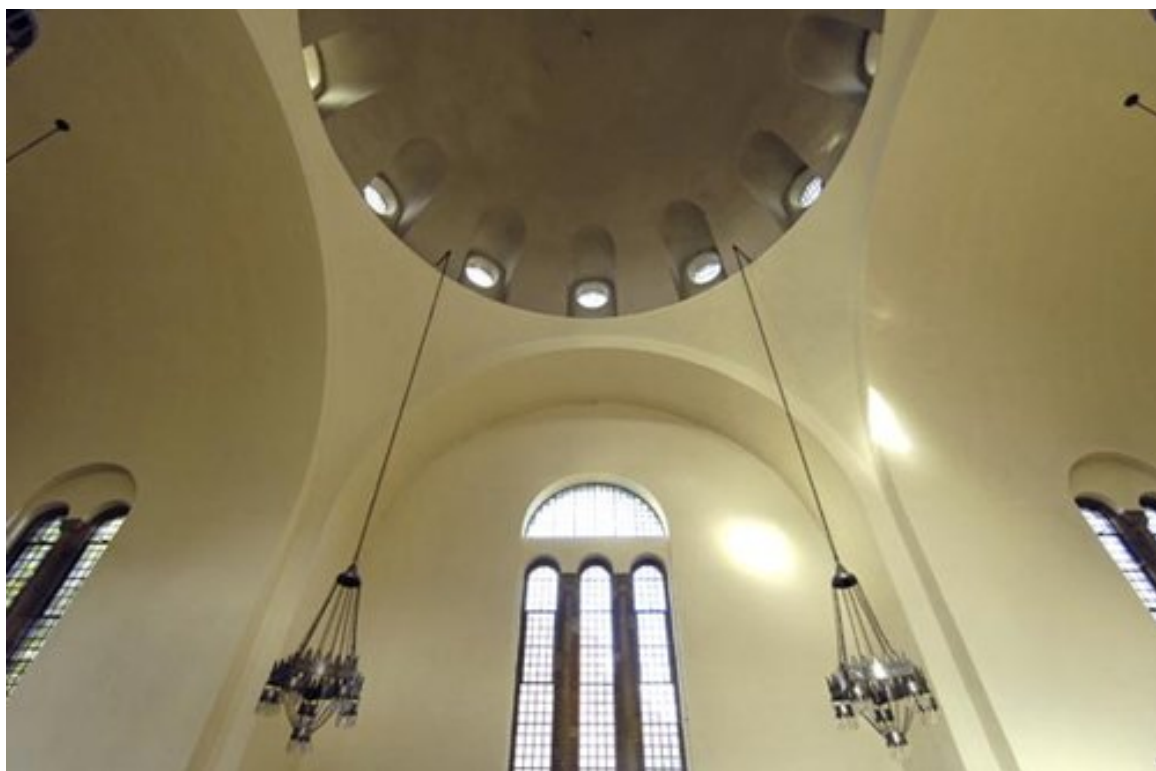


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## PERFORMANCE NOTE

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 in the chapel of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford by the Choir of Lady Margaret Hall, conducted by Gerard Lee

Duration: 5 minutes

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## 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, measures 1-4. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The organ part begins with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand, marked *mf sempre*. The vocal parts are currently silent.

Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Organ, measures 5-8. The organ part continues with the same melodic and bass lines. The vocal parts remain silent. The organ part concludes with a *f* dynamic marking. A double bar line with repeat dots is present at the end of measure 8.

poco meno mosso (♩ = c.58)

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

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

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

strength and our ref - uge is our strength

strength and our ref - uge is our strength

*mp cresc.*

*sub. mp cresc.*

Primo tempo (♩ = c.63)

25

uge.

uge.

*f* *sub. mf*

*f* *sub. mf*

30

There - fore we will not fear,

There - fore we will not fear,

There - fore we will not

God is our strength.

*f* *sub. pp*



35

we will not fear, we will not fear,

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,

*mp* *pp* *mp* *p* *pp* *pp* *pp* *mp*

40 *sub. mf* *f*

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

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

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

*sub. mf* *f*

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

*sub. mf* *f*

*mf* *f*



**Primo tempo** (♩ = c.63)

45 *p* *pp*

change.

*p* *pp*

change.

*p* *pp*

change.

*p* *pp*

change.

*mf* *f*

*mf* *f*

50

*fp* is \_\_\_\_\_  
God \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*mf sempre*

*mf sempre*



55

*fp* strength. \_\_\_\_\_ *pp*  
our \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

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

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

*mf sempre*

poco rit. - - - - - (♩ = c.52) 7

60

*fp* strength. \_\_\_\_\_ *pp*

our \_\_\_\_\_

Solo \* *mp espress.*

God \_\_\_\_\_ *pp*

*fp* is \_\_\_\_\_

God \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *p* \_\_\_\_\_ *fp* strength. \_\_\_\_\_ *pp*

ging, \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *p* \_\_\_\_\_ *fp* is \_\_\_\_\_ *pp*

ging, \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_

\* Solo can be taken by soprano if necessary



poco rit. - - - - -

64 (Solo)

\_\_\_\_\_ *f* \_\_\_\_\_ *pp*

the Lord of hosts \_\_\_\_\_ is with us ev - er - more. \_\_\_\_\_

16', (32')

*p* *cresc.*

68 *p* ————— *ff marc.* ————— *p*

God is our strength

(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

*ff marc.*

... *ff*

73 *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

*ff marc.*

(b)

*sub. p cresc.*

... *ff*

78 *p* ————— *f* ————— *f*

God is our strength our strength and

*p* ————— *f* ————— *f*

God is our strength our strength and

*p* ————— *f* ————— *f*

God is our strength our strength and

*p* ————— *f* ————— *f*

God is our strength our strength and

*mf* ————— *f*

*sub. p cresc.* ... *mf* ————— *f*



*poco rit.* - - - - -

83 *f cresc.* ... *ff*

our ref - uge our strength and our ref - uge

*f cresc.* ... *ff*

our ref - uge our strength and our ref - uge

*f cresc.* ... *ff*

our ref - uge our strength and our ref - uge

*f cresc.* ... *ff*

our ref - uge our strength and our ref - uge

*p*

*p*

88 *pp*

*sub. mf sempre*



93 *cresc.*

98

*p senza espress.* *pp* *p sim.*  
A - - men A - - men

*p senza espress.* *pp* *p sim.*  
A - - men A - - men

*ff* *p sempre*

*ff*



rit. al fine. - - - - -

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*pp* *pp*  
A - - men. A - - men.