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## O God, my faithful God

G C G C F D G C (G<sup>7</sup> C) G C

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Give me the strength to do, with read - y heart and will - ing,  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

F (Dm) G<sup>7</sup> C G C D G (Am G) D G

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing,  
 guard me lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less.

C C<sup>7</sup> F Dm D (G D) G

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
 and do it when I ought, with zeal and joy - ful - ness;  
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
 Help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

C F (C) Dm (Em) Am G C F G C

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
 and bless the work I've wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1630; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.  
 Tune: Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1679; harm. J. S. Bach, c. 1740, alt.

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