



Preparation for Worship

*See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.*

—John Newton, Hymn 81

Voluntary

Entrance and Offertory from the *Mass for Dedication*

Frank Ferko
(b. 1950)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 409 ([see page 12](#))

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

✠ Prayer of Confession

**As we come today to your great table, O God,
we realize how small we have made our own.
Our vision of your grace is too narrow.
Our awareness of your mercy is too limited.
Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short.
We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be.
Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings.
Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits,
so that we may live joyfully and abundantly as Jesus did.**

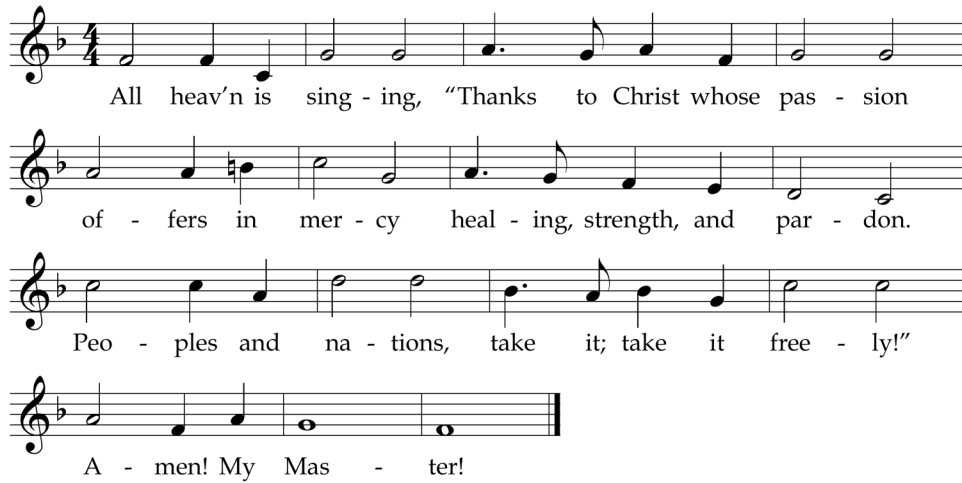
silent prayer

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response



All heav'n is sing - ing, "Thanks to Christ whose pas - sion
of - fers in mer - cy heal - ing, strength, and par - don.
Peo - ples and na - tions, take it; take it free - ly!"
A - men! My Mas - ter!

TEXT: Pécselyi Király Imre, c. 1641; translated by Erik Routley, 1974; © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc.
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SHADES MOUNTAIN
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✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

Conversation with Children

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

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Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell
(1905–1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

— words by Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Sermon

Heart Questions

John Wurster

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 65 [\(see page 14\)](#)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Mission Update

Austin College

Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Bread of Life from Heaven

David Ashley White
(b. 1944)

O Bread of Life from heaven,
to saints and angels given;
O Manna from above!
The souls that hunger, feed thou;
the hearts that seek thee, lead thou,
with thy sweet tender love.

— words from a 17th-century Latin hymn
translated by Philip Schaff (1819–1893)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

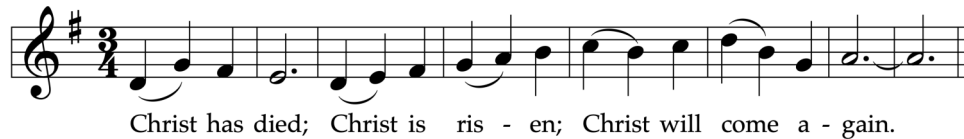
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you . . . we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All holy God . . . Great is the mystery of faith:



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

Gracious God, . . . Almighty God, now and forever.



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AMEN (Pavlechko)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Communion Anthem

Draw Near

Jonathan Willcocks
(b. 1953)

Draw near and share the body of the Lord.
Draw near and drink the blood of the Lord,
that we may share his eternal love.
Draw near and be blessed by Jesus from above.

Draw near and share the body of the Lord.
Draw near and eat of the body of the Lord,
that we may share his eternal love.
Draw near to his glory,
and then we shall be blessed by Jesus from above.

Draw near and share the body of the Lord.

✦ Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God,
thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome,
and for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing.
As you have filled our lives with love and hope,
may we be a source of your love and hope
for those who hunger for your good news. Amen.

✦ Hymn 821 [\(see page 15\)](#)

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

✦ Charge and Blessing

Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

Voluntary

We All Believe in One True God
WIR GLAUBEN ALL AN EINEN GOTT | BWV 680

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Please join us in the Gathering Area to celebrate the 40th birthday of PC(USA)'s commitment to peacemaking.

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Anne Wilson

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Matthew Dirst — organist | Randall Swanson — director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Elizabeth Duerr to the glory of God and in memory of her mother, G. Suttle Ham, MD, a Charter member of St. Philip.

WORSHIP NOTES

To receive communion, please come forward via the center aisle, receive a piece of bread, and take a small cup of grape juice. Gluten-free bread is also available. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Those with difficulty coming forward may receive communion in their seats by signaling the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. On this World Communion Sunday, we join Presbyterians in participating in the Peace and Global Witness offering. The local portion of the offering supports Texas Coastal Exchange which will receive the 25% of the offering retained by our congregation to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. To learn more about Texas Coastal Exchange, visit their Web site at <https://www.texascoastalexchange.org/>. The Presbytery of New Covenant receives an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation, and the remaining 50% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Gifts may be brought to the front basket during the final hymn. You may also make a secure contribution through [MyStPhilip](#) and choosing the Communion fund or by sending a check to the church office, with "Communion" in the memo line.

Westminster Scholarship at Austin College—Austin College announces the Westminster Scholarship Program for Presbyterian students, a guarantee that full tuition is covered for any student on the membership roll of a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation beginning in Fall 2024. The College offers more than 55 areas of study plus abundant opportunities for academic research, professional internships, international study, January Term, and volunteer service—all in a campus community that nurtures diversity and values personal growth. Austin College, in covenant relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA), affirms that all individuals are created to love God, serve others, and grow in their faith. This relationship is demonstrated in what it offers to students, the church, and the world.

Happy Birthday, Commitment to Peacemaking! Did you know that the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Commitment to Peacemaking turns 40 years old this year? The Commitment, which was introduced in 1983, is a means to help churches focus their peacemaking efforts in eight areas: worship, prayer and Bible study, peacemaking in families and in community living, community ministries, study of and response to global issues, global security, making peace with the Earth, and receiving the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

St. Philip signed the Commitment in 1984, just one year later. If you visit the Peacemaking and Social Justice alcove, at the end of the carpeted hallway leading from the Gathering Area, you can see the original framed Commitment at the upper right of the display (with its signatures and dates reflecting Session approval in now very faded ink). (You might also notice that St. Philip has since signed the Commitment on two subsequent occasions!) To celebrate this milestone birthday, please join in and enjoy a piece of birthday cake after worship today.

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- Exodus 17:1-7 — *The people thirst and quarrel; God gives them water from a rock.*
- Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 — *God made streams flow from rocks, giving water to the people.*
- Philippians 2:1-13 — *Seek the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God.*
- Matthew 21:23-32 — *Leaders question Jesus' authority; he answers them with a parable.*

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MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Chicago-based composer Frank Ferko wrote his *Mass for Dedication* on commission, for the dedication of a renovated organ in Winnetka, IL. Its sequence of short movements, from which today's **opening voluntary** is drawn, begins with a mysterious "Entrance" that pays homage to the Gregorian-chant based music of 20th-century French composers. The "Offertory" movement which follows likewise borrows heavily from the French style, channeling the muse of Francis Poulenc especially.

Our **closing voluntary** is setting by J. S. Bach of the German chorale melody *Wir glauben all an einen Gott* ("We All Believe in One True God"). One of two organ pieces based on this hymn tune in Bach's *Clavier-Übung III*, it treats the melody freely, in the manner of a contrapuntal fantasy.

Choral Music

This morning's **first anthem** is by Harold Friedell, who was an American organist and music educator who taught at both Juilliard and Union Seminary in New York City, and who served during the last two decades of this life as Organist and Master of the Choir at St. Bartholomew's Church (Episcopal) in Midtown Manhattan. Friedell composed music marked by a noble simplicity of means, but powerful in its sentiments and its setting of compelling texts.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether is the perfect example of these qualities, using this now famous text from 1931 by English clergyman and prolific hymn writer Percy Dearmer in a setting for SATB choir and organ.

Today's **offertory anthem** is by University of Houston professor of composition David Ashley White, who served as director of the UH Moores School of Music from 1999 to 2014. David has also long served as composer-in-residence at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, his home parish. *O Bread of Life from Heaven* was composed in 1991 for the annual Mississippi Conference on Liturgy and Music and is set for two-part choir of mixed voices with organ accompaniment.

The **communion anthem** *Draw Near* is by British composer and conductor Jonathan Willcocks, son of the great conductor and organist Sir David Willcocks. Like his father before him, Jonathan has composed a not insignificant body of works for various combinations of voices. Written for four-part choir and organ, *Draw Near* was published in 1996 using a text by the composer based on the seventh-century Latin hymn *Sancti venite, corpus Christi sumite*, translated in 1861 by John M. Neale.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Denise Ferrell; Pat Lindsay; Susan Estill; Mark Takayama; Stewart Coffman; Ben Dees; Shirley Coffman; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Beverly Hudson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and her partner John Bonica; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Halley Delany – sister of Nina Lambright; Truxillo family – Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians – Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: deacons@saintphilip.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PHILIP

The Mission Committee is collecting items for Seafarer's Christmas Boxes, bins are available in the Gathering Area each Sunday during the month of October for your donations. A complete list of items needed is available at saintphilip.net.

OCTOBER 8 at 9:00 a.m. - Worship on the Lawn – The service will include a “blessing of the animals.” Here's your opportunity to bring your dog or cat or other pets to worship with you and to have them included in a special prayer of blessing. Animals should be appropriately leashed or otherwise contained! The 11:00 a.m. service will be in the sanctuary as usual.

OCTOBER 22 will be our Fall Picnic following worship service.

OCTOBER 29 – at 9:00 a.m. – Worship on the Lawn with the bagpipers of the Houston Highlanders. 11:00 a.m. service will be in the Sanctuary as usual.

NOVEMBER 12 – The Mission Committee is once again hosting the ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET for St. Philip Mission Partners. We invite participation in the market from the congregation as well, and look forward to hearing from you. Wendy Stewart, the St. Philip Youth, the St. Philip Stitchers, and many donations for our live auction have all enhanced the marketing experience that Sunday. Participants can select the mission partner the proceeds of any sales should go to. Please let us know by **Oct. 15** if you plan to participate and need a table or have an auction item by calling Hope Wilmarth: 281-744-8540 or the church office.

NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY – Ages 3 – Kindergarten – Room 104

ELEMENTARY – Grades 1-5 – Room 105

YOUTH – Grades 6-12 – Room 205

CHURCH & SOCIETY – Room 201 – Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Oct. 8** – *Children at the Lord's Table* - Local church educators' response to the 1983 reunion policy regarding children taking Communion - On June 10, 1983, 14,000 Presbyterians gathered to hear the Declaration of Reunion. After 122 years of separation, the Presbyterian Church in the US. (PCUS) and United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA), came together. As a result of reunion the Presbyterian Church (USA) would welcome children to the Lord's Table. Presbyterian Educators on the Westside (PEWS) worked together to write a study to find ways to make the worship experience and the sacraments more meaningful and inclusive for the variety of ages in the worshipping community. We will look at the ways St. Philip is teaching children about worship and the sacraments. Presented by Mickey Meyers - co-author of *Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!* A Resource for Including Children in Worship for Pastors, Educators, Parents, Sessions and Committees. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

FAITH & LIFE - Room 200 – *New Class* – An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. Using the short stories in *The Gift of Hard Things: Finding Grace in Unexpected Places* by Mark Yaconelli, participants will read a short text in class and then engage in conversation as a group. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – We resume our study of the Kingdom of Judah at 2 Kings 18 with the story of King Hezekiah in Dr. Robert Alter's *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – We will have Children's Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Conversation with Children*. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

LAMBETH STUDY – Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at:

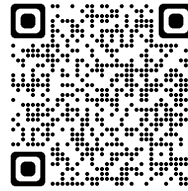
keatan@saintphilip.net.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP – This reading and discussion group meets on the first Monday of each month, 7:00-8:00 p.m., via zoom. As an activity of the Peacemaking & Social Justice Committee, the group provides a forum for the study and discussion of social justice topics (racism, immigration, globalism, climate change, current events, etc.) within the framework of the church and guided by our faith. The first meeting of the new study year will be on Monday, **Oct. 2**, 7:00 p.m. The study book will be *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man*, by Emmanuel Acho. Interested persons and sign-up information can be obtained from Sara Jean Jackson at sjj10223@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster **meets weekly**. The class meets at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Oct. 12** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *American Cartel: Inside the Battle to Bring Down the Opioid Industry* by Scott Higham and Sari Horwitz. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP – Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that he has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphilip.net.

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,
we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.

WE LONG
for deeper faith,
vibrant hope
and boundless love
for everyone, every day, everywhere.

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

A Hearing Loop is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your “T switch” to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY’S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

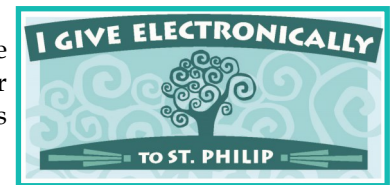
Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to lorrie@saintphilip.net.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text “SPPC” to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

I Give Electronically—in response to parents’ hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.




Hymn 409

God Is Here


ABBOT'S LEIGH



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

continued ➔

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, revised 1988 | © 1979 Hope Publishing Company
 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941 | © 1942, renewed 1970 Hope Publishing Company

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Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

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 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

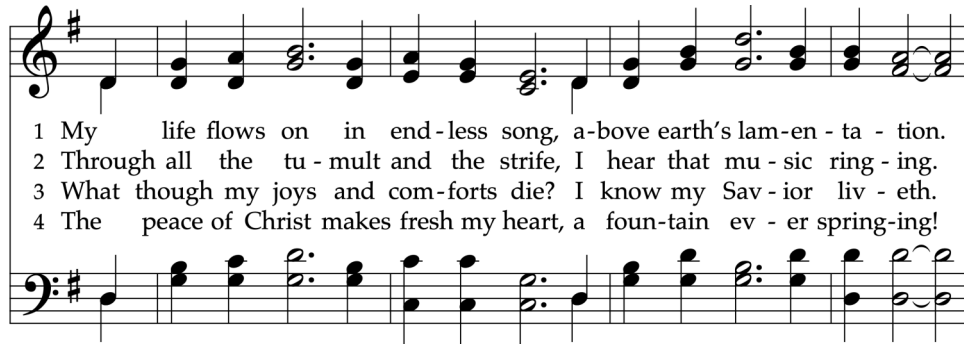
CWM RHONDDA
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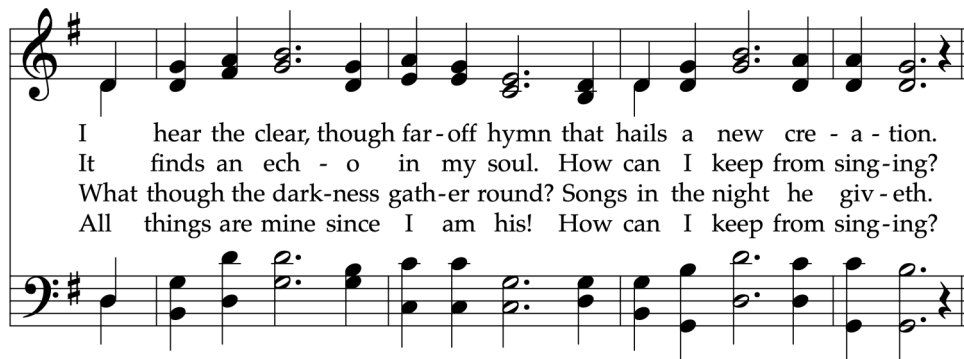
Hymn 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

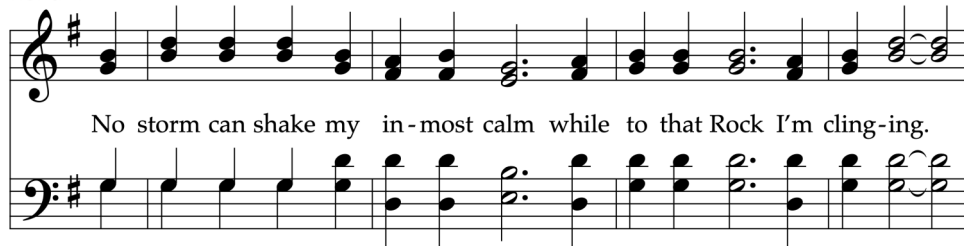


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he liv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
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