

Side Notes: This is Martin Luther's most popular hymn. It is often referred to as "the battle hymn" of the reformation. There are stories of this tune being sung in the streets, sung by Protestants on their way to exile, and by martyrs at their deaths. It has been sung by armies before battles and in celebrations commemorating the events of the reformation. The first line of this song is engraved on the base of Martin Luther's monument in Wittenberg. This hymn has been included in more than 650 hymnals over the years! This hymn is not the typical "polished" or structured hymn but some have called it "rugged, and strong like Luther himself."

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark ne - ver

fail - ing. Our help - er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre -

vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe. does seek to work us

woe; his craft and pow - er are great, and armed with cruel hate, on

17 *rit.* earth is not his — *e - qual.* Did we — in — our own *rit.* strength con - fide, our

21 striv - ing would be — los - ing were not the right Man

25 *rit.* on our side, *rit.* the Man of God's own choos - ing. You

29 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord

33 Sab - baoth his name, from age to age the — same; and