

Anthem Text:

*How Firm A Foundation*

Paul E. Koch

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters, I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never forsake.

Offertory Text:

*Mothering God*

Tom Trenney

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright  
morning of this world.

Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain,  
my wing, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me  
your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body  
for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience  
hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower,  
until I know.