

HYMN

O God, my faithful God

C G C F D G C G⁷ 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, O keep me calm and fear - less;

F Dm G⁷ C G C D G A 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 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. Johann S. Bach, 1685-1750, in Cantata 45

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