**Great is Thy faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, " O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

## History

Thomas O. Chisholm wrote the poem in 1923 about God's faithfulness over his lifetime. Chisholm sent the song to William Runyan in Kansas, who was affiliated with both the [Moody Bible Institute](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moody_Bible_Institute) and Hope Publishing Company. Runyan set the poem to music, and it was published that same year by Hope Publishing Company and became popular among church groups.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Is_Thy_Faithfulness#cite_note-1) The Biblical lyrics reference Lamentations 3:22-23.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Is_Thy_Faithfulness#cite_note-2) The song was exposed to wide audiences after becoming popular with Dr. [William Henry Houghton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Henry_Houghton) of the Moody Bible Institute and [Billy Graham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billy_Graham), who used the song frequently on his international crusades.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Is_Thy_Faithfulness#cite_note-3) Since the middle 20th century, this hymn has been the university hymn of [Cairn University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairn_University) which was formerly Philadelphia Biblical University and prior to that Philadelphia College of Bible, founded in 1913.

In 2019, the song entered the [public domain in the United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_domain_in_the_United_States).[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Is_Thy_Faithfulness#cite_note-4)

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