PSALMUS
Jeff Johnson with Janet Chvatal

Musicians –
Keyboards & vocals: Jeff Johnson
Chants & vocals: Janet Chvatal
Electric & acoustic guitars: Tim Ellis
Drums & cymbals: Alan Jones
Percussion & ambience: Roger Hadley
Bass & ebow: Rick Crittenden
Recorders: Brian Dunning
Additional electric guitars: Derri Daugherty

God Is Our Refuge (Deus noster refugium) † 2:39
Latin chant from *Psalm 46:1–4*
God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

Trust 4:57
From *Psalm 31*
In my deep distress my eyes waste away grieving.
Sorrow fills my heart, I lie on this ground sighing.

Lord thou art my God,
Your love makes me stand,
Make your face shine down,
Lift me in your hand –
I trust in thee...
Adoramus

Peace consoles the mind that has kept it's thoughts on thee.
Courage fills the heart that has placed it's hope with thee.
Mercy guides the eye that has sought it's way towards thee.
Refuge guards the soul that has kept it's faith in thee.

Lord thou art my God,
Your love makes me stand,
Make your face shine down,
Lift me in your hand –
I trust in thee...
Adoramus

I trust in thee O Lord.

I Will Give Thanks (Confitebor tibi) † 1:00
Latin chant from *Psalm 9:1–2* ~ Ambience: Cluny Abbey, France
I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your marvelous works.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

Psalmus Theme (Instrumental) 3:21

Mercy 3:14
From *Psalm 9*
Agnus Dei miserere nobis.

We climb these stairs on our knees and cry:
Mercy, we seek mercy.
Kyrie eleison Kyrie.
Christe eleison Christe.

There is a church in the stone above.
A sacred place for a pilgrim's heart.
Those who have need are remembered there.
Those who have hope will not perish there.

Mercy, we seek mercy.
Kyrie eleison Kyrie.
Christe eleison.
Agnus Dei miserere nobis...

Calling 6:07
From *Psalm 23* ~ Ambience: Rocamadour, France
Though I walk through the dark,
And my way is not clear,
Though my heart would have feared,
I can sense you are here.
Though I walk through this dark,
I can hear your voice calling to me,
It's calling to me...

Mercy, I seek mercy...

A Door Into Heaven/Psalmus Reprise (Instrumental) 3:08
Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
– Gradual Psalm 84: 3,4

Give Ear To My Words (Verba mea auribus) † 1:44
Latin chant from *Psalm 5:1–3* ~ Ambience: Mont St. Michel, France
Give ear to my words, O Lord;
consider my meditation.
Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God,
for I make my prayer to you.
In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

Heaven And Earth Meet (Instrumental) Ω 2:17
Hosanna Domine.
Gloria Rex caelestis.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus Deus.

Under Thy Wings 5:50
From *Psalm 57*
Here under Thy wings,
My soul seeks Your love.
I cry to Thee, God:
"Be gracious to me."

Deep, deep in this sleep,
I dream of the dawn,
Where truth falls down like rain,
And glory fills the earth.

Here under Thy wings,
Deep, deep in this sleep...

My heart is steadfast.
My soul seeks Your love...

Place Of Resurrection (Instrumental) 5:12
From Psalm *104:24-30* ~ Ambience: Iona Abbey, Scotland
O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.
There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.
All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

I Will Sing To Your Name (Psallam nomini) Δ 2:09
Psallam nomini tuo Altissime

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The Irish word, anmchara, means soul-friend – someone to be trusted over a whole lifetime. It is said that "anyone without a soul-friend is like a body without a head." PSALMUS is dedicated to Steve Lawhead & Dave Hastings, both of whom have never failed in offering me their insight, inspiration and friendship. Whether they like it or not, they are my anmchara. It is also for my wife, Susie, whose constant love and commitment over the years has made my journey easier. And lastly to my daughter, Hailey, who I hope will never forget the sights and sounds we experienced and the impact they've had on her father to seek and trust in God's great mercy.

–Jeff Johnson

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