



## HYMN PREVIEW

# My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

### **Note to Worship Planners:**

On July 31 some churches will sing a new hymn, 818 – “My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone.”

This Hymnal Highlight comes well in advance of potential use of the hymn to give musicians time to order and prepare the music. Here’s an idea for the final piece of preservice music. Either two minutes before the service begins (if length is a concern) or right at the beginning the pastor says:

Before we begin worship today, I call your attention to a new hymn: #818. Please turn to that hymn [*on page ## of the worship folder*]. In the second verse we will sing: “Though riches come and riches go, don’t set your heart upon them.” Throughout worship today we see how to value earthly wealth correctly, understanding what earthly wealth can and cannot do. For our final preservice music now—and to help you to become familiar with the tune of hymn 818—we hear music based on this new hymn.

Alternatively, comments such as these can appear in the worship folder. The pastor then simply calls attention to them before the music plays.

The music can be the solo’d organ setting from the hymns accompaniment volume. Another setting for organ is available in: <https://online.nph.net/alive-in-christ-repentant-raised-refreshed.html>. If not used with the preservice music idea above, it could be played during the offering or communion distribution.

Even with this instrumental option for introducing the hymn, it’s still good to give at least the first verse and refrain to a soloist or choir.

Or form a summer choir (or trio) to sing a newly released choral version: <https://online.nph.net/my-soul-finds-rest-in-god-alone-psalm-62-petersen.html>. Various substitutions can be made for cello and violin including the “split keyboard” option on many digital keyboards: left hand playing cello, right hand playing violin. If the keyboard’s cello and violin sounds aren’t appealing, use any options that work.

The following message can be shared by social media or email during the week before July 31.

### **Message:**

Our worship July 31 features a wonderful new hymn, #818 – “My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone.” To become better acquainted with the music and the message of this hymn, you’re invited to listen to a recording performed by the College Choir, Martin Luther College. Find this at 5:13 in the concert video here: <https://welscongregationalservices.net/hymnal-introduction-resources/#toggle-id-3>

***Note to Worship Planners for July 24:***

Two hymns highlighted here are suggested for July 24. (See the Year C Planner available at [The Foundation](#).) Since advance notice may be necessary for the keyboard/organ player, these are mentioned already in this July 8 Hymnal Highlight.

721: Alternate settings (available in Accompaniment for Hymns) may be appreciated by the assembly.

722 is a traditional Swedish tune that is new to us. While it is relatively easy (lines 1, 2, and 4 are the same), it is still helpful in most congregations for a soloist to sing stanza 1.

*If you haven't yet done long-range planning for fall and beyond, be sure to review the Hymnal Highlight from June 17.*