

= God with Us ( song ) =

" God With Us " is a song written and performed Christian rock band MercyMe . The song is lyrically a worship song , inspired by a question used by lead singer Bart Millard 's pastor .

Released as the lead single from MercyMe 's 2007 album All That Is Within Me , " God With Us " peaked at No. 1 on both the Hot Christian Songs and Hot Christian AC charts , and was ranked at No. 3 and No. 4 on the 2008 year @-@ end charts , respectively . The song also ranked at No. 12 on the decade @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart , and No. 19 on the decade @-@ end Hot Christian Songs chart .

= = Background = =

" God with Us " was the first song written for MercyMe 's album All That Is Within Me , as well as the song the band based the rest of the album around . The song 's lyrics were inspired by the question " Why does God look our way ? " , which the band 's lead singer Bart Millard 's pastor used to ask to his congregation . Millard could not get this idea out of his head , and wanted to create a song around this idea . " God with Us " was designed for the church , as well as to be used in worship .

" God with Us " was written and composed by MercyMe . It was produced by Brown Bannister , and the strings on the song were recorded by the London Session Orchestra .

= = Composition = =

" God With Us " is a worship song with a length of five minutes and fifty @-@ two seconds . It is set in common time and in the key of A major , with a moderate tempo of 92 beats per minute , and a vocal range spanning from A3 ? E5 .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

Critical reception to " God With Us " was generally positive . Mike Parker of Today 's Christian Music commented that " ? God With Us , ? a superlative , six @-@ minute marathon , may be the best cut on the album " , also opining that " With plenty of time to sink its teeth into the song , the band delivers more emotion than on any tune since ? I Can Only Imagine " . Kevin McNeese of New Release Tuesday called the song a " worship @-@ filled moment " , while Jay Heilman of Christian Music Review opined that the song is " a reminder of how compassionate and loving the Lord is of us " .

= = = Chart performance = = =

" God With Us " debuted at No. 17 on the Billboard Hot Christian Songs chart . It advanced to No. 13 in its second week , and to No. 8 in its third . In its fifth chart week , " God With Us " advanced to No. 4 , a spot it held for an additional two weeks . In its ninth chart week , the song advanced to No. 1 , a spot it held for three weeks before being supplanted by " East to West " by Casting Crowns . The song dropped to No. 2 in its twelfth chart week and held that spot for three weeks before advancing back into No. 1 and holding at that spot for five weeks . In its twentieth chart week , " God With Us " fell to No. 2 , removed from the top spot by Matthew West 's " You Are Everything " , and held that spot for three weeks . " God With Us " dropped out of the top five in its twenty @-@ ninth chart week , falling to No. 6 , and dropped out of the top ten in its thirty @-@ fifth chart week . In all , " God With Us " spent a total of thirty @-@ eight weeks on the Hot Christian Songs chart , eight of them at No. 1 .

" God With Us " also peaked at No. 1 on the Hot Christian AC chart , and spent a total of thirty @-@ eight weeks on the chart . In Billboard 's 2008 year @-@ end charts , " God With Us " ranked at No. 3 on the Hot Christian Songs chart ; only " You Are Everything " by Matthew West and " Call My Name " by Third Day ranked higher . Billboard also ranked the song at No. 4 on the year @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart , with only " You Are Everything " by Matthew West , " Let It Fade " by Jeremy Camp , and " Call My Name " by Third Day ranking higher . The song ranked on Billboard 's 2000s decade @-@ end charts , at No. 12 on the Hot Christian AC chart and No. 19 on the Hot Christian Songs chart .

= = Live performances = =

MercyMe has performed " God with Us " live on concert tours . At the concert which took place on 4 November 2011 at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids , Michigan , the band performed " God with Us " as part of their setlist . At a concert in Council Bluffs , Iowa , the band , dressed in suits designed around their then @-@ upcoming album The Generous Mr. Lovewell , performed " God with Us " as the final song of their setlist . At a concert in Huntsville , Alabama , MercyMe performed " God with Us " as part of their setlist .

= = Other uses = =

" God with Us " has been included in several compilation albums , such as WOW Hits 2009 and Wow # 1s : 30 # 1 Christian Hits ! . MercyMe included both the song and a live version of the song on their 2009 compilation album 10 .

= = Music video = =

A music video was released for " God With Us " . The video features MercyMe performing in a live setting .

= = Charts = =

= = = Weekly charts = = =

= = = Year @-@ end charts = = =

= = = Decade @-@ end charts = = =

= = = Chart procession and succession = = =

= = Personnel = =

( Instrumental and composition credits lifted from Allmusic , writing credits lifted from sheet music )

Bart Millard ? lead vocals , writer , composer

Jim Bryson ? keyboards , piano , writer , composer

Nathan Cochran ? bass guitar , writer , composer

Barry Graul ? guitar , writer , composer

Mike Scheuchzer ? guitar , writer , composer

Robby Shaffer ? drums , writer , composer

The London Session Orchestra - strings