

I TURN TO YOU FOR REFUGE

Responsorial Song from Psalm 71 for Sunday 4C
for Psalmist (Cantor, Assembly & Descant
with Keyboard, Clarinet & Guitar

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*I will sing to you,
my strength, my safety.*

I turn to you for refuge,
protect me from confusion.
I know you are my safety,
if you are so just, then deliver me!

Who else but you, my strength,
the Rock on which I stand firm?
My strength are you, my fortress
against those who seek to destroy me.

In you I find delight,
my hope and trust since birth.
My whole being long I sought you,
who kneel still in my death tomb.

Your justice, my hope,
each day I praise you.
For since my youth you taught me
and holdly I trust in your love.

In this setting I continue to use 3 distinctive styles of psalm writing:
the Gelineau technique of continuous, measured text,
the Huijbers style of syncopated text, to allow freedom of expression
the American quasi folk-ballad style of open-form song

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INTRO ♩ = ca. 128

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Musical notation for the Intro section, featuring a treble and bass clef with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and accompaniment is block chords.

Cantor *first time only*

I will sing to you, my strength, my safe ty.
G D Em C D7sus4

♩ REFRAIN

Clarinet *on selected Refrains*

1-4 to Verses Final

I All you, my strength, my safe - ty.
I will sing to you, my strength, my safe - ty.
D Em C D7sus4

VERSES Psalmist from the ambo

1. I turn to you for refuge, protect me
 2. Who else but you, my stronghold, the Rock on
 3. In you I find delight, joy, my hope and
 4. Your justice I sing freely, each day pro-

D G Am/G C+2/G Am7

1. from confusion. How you are my safe-
 2. which I stand firm? My are you, my for-
 3. trust since child, when life long I sought
 4. claim you call since my youth you taught

Em Am/G D G Em Am

D.S.

1. if you are so just, then deliver me!
 2. a - gainst me who plot to destroy my life.
 3. you, I knew while still in my mother's womb.
 4. me, your - ty and boldly ac - claim your love.

D C G/A Am/C Dsus D

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Descant on selected Refrains

1-4 Final

I will sing — to you, — my strength, my safe - ty. —
 All I will sing to you, my strength my

VERSES Psalmist from the ambo

1. I turn to you for refuge, pro - tect me
 2. Who else but you, my hold, the Rock on
 3. In you find my joy, my hope and
 4. Your jus - tice free - ly, each day pro -

1. from con fu - sion. — know you are my safe -
 2. which I rely on? — My strength are you, my for -
 3. trust since you are — My whole life long — I sought —
 4. claim you my strength — For since my youth you taught —

to Refrain

1. I confess my sin to you so just, then de - liv - er me!
 2. You have not let those who plot to des - troy — my life.
 3. You have not let me while still in my mo - ther's womb.
 4. You have not let me to - ly and bold - ly ac - claim — your love.