

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 16, 2024

Preparation for Worship

*God of days,
we praise your name, for your grace sustains us.
We wait for you, Lord, for your word strengthens us.
Our outer nature is wasting away day by day,
but our inner nature is being renewed by your daily bread.
Grant us the eyes to see what cannot be seen and to gaze on what is eternal.
May we revel in your work and be a visible witness of your invisible kingdom.
In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

Opening Voluntary

Par Secunda

Johann Ernst Eberlin
(1702-1762)

Greeting

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

Introit

O Lord, Increase My Faith

Gibbons/Loosemore
Early 17th Century

O Lord, increase my faith,
strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;
Endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience in all my adversity,
Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

—attr. F. R. Warren (1867)

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 663 [\(see page 9\)](#)

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

MORNING HYMN

✦ Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
 we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
 for we have done wrong.
 We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
 We have turned from our neighbors,
 and refused to bear the burdens of others.
 We have ignored the pain of the world,
 and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins
 and free us from selfishness,
 that we may choose your will
 and obey your commandments;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior.

silent prayer

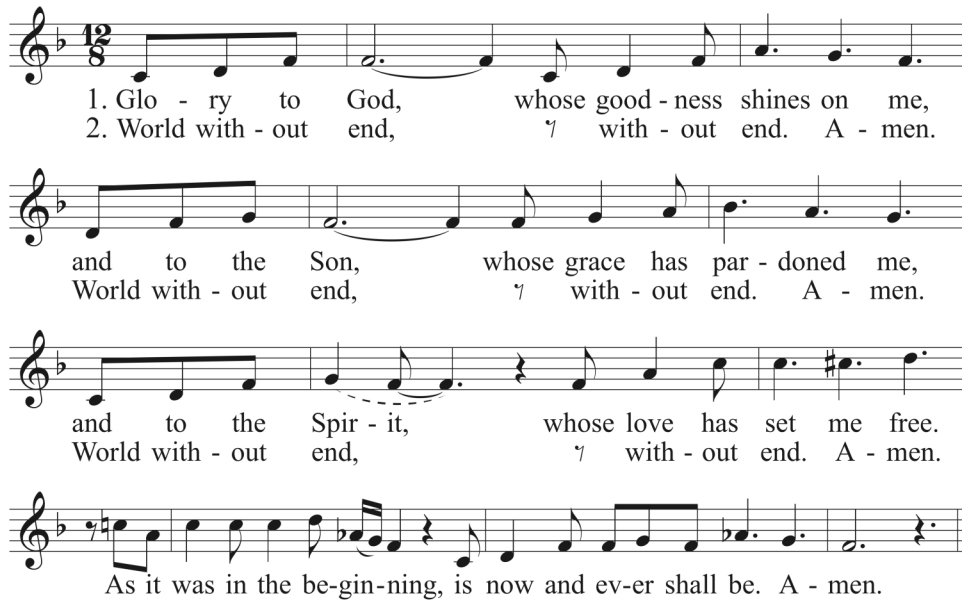
Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response

Paul Vasile



1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2. World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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

Anthem*Loving shepherd of thy sheep*John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Loving shepherd of thy sheep
 Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
 Nothing can thy power withstand,
 None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would praise thee every day,
 Gladly all thy will obey,
 Like thy blessed ones above,
 Happy in thy perfect love.

Loving shepherd, ever near,
 Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
 Suffer not my steps to stray
 From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
 Walking in thy steps below,
 Till before my Father's throne
 I shall know as I am known.

— Jane Leeson (1807-1882)

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

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

Growing Up

Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness✦ **Hymn 684** ([see page 10](#))*Faith Begins by Letting Go*

LUX PRIMA

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
 the firstborn of all creation;
 in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
 things visible and invisible.
 All things have been created through him and for him.
 He himself is before all things,
 and in him all things hold together.
 He is head of the body, the church;
 he is the beginning,
 the firstborn of the dead,
 so that he might come to have first place in everything.
 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
 and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
 whether on earth or in heaven,
 by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering

Gifts may be given any time at www.saintphilip.net

Offertory

Panis Angelicus

César Franck
 (1822-1890)

<p><i>Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum: O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.</i></p>	<p>Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today: the Living Bread from heaven with figures dost away: O wondrous gift indeed! the poor and lowly may upon their Lord and Master feed.</p>
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—Saint Thomas Aquinas (13th century)

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We offer our gratitude for all the gifts you have given us.

**Empower us, O God, to use these gifts to uphold
 and strengthen all that you have created,
 to transform your world, work for peace, and bring wholeness to all creation.
 In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 748 [\(see page 11\)](#)

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin

Johann Christoph Bach
 (1642-1703)

SERVING TODAY

Pastor

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Liturgist

Pamela Ewing

Musicians

Jane Malczweskyj — organist & guest conductor | St. Philip Staff Singers | St. Philip Summer Chamber Choir
 Sarah Bertrand & Thomas O'Neill — duet | Justin Langham — director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Anne & Butch Wilson to the glory of God and in honor of and thanksgiving for all fathers everywhere, especially their dads Mac Wilson and Ken Takehara.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Ezekiel 17:22-24 – *The Lord says: I will plant a cedar sprig; it will become a great tree.*
- Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 – *The righteous are planted in God's house, and grow like a cedar.*
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; (11-13) 14-17 – *We walk by faith, not by sight; in Christ there is a new creation.*
- Mark 4:26-34 – *Jesus uses parables about seeds to describe the kingdom of God*

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's **opening voluntary** was written by German composer Johann Ernst Eberlin, whose works bridge Baroque and Classical eras. A prolific composer in many genres including theater and church, he is most known for his organ compositions. "Pars Secunda" is written in fugue form beginning with a single melody then successively taken up by others and developed by interweaving the parts.

Today's vocal offerings consist of various prayerful texts from across the centuries. Our **introit**, a short prayer for stronger faith from the 17th century, is set in a polyphonic texture (multiple lines moving at once) and is sung one voice per part to maintain clarity of the text, both common features of Renaissance choral writing. While the short anthem sounds in a minor sonority, the final chord is major, a compositional technique signifying resolution that carries into the Baroque period.

Another selection from Rutter's extensive canon, today's **anthem** is a beautiful *a cappella* setting of a 19th-century

hymn text that offers a prayer of protection from our watchful shepherd. A soloist sings the melody first, then is joined gradually by voices until the entire ensemble sings together. Using a mixture of sung text and neutral vowels (hums, oo's, etc), Rutter paints each stanza with a different vocal color before the soloist returns to repeat the first stanza at the anthem's close. For our final sung prayer, we offer César Franck's familiar setting of *Panis angelicus* ("bread of angels") as today's **offertory**.

Today's **closing voluntary** demonstrates how improvisations were written as chorales. The first line is played as a solo then imitated in other voicings over a sustained pedal note. German composer and Baroque organist Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703) was an older cousin of Johann Sebastian Bach and described as a "profound composer".

– Justin Langham and Jane Malczewskyj

IN OUR PRAYERS

Colleen Nelson, Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and family upon the death of Dorothy Blackwell on June 6. A memorial service will be held on July 13 at 2 p.m. at St. Philip.

St. Philippians and their families – Charlotte Kibler; Roderick James; Susan Estill; Bill Morris; Diane Clarke; CJ Miller; Russell Bahruth; Ralph Cherillo; Susan Mitchell; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Jerry Isbell – son-in-law of Bill & Karen Morris; Terese Murphy – cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

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

Friends of St. Philippians - Annette Covey – friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters – friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Tom Barnett – friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez – friends 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

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LEARN ABOUT THE ST. PHILIP DAY SCHOOL – The St. Philip Day School is a new mission initiative on our campus benefitting families lacking access to quality early childhood education. The school will operate on the first floor of our Education Building. The Session approved the plan in May and also authorized start-up funding for the project from our Central Mission Endowment Fund. To meet licensing requirements, some structural modifications of the Education Building will be necessary. If the way be clear, we hope the school will be up and running next spring. We are excited about this transformational mission endeavor and the opportunity to expand our ministry to children and families! **Keatan King, Omar Rouchon, and John Wurster will lead an informational session about the school on June 30 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201** (the Church and Society classroom).

PRIMETIMERS HISTORICALLY BLACK HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR – On Tuesday, **June 25**, the Primetimers will be led on another Houses of Worship tour by our friends at Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston. Days following Juneteenth, hear the stories of Houston’s oldest historically Black churches founded more than 150 years ago and how they influenced the culture of Houston. Our group will visit the historic Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in downtown Houston followed by Trinity United Methodist Church, with a brief stop at The Gregory School, Houston’s oldest school for Black children. We will depart from St. Philip promptly at **9:30 a.m.** and will have lunch in between our stops. Lunch will be on your own and a freewill offering will be collected for a contribution to IM and the host faith communities. Please RSVP to Omar Rouchon by Tuesday, **June 18** at: omar@saintphilip.net

AMERICANS UNITED PRESENTS UNDER G-D – Free Screening and Panel Discussion in Fellowship Hall – The Greater Houston Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, along with co-sponsors Faith Commons and Texas Impact, will screen this film on **Tuesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. The film will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Rachel Laser, President and CEO of AU, and Rabbi Joshua Fixler of Congregation Emanu El. Kyle Riley of Texas Impact will moderate the discussion. Please register at <https://mobilize.us/s/Fldq6F> or www.auhouston.org. *Under G-d* is a 22-minute film weaves together the stories of an Indiana mother and activist, a Florida rabbi, and lawyers throughout the country fighting abortion bans as a violation of religious freedom -- and defending democracy by preserving the Constitutional guarantee of church-state separation.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES – New church directories are available in the Gathering Area. Done with the old directory? Please shred or bring your old copy to church and we will shred it for you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON SUMMER RECESS AND RETURN SEPTEMBER 8

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 VBS ~ SUMMER 2024

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JUNE 22

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MORE INFO | REGISTER: SAINTPHILIP.NET

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

St. Philip offers a variety of weekday activities for young and seasoned which are on summer recess. Please visit our website (saintphilip.net) to see what you have to look forward to in the fall.

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. For more information, email Keatan King at: keatan@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **July 11** at 7:00 p.m. Watch your email for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—This group will conclude its current study of Christian Nationalism with its zoom meeting on Monday, **June 24**. A new study will begin in September. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at sjj10223@gmail.com.

MISSION ACTIVITIES

CCSC NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE—During the month of June, the Mission Committee will be collecting non-perishable food donations for drop off at the Gathering Area mission table or at the Church Office. Examples of the different kinds of foods you can drop off include dry beans (1 or 2 pound bags), hearty soups, dry rice (1 or 2 pound bags), canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, boxed dry cereal, pasta sauce, baby food or formula, toilet paper, canned fruit (all types), canned vegetables (all types), dry pasta and mac and cheese. Food donations continue through **June 30**. The food is especially needed in the summer months because children are out of school and their families must provide their breakfast and lunch, which are usually provided by the school.

REGISTER NOW! KIDS MEALS' PACKING—St. Philip mission partner Kids' Meals will host a group from St. Philip on Monday, **July 8**, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., to help prepare sack lunches for children at home during summer vacation. The mission of Kids' Meals is to end childhood hunger by delivering free, healthy meals, year-round to the doorsteps of the greater Houston area's hungriest preschool-aged children and through collaboration provide their families with resources to help end the cycle of poverty. Over the past 17 years, Kids' Meals has provided more than 14 million free, healthy meals to Houston's hungriest children. In 2024, Kids' Meals will make and deliver at least 2.77 million healthy meals, provide healthy produce and groceries at least three times per week, and leverage their daily access to connect children and families with wrap-around services from more

than 70 partner service organizations. Kids' Meals cannot reach these goals without volunteers. St. Philip grants support the Healthy Meal Delivery Program. Please save the date to volunteer at Kids' Meals on **July 8**. Sign up continues through **July 7**. Every individual, including children, attending must register:

<http://stphilip.kidsmealsinc.volunteerhub.com/>

Kids Meals' goal is to make things as smooth as possible for you. They recommend volunteers wear comfortable clothing, closed toed-shoes, and a hat. In case someone prefers not to wear a hat, hair nets are distributed as an option. Limited parking, carpool if possible. Please arrive at our offices by 12:30 p.m. Upon arrival, you will enter the Welcome Center, sign-in on the computers, and have a brief orientation. Come ready to have a good time!

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER PLANNING COMMITTEE—Our church can be a host again for the Kids Against Hunger packing program. St. Philip needs to form a Kids Against Hunger committee to start this mission program again. The committee members can be any church member; you do not have to already be on the Mission Committee. If you are interested in volunteering or want to be part of that leadership team, please contact Angelina Fonseca-Grewal at: mission@saintphilip.net or contact Keatan King at keatan@saintphilip.net.

CLOTHING FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS—Lord of the Streets (LOTS) is an Episcopal Church in Midtown Houston, and whose primary congregation is people who are experiencing homelessness. You can help serve their congregation by bringing clothes and shoes to 3401 Fannin St., 77004, during the week (Mon-Fri, 8:00-Noon); clothes are distributed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They have an immediate need for men's shoes. Contact Thania Hernandez (info@lotshouston.org) for more information. lotshouston.org.

VOLUNTEER WITH LOTS—Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church needs your help. Because they serve people who are experiencing homelessness, LOTS needs many volunteers. Office tasks, mail distribution, serving food, helping in the clothing room, leading Bible studies and prayers, are some of the ways you can serve. Contact Thania Hernandez info@lotshouston.org for more information.

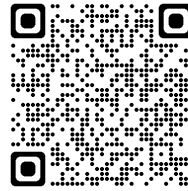
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AFTER 11 AM WORSHIP
IN THE GATHERING AREA

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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.

Lost & Found—did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Office, lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.

Hymn 663

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

MORNING HYMN

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your dai - ly
 2 Lord, I my vows to you re - new. Dis - perse my
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de -

stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 sign or do or say, that all my powers, with

joy - ful rise to pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 thought and will, and with your - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, alt.

MUSIC: François Hippolyte Barthélemon, 1785; harm. *The Church Hymnal for the Christian Year*, 1917

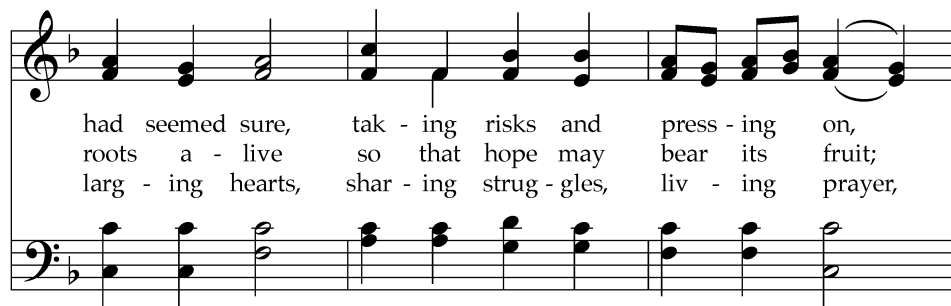
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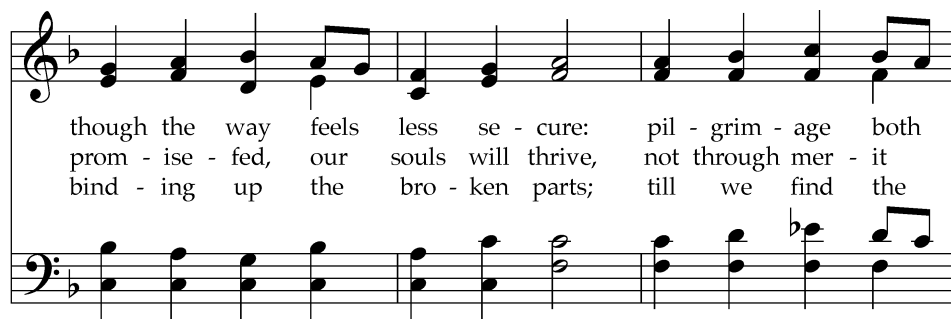
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1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -



had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,



though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the



right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

Hymn 748

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and
 ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it
 strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**May be sung as a canon.*

This very accessible sung prayer was created by the director of children's ministry at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, for use by their children's choir, but it is suitable for people of all ages. The familiar tune makes it easy to learn and to memorize.

TEXT: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986
 MUSIC: Thomas Tallis; adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c. 1561
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TALLIS' CANON
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