



A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Devotion

[**Please provide:** musical accompaniment, a leader, and copies of the devotion for attendees.]

Sing verse 1 of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" LSB 656.

A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'er taken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

Leader: Psalm 46:1: *God is our refuge and strength,*

All: a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Psalm 46:7: *The Lord of hosts is with us;*

All: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Leader: Psalm 91:2: *I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,*

All: my God, in whom I trust."

Sing verse 2.

With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Leader: Revelation 19:11, 13: *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.*

All: He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

Leader: Revelation 19:15: *From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations,*

All: *and he will rule them with a rod of iron.*

Sing verse 3.

Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

Leader: Romans 8:31b: *If God is for us,*

All: *who can be against us?*

Leader: Romans 8:38: *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,*

All: *nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Sing verse 4.

The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Leader: 2 Corinthians 2:14: *But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession,*

All: *and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.*