

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 베 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 러 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

685 Unseen God, Your Hand Has Guided

1 Un - seen God, your hand has guid - ed these
 2 You have made them in your im - age, formed them
 3 May their fin - gers, in - ter - twin - ing, weave
 4 Shape their hands, O God, for shar - ing; O
 5 God, through all the years be - fore them, let your

lives on sep - arate ways till they heard your
 for com - mu - ni - ty. Bless their hands, you
 stron - ger bond to bear bur - dens fu - tur
 reach - ing out to give. Make their hearts, as
 hand their hands up - hold. On their un - seen

call to trav - el hand in hand through all their day
 linked to - geth - er, yoked in love that sets them free
 you may bring them: stress of du - ty, weight of
 you have shown us, quick, when wound - ed, to for
 way be - friend them; with your love their love en -

God of Our Life

686

1 God of our life, through all the cir - cing years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un - known we fol - low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom - ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref - uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This hymn was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shady Side Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed by John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D)
 Refrain F (A7) C7
 Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor; var - ied in col - or and
- 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
- 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them,
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion and these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

204 Stay with Me

Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and pray; Watch and pray.

The chant from Taizé intended for repeated singing is based on Jesus' request to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38/Mark 14:34), a simple request they did not fulfill. When singing these words be sure to hear in them an ongoing call to be alert and faithful.

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205 Live in Charity

Ubi caritas

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
 U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
 U - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

This refrain comes from a Latin hymn associated with the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday. Whether in Greek or Latin, it is most effective when sung unaccompanied and in parts. In many ways it is a miniature version of "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (see no. 727).