I Will Extol Thee, LORD

Based on Psalm 89:1–14

1. I will ex-tol Thee, LORD, Thy mer-cies I will praise,
2. LORD, Thou hast said, "I've made a stead-y cov-e-nant
3. *The hea-vens praise, O LORD, Thy won-ders all their days;*
4. *The ho-ly ones in coun-cil fear Thy ma-jes-ty;*
5. O LORD, Thy hand does rule the rag-ing of the sea;
6. The far-thest north and south didst Thou cre-ate and frame;

And of Thy stead-fast love I'll sing through all my days.
With him, My cho-sen one, that I will not re-cant.
The ho-ly ones in their as-sem-bly sing Thy praise.
Thou art far great-er, LORD, than those sur-round-ing Thee,
Its might-y waves may roar, they all are stilled by Thee.
Mount Ta-bor and Mount Her-mon praise Thy ho-ly name,

LORD, with my mouth I will to ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion
To Da-vid as My ser-vant I did once as-sev-er,
Thy faith-ful-ness they laud when they, O LORD, a-dore Thee,
For who a-mong the ones that near Thy throne as-sem-ble
Proud Ra-hab Thou didst crush, its car-cass Thou hast shat-tered,
For might-y is Thy arm; Thy hand, en-dued with pow-er,

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Pro - claim Thy faith - ful - ness with joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion.
'I will es - tab - lish your de - scen - dants' reign for - ev - er;
For who in all the skies can proud - ly stand be - fore Thee?
Does not, LORD God of hosts, be - fore Thee quake and trem - ble?
And by Thy might - y arm Thy e - ne - mies were scat - tered.
Thy right hand, so ex - al - ted, makes the na - tions cow - er.

Thy stead - fast love Thou hast es - tab - lished, LORD, for - ev - er;
Your king - dom will en - dure, for I laid its foun - da - tions,
And who can be com - pared to Thee, our strength and tow - er?
Who e - quals Thee in strength, and who would dare to flout Thee?
Thine are the heav'ns and earth; Thy pow - er is un - bound - ed;
On just - ice stands Thy throne, on right - eous - ness and glo - ry;

Thy faith - ful - ness is firm, Thy cov - 'nant chang - es nev - er.
And I will build your throne through - out all gen - er - a - tions.'"
A - mong the sons of God none e - quals Thee in pow - er.
Thy faith - ful - ness and truth stand ra - diant round a - bout Thee.
The world and all that is hast Thou in wis - dom found - ed.
Thy stead - fast love goes with Thy faith - ful - ness be - fore Thee.

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:15–32

7. Blest are the peo - ple who ac - claim Thee as their King,
8. Thou art their strength and glo - ry; all their foes they scorn,
9. Of old Thou, LORD, didst speak in vi - sions true and sure
10. "My right hand shall not fail, but will a - bide with him;
11. "Yes, I, the LORD, will set his hand up - on the sea,
12. "For - ev - er I will keep him in My stead - fast love,
13. "But if his chil - dren ev - er will for - sake My law,

Who know the fest - al shout and of Thy mer - cies sing.
For Thou hast fa - vored us: ex - alt - ed is our horn.
To him, Thy faith - ful one, whose king - dom shall en - dure,
For - ev - er shall My arm up - hold and strength - en him.
His right hand on the riv - ers. He shall cry to Me,
My co - ve - nant con - firm with bless - ings from a - bove.
Not keep all that I have or - dained with pro - per awe,

They see Thy ho - ly face and walk in light be - fore Thee,
Our shield be - longs to Thee, our King so great in pow - er;
"I've set the crown up - on a man up - right and might - y;
No foe shall him out - wit, no wick - ed man him hum - ble;
'My Fa - ther and my God, the Rock of my sal - va - tion!'
His line will last, I will es - tab - lish it for - ev - er;
And if they vi - o - late the stat - utes which I found - ed,

Ex - ult - ing all the day in Thy great name and glo - ry.
Up - on Thy faith - ful ones Thou strength and joy didst show - er.
I have ex - alt - ed him, whose loy - al - ty de - lights Me,
His hat - ers I'll strike down, his foes shall reel and stum - ble,
And him I'll make a - mong the prin - ces of the na - tion
En - dur - ing as the heav'ns, his throne shall van - ish nev - er.
No long - er keep the just com - mand - ments I ex - pound - ed,

Thy won - drous grace they laud, Thy right - eous - ness re - call - ing;
High prais - es we will sing, and hom - age we will ren - der
One cho - sen from the peo - ple as their king ap - point - ed:
For by My stead - fast love his en - e - mies are halt - ed,
My first - born son, the high - est of all kings a - round him;
My pro - mise I up - hold, the oath to Da - vid spo - ken
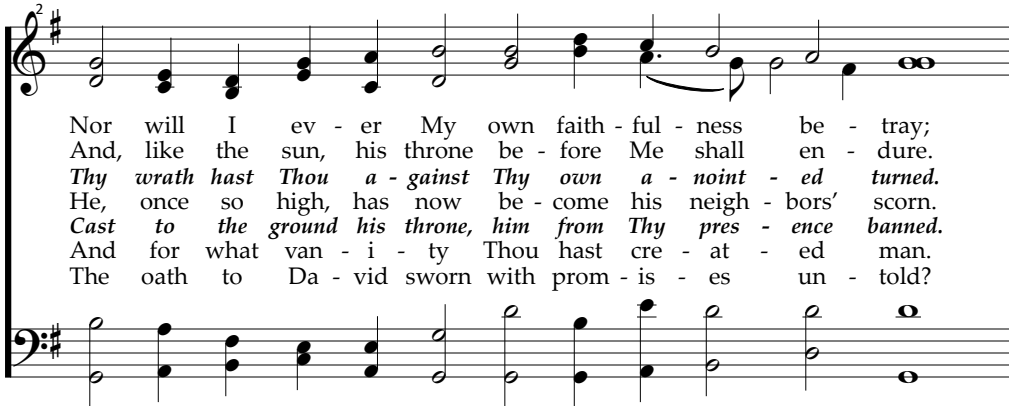Then, sure - ly, with My rod I'll pun - ish their trans - gres - sion

They go their way with joy, Thy stead - fast love ex - toll - ing.
To Is - rael's Ho - ly One, our King and our De - fend - er.
My ser - vant Da - vid, with My ho - ly oil a - noint - ed.
And in My faith - ful name his horn shall be ex - alt - ed.
On him My eye shall be. My won - ders shall as - tound him.
I al - ways will main - tain; My word can - not be bro - ken.
And their in - iq - ui - ties with scour - ges and op - pres - sion.
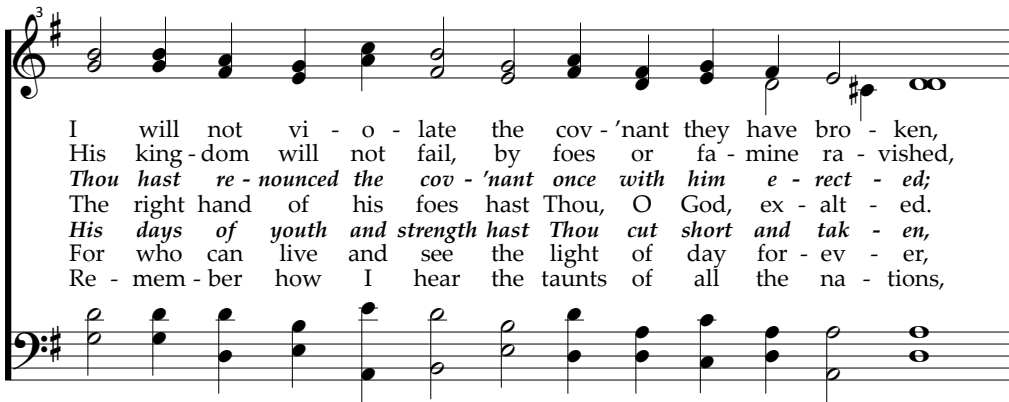
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Cont'd, Psalm 89:33–52

14. "But from him I'll not take My stead-fast love a - way,
15. "His roy - al line will thus con - tin - ue ev - er - more,
16. But now Thou hast with - drawn Thy hand, and him hast spurned;
17. All who pass by de - spoil him, smit - ten and for - lorn.
18. Thou hast, O Lord, re - moved the scep - tre from his hand,
19. Re - mem - ber Thou, O Lord, life's short and fleet - ing span
20. O Lord our God, where is Thy stead-fast love of old,

Nor will I ev - er My own faith - ful - ness be - tray;
And, like the sun, his throne be - fore Me shall en - dure.
Thy wrath hast Thou a - gainst Thy own a - noint - ed turned.
He, once so high, has now be - come his neigh - bors' scorn.
Cast to the ground his throne, him from Thy pres - ence banned.
And for what van - i - ty Thou hast cre - at - ed man.
The oath to Da - vid sworn with prom - is - es un - told?

I will not vi - o - late the cov - 'nant they have bro - ken,
His king - dom will not fail, by foes or fa - mine ra - vished,
Thou hast re - nounced the cov - 'nant once with him e - rect - ed;
The right hand of his foes hast Thou, O God, ex - alt - ed.
His days of youth and strength hast Thou cut short and tak - en,
For who can live and see the light of day for - ev - er,
Re - mem - ber how I hear the taunts of all the na - tions,

Nor will I al - ter what I once for all have spo - ken,
For like the moon it shall for ev - er be es - tab - lished.
His crown lies in the dust, his pray'rs Thou hast re - ject - ed.
They tri - umphed and re - joiced when they Thy king as - sault - ed.
And, co - vered with his shame, he is by Thee for - sak - en.
Who can es - cape She - ol and meet its ter - rors nev - er?
The in - sults of Thy foes, their count - less pro - vo - ca - tions;

For by My ho - li - ness I've sworn and I change nev - er.
As long as o - ver earth and sea the skies are vault - ed,
Thou hast breached all his walls by Thy great an - ger's pow - er;
Yes, Thou didst blunt his sword; his e - ne - mies have felled him,
How long, O Lord? Wilt Thou then hide Thy - self for - ev - er?
What man can save him - self? Who is there to re - lease us
For mock - ing Thy a - noint - ed is their sole en - deav - or.

I will not lie; My word to Da - vid stands for - ev - er.
His reign will be se - cure, his crown will be ex - alt - ed."
His strong - holds Thou hast razed, in ru - ins lie his tow - ers.
And in his man - y bat - tles Thou hast not up - held him.
Thy wrath like fire is burn - ing; wilt Thou quench it nev - er?
From gap - ing grave and death that soon will grasp and seize us?
Yes, a - men and a - men! Blest be the Lord for ev - er!