203. A Mighty Fortress

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1 might-y for - tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail ing; own strength con-fide, Our in our striv-ing would be los ing, 3. And tho' this world, with dev - ils filled, Would threat-en to un - do 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers No thanks to them, a - bid us, thanks to them, a - bid eth; Our Help-er He. a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre vail ing. our side, The Man of God's own Were not the right Man on choos ing. will not fear, for God has willed His truth to tri - umph through us. the gifts are ours Thro' Him who with us The Spir-it and sid eth. For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth His The prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for him; His rage we can en go, This mor-tal life al-so; The bod - y they may Let goods and kin - dred On earth is not And armed with cru - el his qual. great, hate, Name, From age to age the same; And He must win the bat tle. dure, lit - tle word shall lo! his doom is sure; One fel1 him. kill: a - bid - eth still; His God's truth king-dom is for er!

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