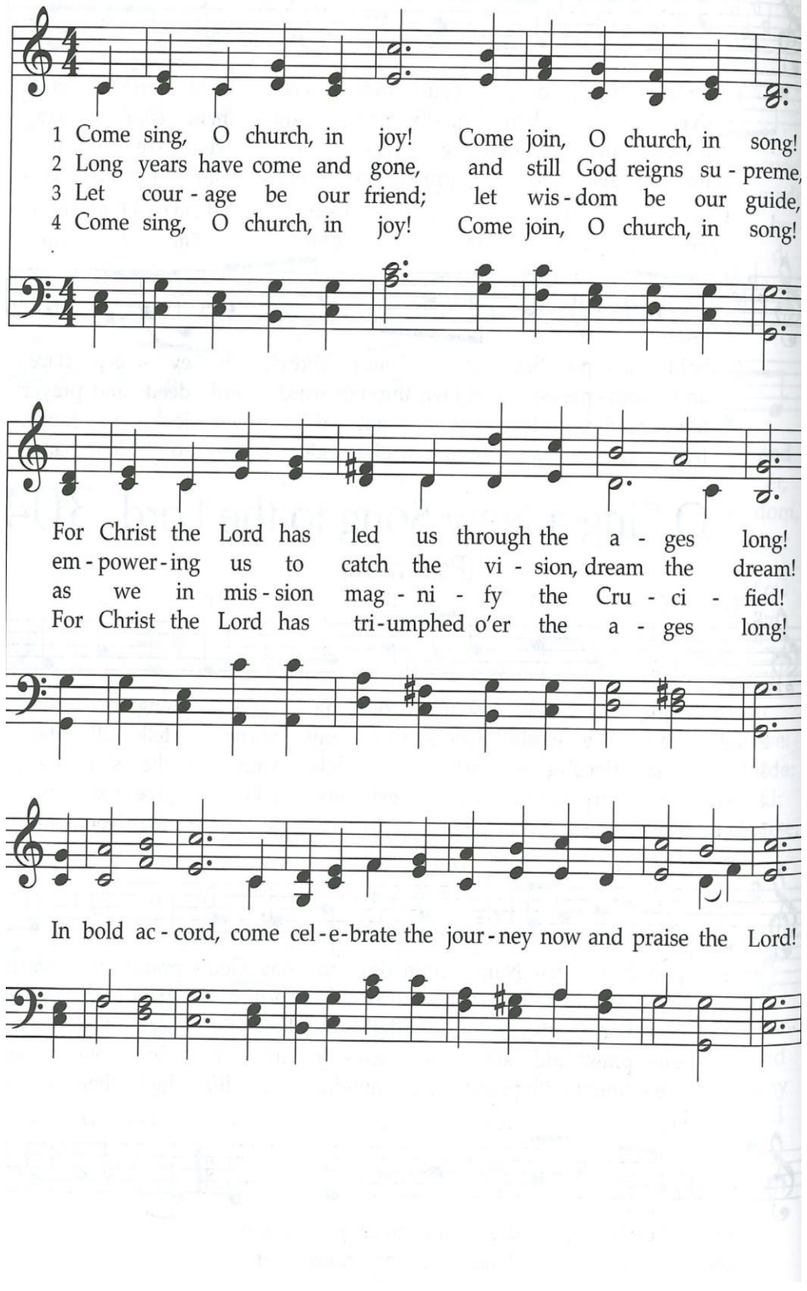
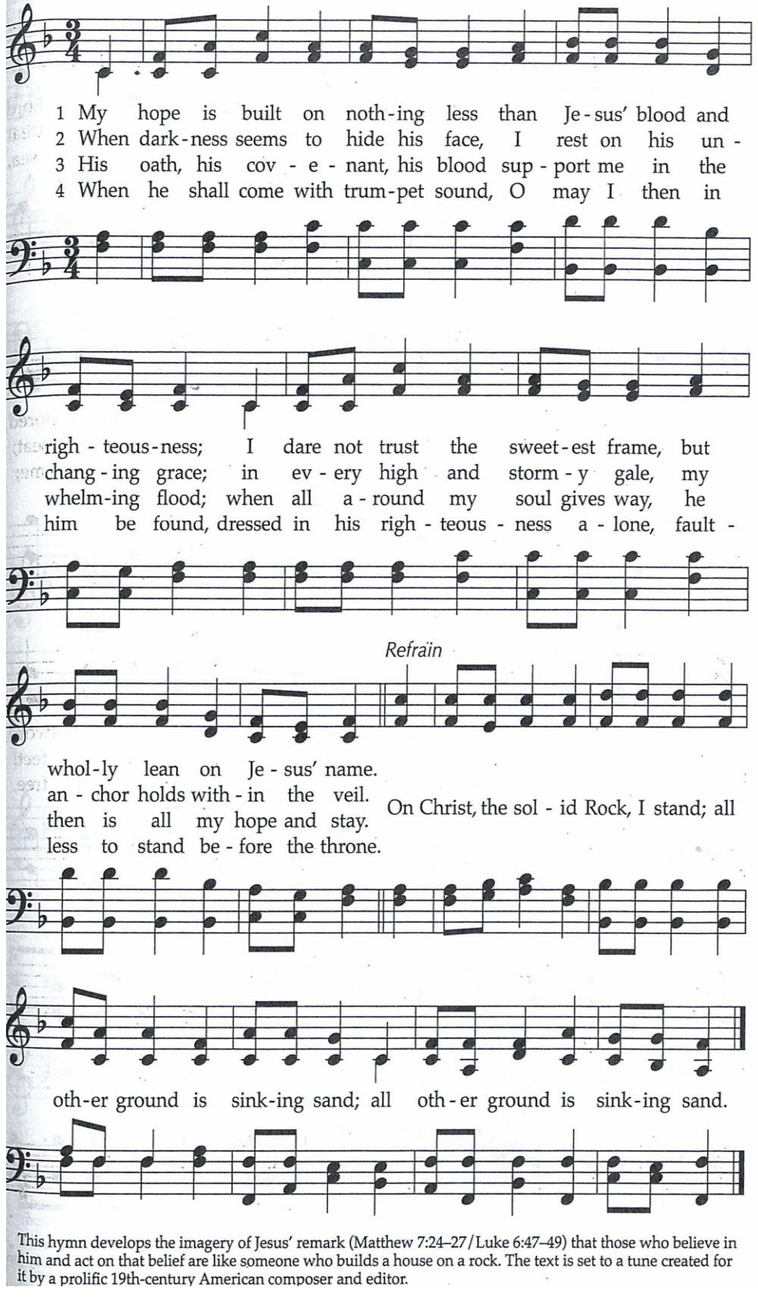
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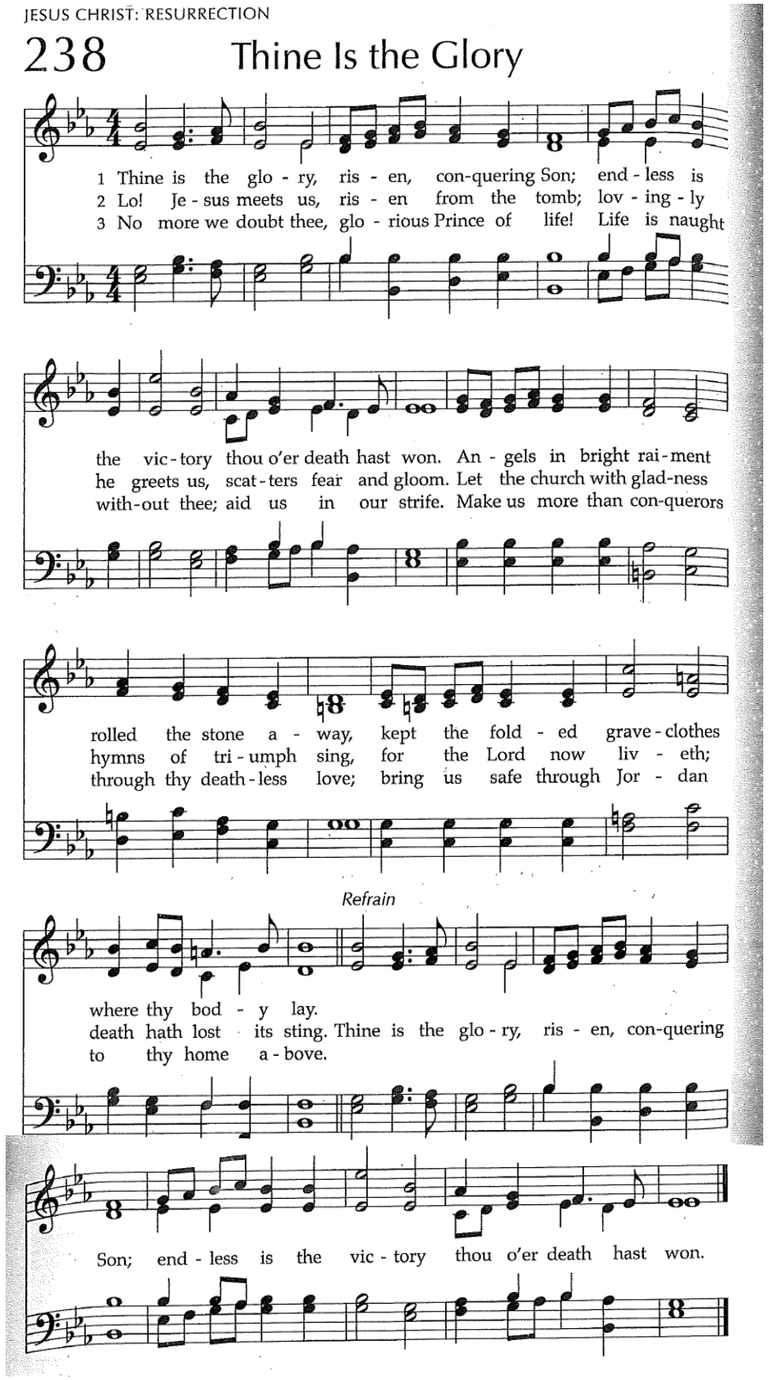


My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

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Judges 4: 1-7

Deborah

4 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of
the LORD, now that Ehud was dead. 2 So the LORD sold
them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who
reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army,
was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. 3 Because he had
nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly
oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to
the LORD for help.

4 Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was
leading[a] Israel at that time. 5 She held court under the
Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill
country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her
to have their disputes decided. 6 She sent for Barak son
of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him,
"The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take
with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and
Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. 7 I will lead
Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his
chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give
him into your hands.'"

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

The Day of the Lord

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates
we do not need to write to you, **2** for you know very
well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief
in the night. **3** While people are saying, "Peace and
safety," destruction will come on them suddenly,
as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will
not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 continued:

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so
that this day should surprise you like a thief. **5** You are
all children of the light and children of the day. We do
not belong to the night or to the darkness. **6** So then,
let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be
awake and sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night,
and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. **8** But
since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on
faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of
salvation as a helmet. **9** For God did not appoint us to
suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ. **10** He died for us so that, whether we are
awake or asleep, we may live together with
him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build
each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Matthew 25: 14-30

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey,
who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to
them. **15** To one he gave five bags of gold, to another
two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to
his ability. Then he went on his journey. **16** The man
who had received five bags of gold went at once and
put his money to work and gained five bags more.
17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two
more. **18** But the man who had received one bag went
off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money.**19** "After a long time the master of those
servants returned and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25: 14-30 continued:

20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought
the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me
with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five
more.'**21** "His master replied, 'Well done, good and
faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come
and share your master's happiness!'**22** "The man with
two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you
entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained
two more.'**23** "His master replied, 'Well done, good and
faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come
and share your master's happiness!'**24** "Then the man
who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he
said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting
where you have not sown and gathering where you
have not scattered seed. **25** So I was afraid and went
out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what
belongs to you.'**26** "His master replied, 'You wicked,
lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have
not sown and gather where I have not scattered
seed? **27** Well then, you should have put my money on
deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I
would have received it back with interest.

28 "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the
one who has ten bags. **29** For whoever has will be given
more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does
not have, even what they have will be taken from
them. **30** And throw that worthless servant outside,
into the darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.'