

O Come and Sing unto the Lord 638

(Psalm 95)

1 O come and sing un - to the Lord; to
 2 Be - fore God's pres - ence let us come with
 3 The Lord our God is King of kings, a -
 4 To God the spa - cious sea be - longs; God
 5 O come, and bow - ing down to God our

God our voic - es raise; let us in our most
 praise and thank - ful voice; let us sing psalms to
 above all gods en - throned; the depths of earth and
 made its waves and tides, and by God's hand the
 wor - ship let us bring; yea, let us kneel be -

joy - ful songs the Lord, our Sav - ior, praise.
 God with grace; with grate - ful hearts, re - joice.
 moun - tains high by God a - lone are owned.
 ris - ing land was formed, and still a - bides.
 fore the Lord, our Mak - er and our King.

This selection of paraphrased verses from Psalm 95 was prepared by a joint committee of nine North American churches in the Reformed tradition. It is set here to an anonymous and originally nameless tune, eventually named to reflect that its first publication was in Dublin.

A Grateful Heart

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(Psalm 111)

1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the
3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I
poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your
dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - jice.
works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.
com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 111 preserves the psalm's quality of providing a general list of God's praiseworthy characteristics rather than giving thanks for a particular act of deliverance. In the original text these attributes are organized as an acrostic on the Hebrew alphabet.

Faith Begins by Letting Go 684

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.