

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G D/F#
Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G D/F#
Leader or All

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A
to Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

Leader or All *G* *D/F#*

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-

G *D/F#* *F*

bide in his shad-ow for life, say to the Lord, "My

Dm *F* *Gm* *Asus* *A*

ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain *All* *D* *Em*

And he will raise you up on ea-gles' wings, bear you on the

A7 *D* *D7/F#* *G*

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

A *Bm* *F#m* *Em7* *A* *Dsus* *D* *Fine*

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All *G* *D/F#*

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and

G *D/F#* *F*

fam-ine will bring you no fear: un-der his wings, your

Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.

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