

The day is soon

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Isaiah 26 is one of those great “in that day” visions found throughout the prophetic books, describing the promises of God fulfilled in a glorious city. The chapter is full of strikingly unusual and beautifully poetic lines, and I wondered if I could capture some of them in a song. But applying the chapter consistently is not a simple matter! It is often the case with biblical prophecies that there are several levels of increasing fulfilment: historically in the political rebuilding of Jerusalem after the exile, then spiritually as Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God and draws us in, then eternally as we finally experience the glorious new creation - described in Revelation as a city, the New Jerusalem. In the song I have chosen the last, eternal fulfilment, because I think it brings the whole chapter together for us: we too experience the longing for the joy that awaits us in that day.

How to make it go

The tune will need playing through, and a voice/voices will need to lead the congregation clearly on the tune the first couple of times, because there are a couple of challenging intervals in the chorus. Once the tune is learnt, it stays firmly in the head (without being annoying!) and will only need the first 2 phrases played as an intro.

Placement in a meeting

The Day is soon is best used at the end of a meeting, as it sends us away yearning for the final resurrection whilst waiting humbly and patiently here on earth for the Day to arrive.

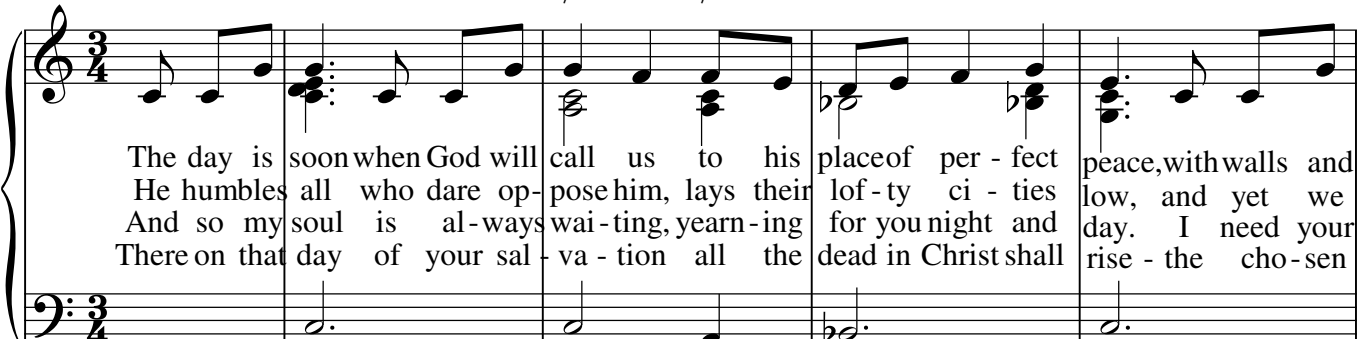
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From Isaiah 26

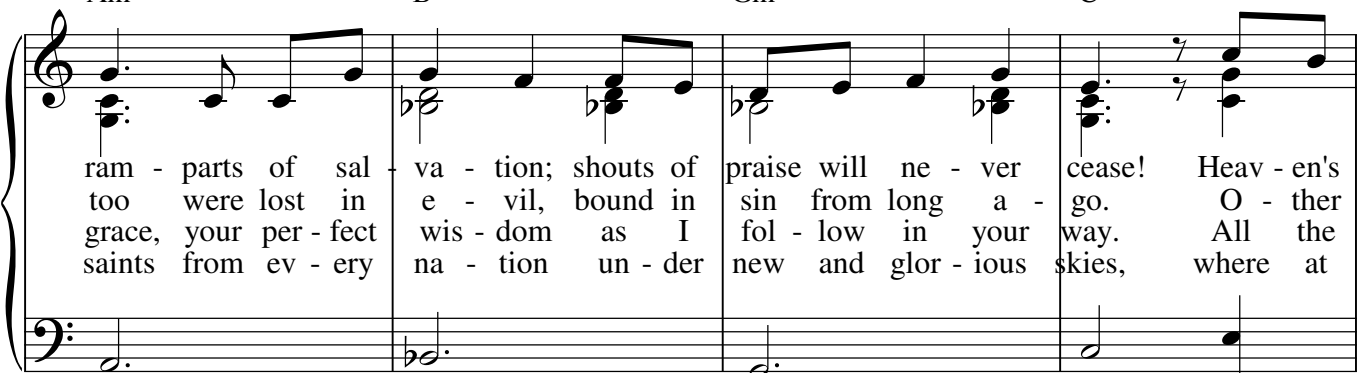
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C F/C F/A B^b C



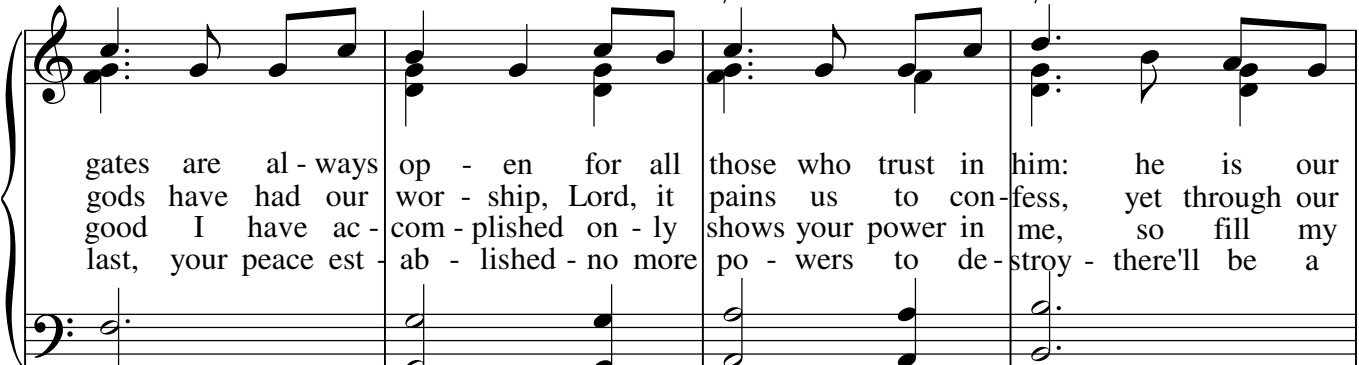
The day is soon when God will call us to his place of per - fect peace, with walls and
He humbles all who dare op - pose him, lays their lof - ty ci - ties low, and yet we
And so my soul is al - ways wai - ting, yearn - ing for you night and day. I need your
There on that day of your sal - va - tion all the dead in Christ shall rise - the cho - sen

Am B^b Gm⁷ C



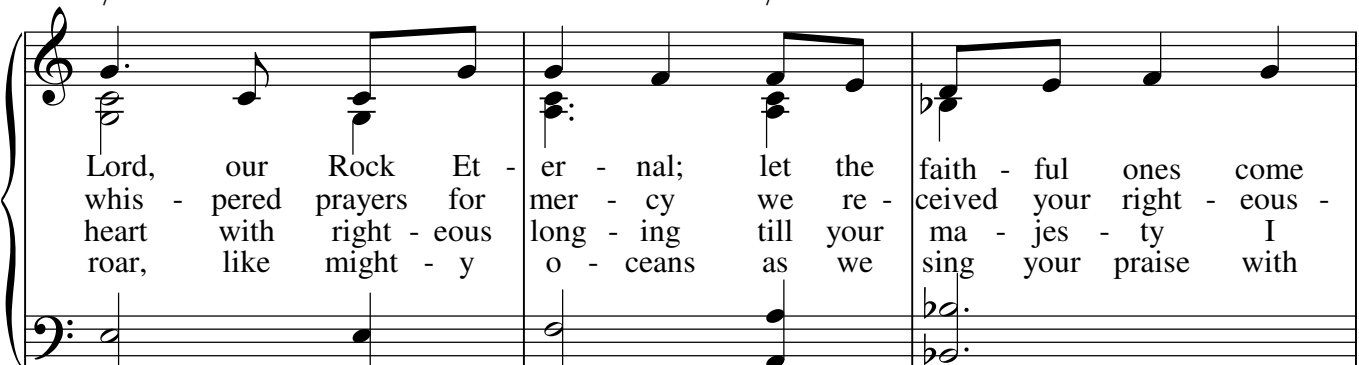
ram - parts of sal - va - tion; shouts of praise will ne - ver cease! Heav - en's
too were lost in e - vil, bound in sin from long a - go. O - ther
grace, your per - fect wis - dom as I fol - low in your way. All the
saints from ev - ery na - tion un - der new and glor - ious skies, where at

F G F/A G/B



gates are al - ways op - en for all those who trust in him: he is our
gods have had our wor - ship, Lord, it pains us to con - fess, yet through our
good I have ac - com - plished on - ly shows your power in me, so fill my
last, your peace est - ab - lished - no more po - wers to de - stroy - there'll be a

C/E F F/A B^b



Lord, our Rock Et - er - nal; let the faith - ful ones come
whis - pered prayers for mer - cy we re - ceived your right - eous -
heart with right - eous long - ing till your ma - jes - ty I
roar, like might - y o - ceans as we sing your praise with

in, let the faith - ful ones come in!
ness, we re - ceived your right - eous - ness.
see, till your ma - jes - ty I see.
joy, as we sing your praise with joy!

F/A B \flat C F/C B \flat /C F/C