

## **O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST** - (G) 170; vv. 1-4 & 6

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

Text: Psalm 90 Tune: William Croft, 1708. Church CCLI License #133103

## **ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

**Chorus:** Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God. **Chorus**

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. **Chorus 2x**

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## **EVIDENCE**

All throughout my history, Your faithfulness has walked beside me.  
The winter storms made way for spring.  
In ev'ry season, from where I'm standing

**Chorus:** I see the evidence of Your goodness  
all over my life, all over my life.  
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave.  
You lead my heart to victory.  
You are my strength and You always will be. **Chorus**

See the cross, the empty grave; the evidence is endless.  
All my sin rolled away because of You, oh, Jesus. **Repeat**  
Oh, **Chorus 2x**

Why should I fear? The evidence is here.

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## **A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD** - (G) 469; all 4

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same;  
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers – no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever!

Text and Tune: Martin Luther, 1529. Church CCLI License #133103

**WE WILL EXTOL YOU, GOD AND KING**  
**(ONE GENERATION WILL CALL TO THE NEXT)**

We will extol You, God and King, and bless Your holy name.  
Day after day, we'll sing Your praise, forever and for-ev---er.

**Chorus:** One generation will call to the next:  
"Our God is good and His hand is strong!"  
All of the world sings His marvelous acts  
and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all His ways He's greatly to be praised.  
Were we to search for endless days,  
His greatness none could fath---om. **Chorus**

We contemplate the splendor of the world Your hand has made.  
Far greater still the majesty we see in the Cre-a---tor! **Chorus**

Now may Your name be sung in ev'ry tongue in ev'ry place.  
Singing the fame of Your great love in ev'ry gen-er-at---ion. **Chorus**  
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**FOREVER**

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King;  
His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things;  
His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;  
His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on;  
His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong,  
Forever You are with us, forever, forever.

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*Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service*  
*Sunday, May 5th, 2024*  
*10:00 AM*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer  
\*Opening Song of Praise  
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (G) 170; vv. 1-4 & 6  
\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another  
\*Song of Praise and Adoration

"Only a Holy God"  
Responsive Reading: Confession & Assurance  
Song of Response

"Evidence"  
(Children may come forward for Little Lambs and Children in Worship)

Children's Message  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering: Crossroads Prison Ministries  
\*Song of Preparation  
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (G) 469; all 4

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: Genesis 18:16-33 (pp. 15-16)  
Sermon: "**Negotiating with God**"  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song of Application

"We Will Extol You, God and King"

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*Benediction  
\*Closing Song

"Forever"

\*Postlude

**Preaching:** Pastor Brent Pennings  
**Organ:** Margaret Van Vliet **Piano:** Laura Koolhaas  
**\*Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks**  
**(B) blue songbooks under pews**