



Hymn of the Week

November 17, 2019 • 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Canticle 9, First Song of Isaiah Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Text: *First Song of Isaiah*, Isaiah 12:2–6, para. Herbert O’Driscoll, 1981.

“More a metrical psalm than a hymn, these lines were an attempt to make at least one of the sublime utterances of Isaiah (12:2-6) more accessible to a congregation. Relatively few metrical psalms have succeeded in becoming great hymns—a couple of exceptions that occur to mind are ‘O God, our help in ages past’ and ‘The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.’ As with most metrical psalms, one has a sense of lessening the power of the original lyrical prose. If that be the case here, then ‘mea culpa.’” –Herbert O’Driscoll

Music: ECCE DEUS, Alfred V. Fedak, 1990.

First composed as a setting for Carl Daw’s “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me,” ECCE, DEUS (“Behold, It Is God”) it has proven to be an adaptable tune, and has been successfully paired with several other 87 87D texts.

Topics: Comfort & Assurance, Praise & Adoration, Trinity

Scripture references: Isaiah 12:2–6

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Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Unison

Em D/E Em A/E Em Em/G

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me! I shall trust God
 2 Tell God's deeds a - mong the na - tions. Cry a - loud what

G/B Em Em Bm7 Em D

with - out fear. God my strong - hold and de - fend - er,
 God has done! Shout, in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on!

Am Bm Am Em Am F Am

God a - lone my Sav - iour dear. Joy - ful shall we draw the
 Praise the high and ho - ly One! Glo - ry be to God the

Em Am F#m7 Em Bm7 Em

wa - ter flow - ing from sal - va - tion's spring, gath - ering
 Fa - ther. Glo - ry be to God the Son. Glo - ry

Am7 Em D G Am C D Em

as a faith - ful peo - ple our thanks-giv - ing songs to sing.
 to the Ho - ly Spir - it. Glo - ry to the Three in One.

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Surely it is God who saves me!
I shall trust God without fear.
God my stronghold and defender,
God alone my Saviour dear.

Joyful shall we draw the water
flowing from salvation's spring,
gathering as a faithful people
our thanksgiving songs to sing.

Tell God's deeds among the nations.
Cry aloud what God has done!
Shout, inhabitants of Zion!
Praise the high and holy One!

Glory be to God the Father.
Glory be to God the Son.
Glory to the Holy Spirit.
Glory to the Three in One.