

Great Is Thy Faithfulness is a general anthem that may be used at any time during the church year. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Exodus 16: 19-21, Psalm 36: 5-7, Isaiah 33: 2, Lamentations 3: 22-23 and James 1: 17. One basic homiletical theme is that God's steadfast love never fails.

This anthem should be performed with great expression, some freedom of movement and fluid four-measure phrases. The opening verse (mm. 1-22) should be sung as a hushed prayer at dawn in gratitude for God's unchanging guidance and love, followed by a warm statement of the refrain. The middle verse is a heavenly setting for three-part women's voices that, in partnership with the accompaniment, paints the wondrous scene of God's great creation. Before the refrain can be repeated, the final verse begins, a simple duet between the men's and women's voices asking for God's pardon and strength to face the new day. The finale is a triumphant statement of the refrain that, in its last four measures, returns to the prayerful mood of the opening.

The text of this great gospel hymn was written by **Thomas Obediah Chisholm**. Born on July 29, 1866, in Franklin, Kentucky, Chisholm was an ordained Methodist minister. While ill-health prevented him from devoting his life to the ministry, he nonetheless authored over 1,200 sacred poems and lived a long life. Many of his poems have become famous hymn texts, including *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, *He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions*, *Living for Jesus* and *O to Be Like Thee!*

The Rev. William M. Runyan was a musician with the Moody Bible Institute and an editor for Hope Publishing Company until his death on July 29, 1957, exactly ninety-one years after Chisholm's birth. Runyan composed the music for *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* in 1923. This hymn achieved great popularity through its use in the Billy Graham Crusades in the early 1950's.

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a loving tribute in honor of E. Barton (Bartie) Donaldson
on his 90th birthday, July 23, 1995 — your family

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied

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Arranged by
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Words by **THOMAS O. CHISHOLM** (1866-1960)
Music by **WILLIAM M. RUNYAN** (1870-1957)

Moderately, with some freedom (♩ = ca. 76-80)

ACCOMP.

mp *expressively*

Pedal carefully.

6 SOPRANO ⑦ *hushed*
p *unis.*

ALTO Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, O God, my Fa - ther,

TENOR *p* *unis.*

BASS

8va - 1

p

11

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;

8va - 1

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15 *mf*

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas-sions, they fail not;

19 *mf* *mp*

as Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be. —

23 *mf*

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

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27 *f*

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

31

all I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

35 *mf* *f* *mf*

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

mf *f* *mf*

39 SOPRANO

40 *mp*

ALTO

mp

Sum - mer and win - ter and

8va

mp

42

spring - time and har - vest, sun, — moon and stars — in their

8va

loco

46

48 *mf*

cours - es a - bove — join — with all na - ture in

mf

mf

50

man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful-ness,

54

*unis.**mp*

mer - cy and love.

57 S. Par - don for
A. T. *unis. mf*
B.

58

sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

62

65 *mf* *unis.*

pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to -

8va - loco

66

day and bright hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all

70

73 *unis.*


mine, with ten thou - sand be - side! Great is Thy

unis.

74 *cresc.* *f*

faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

cresc. *f*



78 *rit.*

morn - ing new mer - cies I see:

rit.

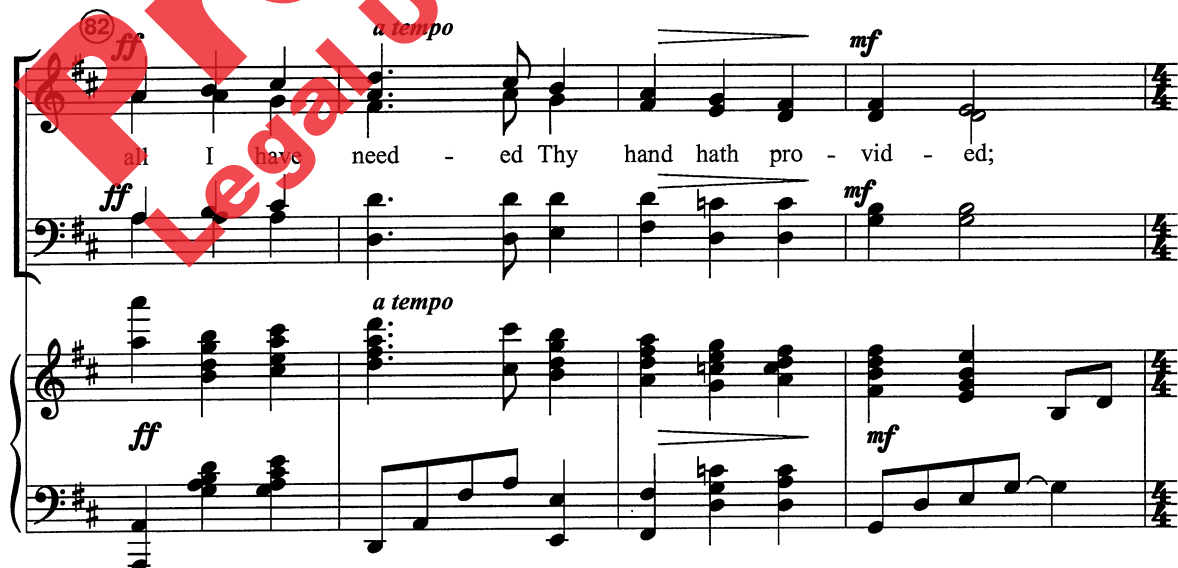


82 *ff* *a tempo* *mf*

all I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

ff *mf*

a tempo *ff* *mf*



Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, great is Thy faith - ful-ness,

f

90 great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, *mp a tempo*

ff rit.

Lord, *mp unis.*

a tempo

mp

94 un to *a tempo* rit. *p*

un to me! *p*

a tempo

rit. *p*

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