

How Firm a Foundation

CJ MADSEN MUSIC



CJ Madsen (b. 1993)

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As a composer and arranger, CJ has had his works performed by all the auditioned BYU choirs. CJ's most recent large work, an opera entitled *He Shall Prepare a Way*, was staged in April 2022 and released as an album and concert video. In addition, CJ is the composer of *One Fold, One Shepherd*, a sacred work for choir and orchestra released in 2019.

CJ grew up in West Jordan, Utah, and was a volunteer missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 2012 to 2014 in North Carolina. Much of CJ’s inspiration as a conductor, composer, and pianist come from his belief in Christ, his passion for people, his thirst for powerful music, and his love for his wife (Samm) and four children (Hollis, Charlotte, Jonathan, and Taran). For more information, see CJMadsenMusic.com.

Notes from the Arranger

This work was a commission by Dr. Andrew Crane for the BYU Singers to perform in a devotional at Brigham Young University, featuring Elder Neil L. Andersen, an apostle of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Elder Andersen specifically requested that this hymn be performed following his remarks with the congregation, the organ, and a small group of 8 singers from BYU Singers.

This was one of those arrangements that came in a burst of inspiration, and I feel I can hardly take credit for it. I had also been asked to include a coda with the small group of singers, and it felt after some pondering that I needed to add an introduction, as well. The text for these sections is drawn from the hymn as well as from statements made by Elder Andersen in previous addresses about the importance of cleaving to Jesus Christ.

Score

to Elder Neil L. Andersen, Dr. Andrew Crane, and Dr. Neil Harmon

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Robert Keen

for SATB Choir, Congregation, and Organ

John Ellis
arr. CJ Madsen

Full of Light $\text{♩} = 116$
mf

SA
Ye Saints of the Lord, have faith in His word! Though hell tries to

TB
mf

Organ
Light registration to start, but slowly growing to large registration by m. 10
mp

7 *f*
SA
shake, no, nev - er for - sake the Lord!

TB
f

Org.
f

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13

Congr.

SA

TB

Org.

f How firm a foun - da - tion, ye

How firm a foun - da - tion, ye

f

Solo stop

Solo stop ends, medium-sized registration

20

Congr.

SA

TB

Org.

Saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His ex - cell - ent word! What more can He

Saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His ex - cell - ent word! What more can He

27

Congr.

SA

TB

say than to you He hath said, Who un - to the Sav - ior, who un - to the Sav - ior, Who

say than to you He hath said, Who un - to the Sav - ior, who un - to the Sav - ior, Who

27

Org.

34

Congr.

SA

TB

un - to the Sav - ior for re - fuge have fled?

un - to the Sav - ior for re - fuge have fled?

34

Org.

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40

Congr. Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dis - mayed, For I am thy God and will

SA *mf* Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dis - mayed, For I am thy God and will

TB *mf* Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dis - mayed, For I am thy God and will

40

Org. *More reduced registration, with solo voice beginning at m. 42*

mf

47

Congr. still give thee aid. I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up - held by my

SA still give thee aid. I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up - held by my

TB still give thee aid. I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up - held by my

47

Org.

54

Congr.

SA

TB

right - eous, up - held — by my right - eous, up - held by my right - eous om - ni - po - tent

right - eous, up - held — by my right - eous, up - held by my right - eous om - ni - po - tent

54

Org.

60

Congr.

SA

TB

hand.

hand.

60

Org.

*Solo stop ends,
slowly building registration till full registration at m. 70*

66 *f*

Congr. *f* The soul that on

SA *f* The soul that on

TB *f* The soul that on

Org. *f*

71

Congr. Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose I will not, I can - not de - sert__ to his foes; That

SA Je - sus _____ hath leaned for re - pose I can - not _____ de - sert__ to his

TB

71

Org.

78

Congr. soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake, I'll nev - er, no

SA foes; all hell en - dea - vor to shake. No, no nev -

TB

78

Org.

83

Congr. nev - er, I'll nev - er, no nev - er, I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for sake!

SA - er, nev - er. — No nev - er, nev - er nev - er, nev - er, nev - er for - sake!

TB

83

Org.

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90 *f*

SA

TB

Org.

So I'll nev - er leave Him, my Rock, my Sal - va - tion, my

97 *ff* *ff* Helaman 5:12

SA

TB

Firm - est Foun - da - tion, my Sav - ior, my Lord!

97 *Solo stop*

Org.

Extra registration added here

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Firm $\text{♩} = 116$
mf

SA

TB

Ye Saints of the Lord, have faith in His word! Though hell tries to shake, no,

8

Congr.

SA

TB

nev - er for - sake the Lord! How firm a foun - da - tion, ye

20

Congr.

SA

TB

Saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His ex - cell - ent word! What more can He say than to

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28

Congr. you He hath said, Who un - to the Sav - ior, who un - to the Sav - ior, Who un - to the

SA you He hath said, Who un - to the Sav - ior, who un - to the Sav - ior, Who un - to the

TB

35

Congr. Sav - ior for re - fuge have fled? **2** Fear not, I am with thee; oh

SA Sav - ior for re - fuge have fled? **2** *mf* Fear not, I am with thee; oh

TB Sav - ior for re - fuge have fled? **2** *mf* Fear not, I am with thee; oh,

43

Congr. be ___ not dis - mayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid. I'll strength-en thee,

SA be ___ not dis - mayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid. I'll strength-en thee,

TB

50

Congr. help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up - held by my right - eous, up - held by my right - eous, up -

SA help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up - held by my right - eous, up - held by my right - eous, up -

TB

57

Congr. held by my right - eous om - ni - po - tent hand. **f** The

SA held by my right - eous om - ni - po - tent hand. **f** The

TB **f**

70

Congr. soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose I will not, I can - not de -

SA soul that on Je - sus _____ hath leaned for re - pose I can - not _____

TB

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76

Congr.
 sert — to his foes; That soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to

SA
 — de - sert — to his foes; all hell en - dea - vor

TB

81

Congr.
 shake, I'll nev - er, no nev - er, I'll nev - er, no nev - er, I'll

SA
 to shake. No, no nev - er, nev - er. — No nev - er, nev - er

TB

86

Congr.
 nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for sake!

SA
 nev - er, nev - er, nev - er for - sake!

TB
 nev - er, nev - er, nev - er for - sake!

92 *f*

SA

TB

So I'll nev - er leave Him, my Rock, my Sal - va - tion, my

97 *ff* *Helaman 5:12*

SA

TB

Firm - est Foun - da - tion, — my Sav - ior, my Lord! —

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