



June 29, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Silent meditation

Psalms 42 and 43 were probably originally one.... What is particularly unique about this psalm is that, unlike most psalms in which the speaker struggles with enemies and/or with God, here the speaker struggles with himself. Here he engages his soul in a dialogue.

–Craig C Broyles

Christ Who Saves,
I seek shelter in You once again.
Evil chases me in a godless land–
wind and rain thrashing about me,
the sky a starless void,
groaning and shrieking
as the earth gives way beneath me.

...

You will not depart from me;
my future is in Your hands–
the spring of all my joy and peace;
the Christ Who Saves.

–Ryan Whitaker Smith & Dan Wilt, Sheltering Mercy, Psalm 43

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

Pastor Roger Qi

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

...

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

** A Mighty Fortress (based on Psalm 46)*

Trinity Hymnal 92

*** Invocation**

Psalm 42: My Help, My God

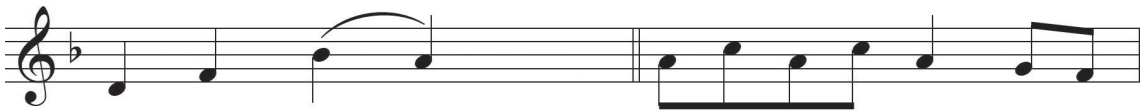
by Sandra McCracken



1. Why are you so full of hea - vi - ness?
2. As the deer longs for the wa - ter brooks,
3. Deep calls un - to deep like o - cean waves;
4. I will say un - to my God, my strength,
5. Yah - weh grants his kind - ness in the day;



Why are you dis - qui - et - ed with - in, O, my soul,
 so my soul it longs, it thirsts for you, O, my God,
 all you floods and ra - pids on me break. O, my soul,
 "How is it you have for - got - ten me?" O, how long?
 through the night his song, it is with me. O, my soul,



O, my soul? _____	to Vs 2	
O, my God! _____	to Chorus	
O, my soul. _____	to Vs 4	Put your trust in God, I will
O, how long? _____	to Chorus	
O, my soul. _____	to Chorus	



yet give thanks to him; put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.



Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him: my help, my God.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Psalm 51:9-11

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 8:31b-32

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Today is a 5th Sunday, which means it's a Family Sunday for our Christ Kids Worship children! They will stay with their families through the entire service and are welcome to use church bags, which are available in the foyer.

*** Cast Your Burden on the Lord (based on Psalm 55) Trinity Hymnal 673**

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Psalm 42-43

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah.

^{42:1} As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation ⁶ and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

⁷ Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.

⁸ By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God, my rock:

“Why have you forgotten me?

Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?”

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

^{43:1} Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

² For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you rejected me?
Why do I go about mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?

³ Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!

⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Soul Talk
Cries of the Soul ...

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Invite us Near to the Heart of God.

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
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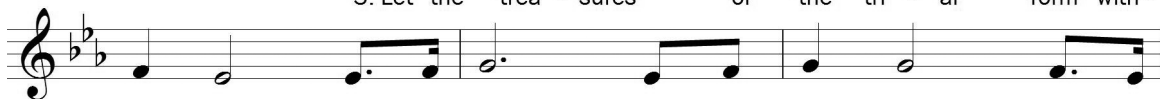
DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

text, Margaret Becker; music, Keith Getty



1. Je sus, draw me ev - er near - er as I
2. Je - sus, guide me through the tem - pest; keep my
3. Let the trea - sures of the tri - al form with -



la - bor through the storm. You have called me to this
spir - it staid and sure. When the mid - night meets the
in me as I go, and at the end of this long



pass - age, and I'll fol - low though I'm worn.
morn - ing, let me love you ev - en more. *May this jour - ney bring a*
pass - age let me leave them at your throne.



bles - ing; may I rise _____ on wings of faith; _____ and at the



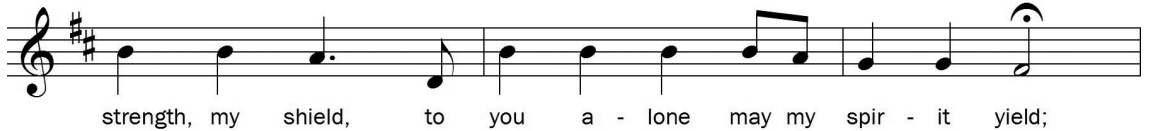
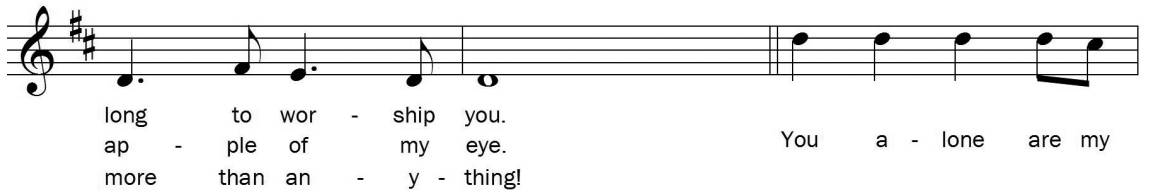
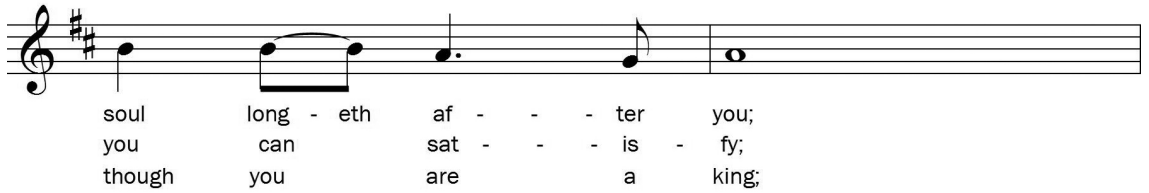
end of my heart's test - ing with your like - ness let me wake. ©2001

* *As the Deer*

Martin Nystrom



1. As the deer pan - teth for the wa - ter, so my
2. I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly
3. You're my friend and you are my bro - ther, e - ven



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Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church

Prayers of the People

Deacon David Dodds (9 am)
Deacon Greg Stawicki (11 am)

*During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.
Give online at christchurchgr.org or by texting (616) 208-2820*

Offertory A word for word rendition of Psalms 42 and 43, sung in Tamil

* New Doxology

Praise God, from whom all _____ bless - ings _____ flow;

praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye _____ heav'n - ly _____ host;

praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

A - men. A - men.

* Benediction

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

* *And All the People Said Amen!*

And all the people said “Amen!”
Oh, and all the people said “Amen.”
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.
And all the people said “Amen!”

* Postlude

Worship musicians

Lori Jiron, song leader

Margaret Yasugi, violin

Jaci Yasugi, violin

Theo Yasugi, cello

Rob LaPlaca, guitar

Susan Guerra, piano

Cameron Risma, percussion

Offertory: Balaraju family