

LECTIONARY SONGS



Psalms, Hymns, and Worship Songs
for the Christian Year



Serving the Church · Cultivating the Creative Process

INTRODUCTION

As a worship leader I feel compelled to steward God's story of redemption each week in worship. Since I was a child, I have had a love for the Word of God. I grew up in a church where I learned all of the stories and an elementary school where the Bible was taught regularly in class and in chapel. I am part of a tradition that highly esteems Scripture and theology.

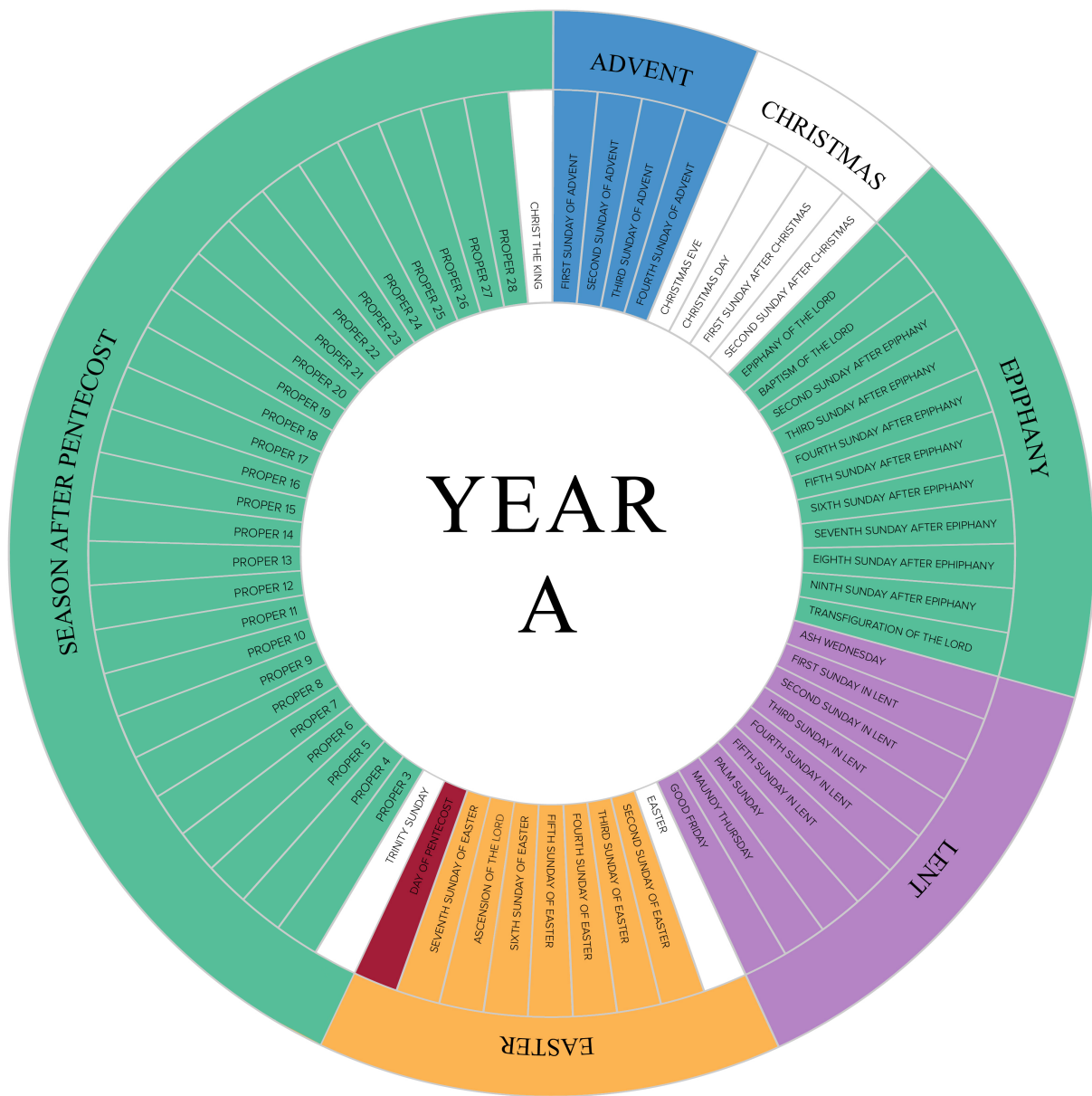
Serving as a worship leader for more than twenty years, I have noticed an interesting dynamic in the life of the church. Ironically, in a tradition that highly values the centrality of the gospel and the Word of God, many evangelical churches do not actually have much Scripture woven into the fabric of their worship services. There may be Scripture passages projected and made available during the preaching of the Word, but that may be the only place where Scripture is read aloud, and often it is either read by the pastor or another leader in the church.

One of my passions in providing this resource is to help worship planners in weaving Scripture *throughout* the service so that our people are praying, singing, affirming, and being called into worship by the Word of God.

In the Spring of 2018, I began to craft my own worship resources based on the Scripture readings for each Sunday in the Christian Year. Though my church does not follow a lectionary in its preaching, I have found that it provides an intentional structure from which to craft Scripture-based worship aids. Thus, our congregation is feasting on the gospel and the Word of God, not only during the preaching, but all throughout our worship service.

In addition to providing worship aids, my goal is to also provide songs for the Christian Year. This work represents the first volume of this comprehensive project. Each song is based on one or more of the Lectionary readings for a given Sunday. This endeavor is partly in the spirit of Bach who wanted to create "a well-regulated church music to God's honor." It is also to fulfill the desire of weaving Scripture throughout a given worship service.

I pray these lyrics and melodies will refresh your soul and provide a rich expression of worship for the singing Church.



YEAR A

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>OCCASION</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
ADVENT THROUGH EPIPHANY		
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1
You Keep Hope Alive	Second Sunday of Advent	Romans 15:13
Angels We Have Heard on High	Christmas Eve	Luke 2:14
Go, Tell It on the Mountain	Christmas Eve	Luke 2:17
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing	Christmas Eve	Luke 2:13-14
Joy to the World	Christmas Eve	Psalms 98:4
O Come, All Ye Faithful	Christmas Eve	Luke 2:15
Silent Night	Christmas Eve	Luke 2:16
The First Noel	Christmas Eve	Luke 2:11
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen	Christmas Day	Luke 2:10
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	Christmas Day	Luke 2:7
What Child Is This	Epiphany	Matthew 2:2
When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream	Baptism of the Lord	Matthew 3:13
So I Can Know the Man	Second Sunday after Epiphany	1 Cor. 1:4-8
O for a Closer Walk with God	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Micah 6:8
The Solid Rock	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	1 Cor. 3:11
LENT THROUGH PENTECOST		
I Sing the Mighty Power of God	Third Sunday in Lent	Psalms 95:6
Blessed One, Blessed King	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21:9
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	Good Friday	Isaiah 53:5
Christ the Lord is Risen Today	Easter	Matthew 28:6
Psalms 23 (The Lord's My Shepherd)	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Psalms 23
Right Hand of the Father	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 7:55
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:9
King of Glory	Ascension of the Lord	Psalms 47:5-8
Right Hand of the Father	Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:9
Breath of God, Breathe	Day of Pentecost	1 Cor. 12:13
SEASON AFTER PENTECOST		
Holy, Holy (God Are You)	Trinity Sunday	Psalms 8:3-4
Holy, Holy, Holy	Trinity Sunday	Matt. 28:19
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place	Proper 6	Romans 5:8
Unshaken	Proper 8	Psalms 89:2
All Creatures of Our God and King	Proper 9	Psalms 145:10
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	Proper 9	Romans 7:19
Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners	Proper 9	Matthew 11:19
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	Proper 9	Psalms 145:10
Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him	Proper 9	Psalms 145:10
Rest	Proper 9	Matthew 11:29

Hunger and Thirst	Proper 11	Psalm 86:11
God is for Us	Proper 12	Romans 8:31
The Rhythm of Worship	Proper 12	Romans 8:29
Gain What I Can't Lose	Proper 17	Matt. 16:25
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord	Proper 17	Psalm 26:8
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	Proper 19	Psalm 103:1
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Proper 19	Psalm 103:1-2
We Crown You	Proper 21	Philippians 2:9
Be Thou My Vision	Proper 22	Philippians 3:7
Wide Awake	Proper 28	1 Thess. 5:6
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	Christ the King	Matt. 25:31
I Sing the Mighty Power of God	Christ the King	Psalm 95:6

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744


Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

F Gm7 C



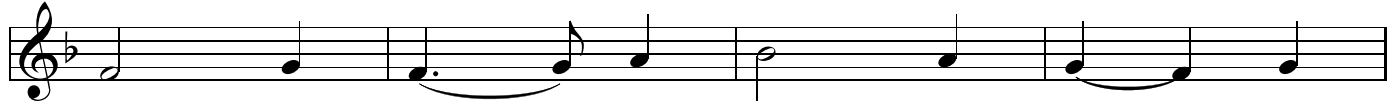
Come, thou long ex - pect - ed Je - sus,
Joy to those who long to see thee,
Come to earth to taste our sad - ness,
Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er,

5 F Gm7 C F



born to set thy peo - ple free;
Day - spring from on high ap - pear;
he whose glo - ries and knew no end;
born a child and yet a king,

9 F Gm7 C



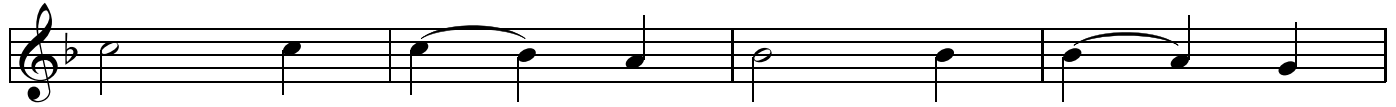
From our fears and sins re - lease us,
Come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se,
by his life he brings us glad - ness,
born to reign in us for - ev - er,

13 F Gm7 C F



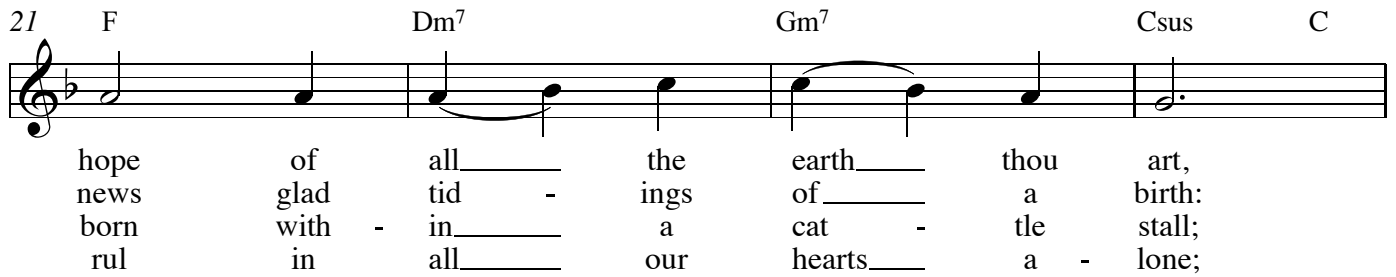
let us find our rest in thee.
of thy birth we long to hear!
our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

17 Am Dm Gm7 C7



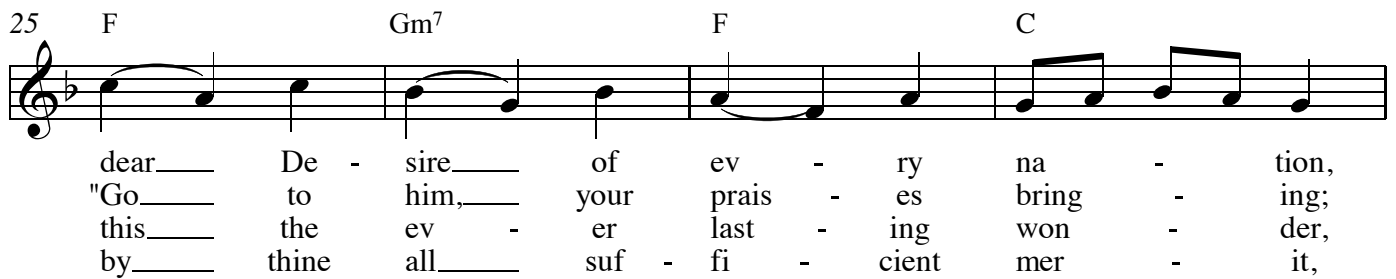
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O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it

21 F Dm⁷ Gm⁷ Csus C



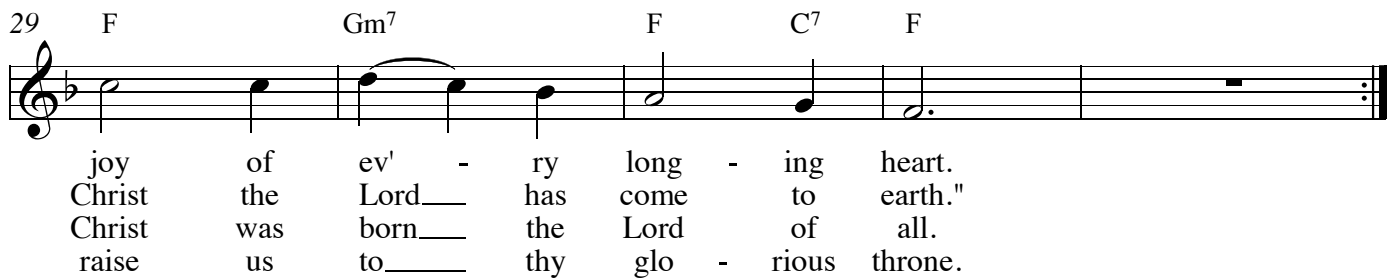
hope of all the earth thou art,
 news glad tidings of a birth:
 born with in a cat-tle stall;
 rul in all our hearts a lone;

25 F Gm⁷ F C



dear De-sire of ev-ry na-tion,
 "Go to him, your prais-es bring-ing;
 this the ev-er last-ing won-der,
 by thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it,

29 F Gm⁷ F C⁷ F



joy of ev'ry long-ing heart.
 Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 Christ was born the Lord of all.
 raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

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CAPO 3

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D Em⁷ A

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 by _____ thine all _____ suf - fi - cient mer - it,

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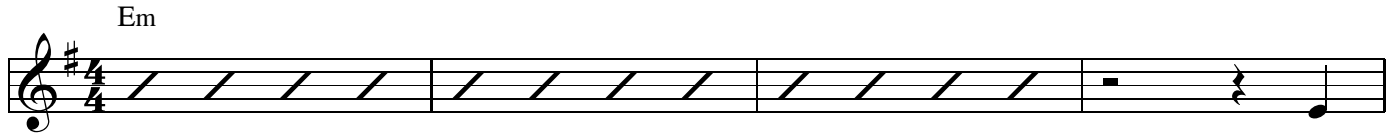
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Latin Antiphons, 12th Century

Plainsong, 13th Century

INTRO



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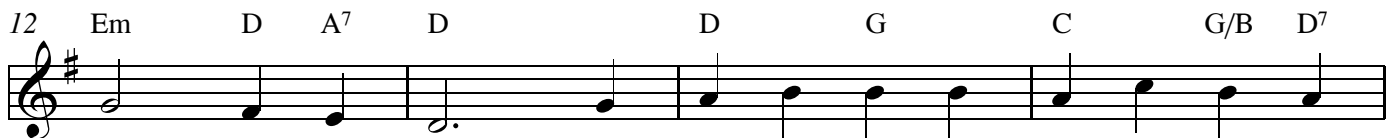
VERSE



come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine
come, thou Day - spring from on high, and
come, thou Key of Da - vid come and

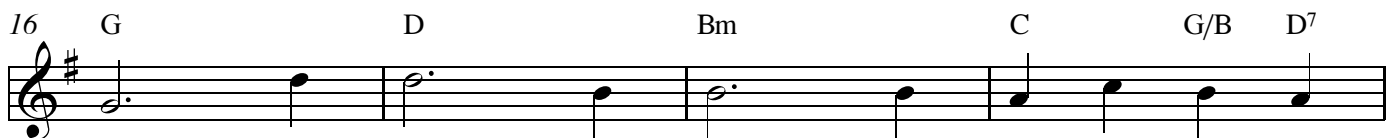


ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly
own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy
cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y
o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that



ex - ile here, un - til the Son of God ap -
peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the
clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ows put to
leads on high, and close the path to mis - er -

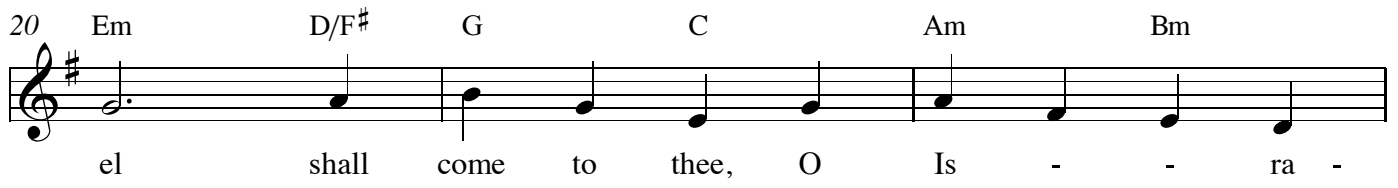
REFRAIN



pear.
grave.
flight.
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Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -

Last Time to Coda

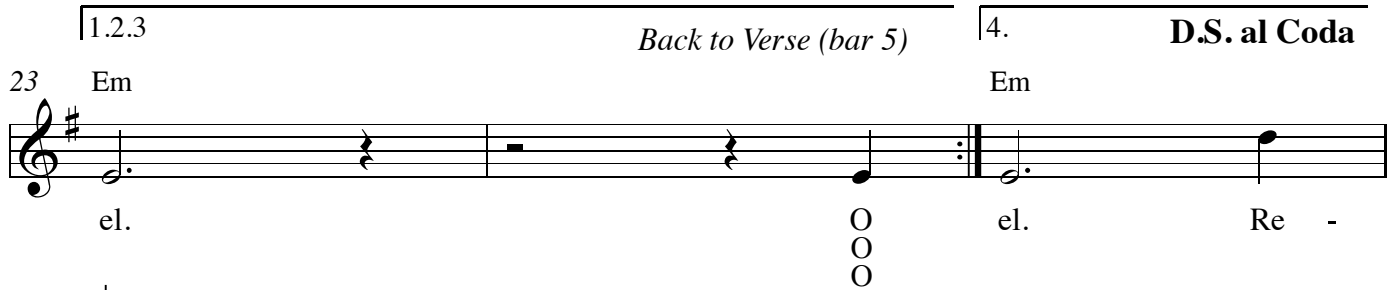
20 Em D/F# G C Am Bm



el shall come to thee, O Is - - ra -

1.2.3 *Back to Verse (bar 5)* 4. **D.S. al Coda**

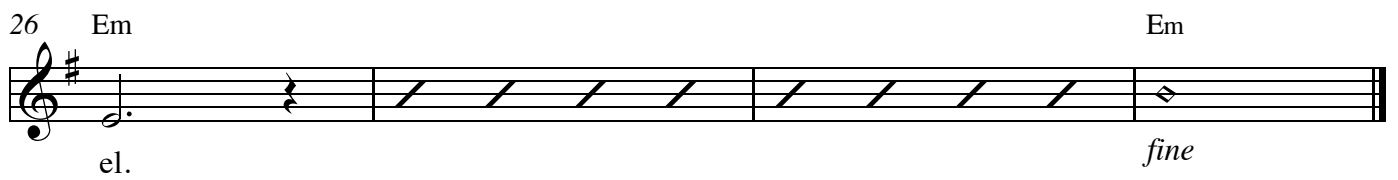
23 Em Em



el. O el. Re -

 **CODA**

26 Em Em



el. *fine*

You Keep Hope Alive

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Words and Music by
Paxson Jeancake

BPM: 140 **INTRO**

D D/F# G D D/F# G

When the
The

VERSE

5 D D/F# G D D/F# G

storm starts to gath - er; when the wat - ers start to rise;_ when
Son has been giv - en; we be-held Him with our eyes;_ His

9 A G D D/F# G

fear wants to con - trol_ keep hope a - live._ When there
king-dom is at hand,_ keep hope a - live._ He

13 D D/F# G D D/F# G

seems to be no ans - wer; on-ly si-lence as our guide;_ when you're
suf-fered for our heal - ing; He rose to bring us life;_ He

17 A G D D/F# G

feel - ing all a - lone,_ keep hope a - live._
knows our ev'-ry need,_ keep hope a - live._

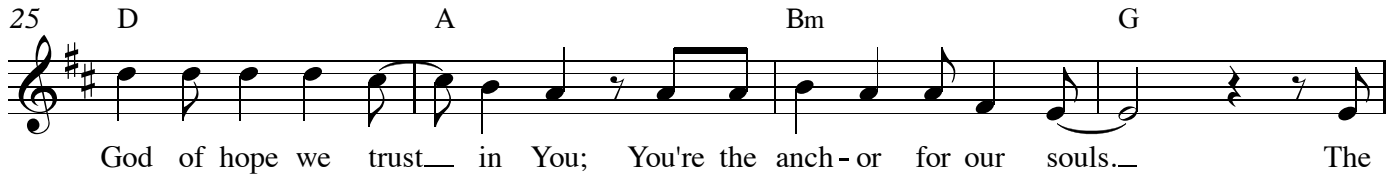
PRE-CHORUS

21 A G A G

There's no need to trem - ble; love is on our side._

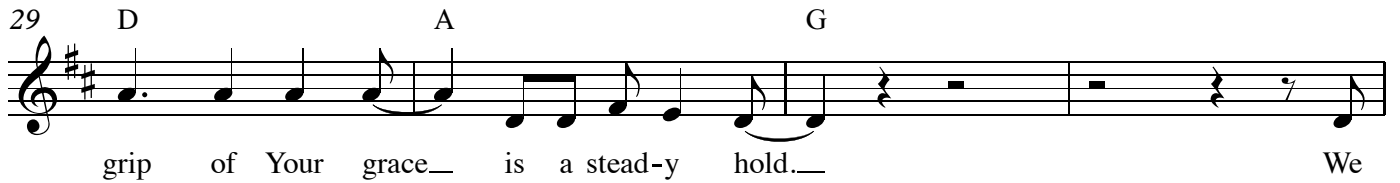
CHORUS

25 D A Bm G



God of hope we trust_ in You; You're the anch-or for our souls._ The

29 D A G



grip of Your grace_ is a stead-y hold._ We

33 D A Bm G



stand up-on Your prom - is - es You'll be faith-ful for all time._ Through

Last Time to Coda

37 D A G G

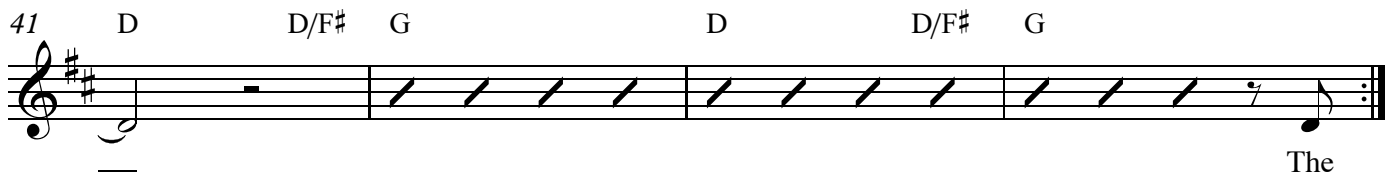


gen - er - a - tions, You_ keep hope a - live._ You keep hope a - live.

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Back to Verse (bar 5)

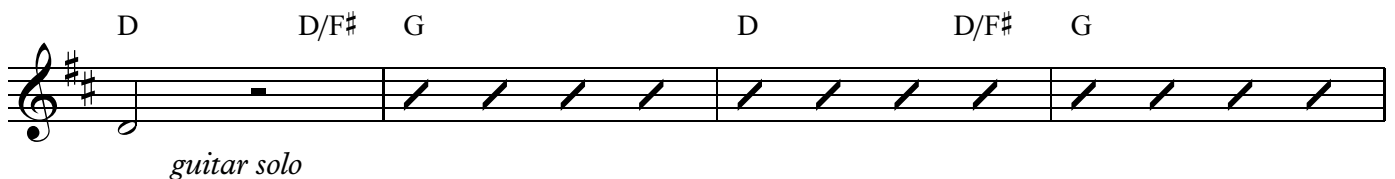
41 D D/F# G D D/F# G



The

2.

D D/F# G D D/F# G



guitar solo

D.S. (To Pre-Chorus)

A G D D/F# G

