

A mighty fortress is our God

Text: Martin Luther, 1529, 1531

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Music: Martin Luther, 1529, 1531

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing.
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing,
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un - do us,
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth.

Our help - er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing,
were not the right one on our side, the one of God's own choos - ing.
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us.
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, through him who with us sid - eth.

for still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and pow'r are great,
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he! Lord Sab - a - oth, his name,
The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure,
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill,

and arm'd with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - - er.