*fp* strength. *pp*  
our

*pp*

*mf marc.* *f*  
Though swir - ling floods are ra -

*mf marc.* *f*  
Though swir - ling floods are ra -



poco rit. - - - - - (♩ = c.52)

60 gli altri *fp* strength. *pp* 7  
 our  
 Solo \* *mp espress.*  
 God  
*fp* is *pp*  
 God  
*p* *fp* strength. *pp*  
 8 ging, our  
*p* *fp* is *pp*  
 ging, God



poco rit. - - - - -

64 (Solo) *f* *pp*  
 the Lord of hosts is with us ev - er - more.

16', (32') *p cresc.*

piu mosso (♩ = c.58)

8 68 (tutti) *p* ————— *ff marc.* ————— *p*

God is our strength

*p* ————— *ff marc.* ————— *p*

God is our strength

*p* ————— *ff marc.* ————— *p*

God is our strength

*p* ————— *ff marc.* ————— *p*

God is our strength

Gt: *ff marc.*

73 *... ff*

*p* ————— *ff marc.* ————— *p*

God is our strength

*p* ————— *ff marc.* ————— *p*

God is our strength

*p* ————— *ff marc.* ————— *p*

God is our strength

*p* ————— *ff marc.* ————— *p*

God is our strength

(b) *ff marc.*

(b)

sub. *p cresc.* *... ff*

78 *p* *f* *f* 9

God is our strength our strength and

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*sub. p cresc.* *mf* *f*

**||** *poco rit.* *f cresc.* *ff*

our ref - uge our strength and our ref - uge

our ref - uge our strength and our ref - uge

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our ref - uge our strength and our ref - uge

*p* *p*

88 *pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

Sw: *sub. mf sempre*

*mf*



93

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

98

*p senza espress.*  
A - - men

*pp*

*p sim.*  
A - - men

*p senza espress.*  
A - - men

*pp*

*p sim.*  
A - - men

*ff*

Gt: *p sempre*

*ff*



rit. al fine. - - - - -

104

*pp*  
A - - men.

*pp*  
A - - men.

\* Repeat bars if necessary for effect