



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 9, 2024

Opening Voluntary

Praeludium in C Major
BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Greeting

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

Introit

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal (excerpt)

arr. Craig Carnahan

Hark! I hear the harps eternal
Ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters
With their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Glory to the great I AM!

—attr. F. R. Warren (1867)

✦ Opening Sentences

✦ Hymn 287 [\(see page 12\)](#)

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

NJOO SWETU, ROHO MWEMA

✦ Prayer of Confession

God of perfect love,
you continually bring forth life,
transforming sadness to joy,
and despair to hope
We are weak, but you are strong.
Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true.
We are seldom right, but you are never wrong.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.
Take away the sin that burdens us,
and restore us to the people you would have us be,
for the sake of 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

Gospel Reading

Mark 3:20-35

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

Anthem*Let Me Fly*

arr. Robert DeCormier

Way down yonder in the middle of the field,
 Angel a-workin' at the chariot wheel.
 Not so particular 'bout workin' at the wheel,
 I just wan' to see how the chariot feel.

Oh let me fly,
 Oh let me fly to Mount Zion,
 Lord, Lord.

Meet that hypocrite on the street
 First thing he do is show his teeth
 Next thing he do is tell a lie
 Well, the best thing to do is pass him by.

I got a mother in the Promised Land
 Ain't gonna stop 'til I shake her hand.
 Not so particular 'bout shakin' her hand
 But I just wan' to get to the Promised Land.

I heard such a-rumbalin' in the sky,
 I thought my Lord was passin' by.
 'Twas the good ol' chariot drawin' nigh.
 Well, it shook the earth, swept the sky.

I want wings, I want to fly
 Oh Lord, I wan' to fly,
 Oh won't you let me fly to Mount Zion
 Lord, Lord?

– American Negro Spiritual

Sermon*Over and Beyond*

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness✦ **Hymn 377** ([see page 13](#))*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

At the River

arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river,
 Where bright angels feet have trod,
 With its crystal tide forever
 Flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
 The beautiful, the beautiful river,
 Gather with the saints by the river
 That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
 Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
 Soon our happy hearts will quiver
 With the melody of peace.

— American Christian Spiritual

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Great and mighty God,
 we thank you for all we have received in Jesus Christ.

**By your Spirit,
 give us freedom to love with his love,
 to serve with his zeal,
 and to embrace the world with his compassion.
 Amen.**

✠ Hymn 853 [\(see page 14\)](#)

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SYAHAMBA

✠ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Lobt Gott den Herrn, ihr Heiden all

Helmut Walcha
 (1907-1991)

SERVING TODAY

Pastor

John Wurster

Liturgist

Judith Hiott

Musicians

Matthew Dirst – organist | St. Philip Choir | Justin Langham – director of music | Thomas O’Neill – soloist

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Nathan Carlin and Keatan King to the glory of God and in celebration of Zoe Carlin's birthday, with thanksgiving for all the children of St. Philip.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today’s worship service includes traditional Negro Spiritual music. The Black composers of this music are unknown to history and therefore unable to receive royalties directed to their estates for the use of their songs. To remedy this inequity, a fund has been created and approved by the Session where we will collect voluntary “royalties” for using this music. Anyone may donate to the fund by going to the saintphilip.net homepage and selecting *Make a Contribution*, then selecting Negro Spirituals as the fund. Members can also access this page on the MyStPhilip app (also linked to from the homepage). You may also contribute by writing a check with *Negro Spirituals* in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. This small gesture of reparation seeks to help heal the long history of injury to Black persons. Contributions received over the course of the year will be donated annually to a local organization supporting Black musical traditions.

Today’s Lectionary readings:

- 1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15); 16–20 (11:14–15) – *The people demand a king; reluctantly, Samuel anoints Saul.*
- Psalm 138 – *I give you thanks, O Lord; all the rulers of the earth will praise you.*
- Genesis 3:8–15 – *God confronts the man and woman about the forbidden fruit.*
- Psalm 130 – *Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; there is forgiveness with you.*
- 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1 – *If our earthly dwelling is destroyed, we have a home in the heavens.*
- Mark 3:20–35 – *Jesus is accused of having an unclean spirit; he warns of blasphemy.*

Music Notes

Dietrich Buxtehude’s organ *praeludia* are the most impressive extant examples of the *Stylus Fantasticus*, the “fantastic style” of writing for instruments popular among North German composers especially in the late 17th century. His **Praeludium in C Major** BuxWV 137, today’s opening voluntary, falls into three easily recognizable sections: a prelude, a fugue, and a chaconne (a piece premised on a repeating harmonic progression), to which the composer adds a rhapsodic opening pedal solo and similar flourishes as a final coda.

The vocal selections today feature various settings of traditional spiritual tunes that evoke joy, reverence, and the promise of salvation. Our **introit** is the first verse of a modern setting of the early-American tune INVITATION from the “Sacred Harp,” a collection of tunes sung mainly by white Protestants in New England in the 18th-century. Carnahan’s energetic arrangement provides a jolt of excitement that suddenly bursts from quietly contained into joyously proclaimed.

Our **anthem**, a standard in today’s choral repertoire, is an up-beat, swinging setting of “Now Let Me Fly,” a song sung during the Underground Railroad whose idyllic language about a promised land was meant to boost morale and give hope to slaves seeking freedom. Contrasting in speed and style, today’s **offertory** carries a similar message of hope through the classic Christian hymn “Beautiful River.” Copland’s timeless 1952 arrangement beautifully captures the powerful simplicity found in the passage in Revelation 22:1–2: “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God.”

A German chorale tune animates Helmut Walcha’s **Lobt Gott den Herrn, ihr Heiden all** (“Praise the Lord, all ye people”), this morning’s closing voluntary. This sprightly chorale fantasy begins with the tune in the soprano before it migrates to the pedal, around which imitative voices dance and play.

—Justin Langham and Matthew Dirst

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Roderick James; Dorothy Blackwell; 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.

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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

Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.



MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

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TODAY | 3:00 pm
Grant Smith, organist

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Grant Smith is an organ master's degree student at Rice University in Houston, Texas, USA in the studio of Ken Cowan. He performs regularly as organ soloist across Texas and California. Recent competition successes include First Prize at the 2022 Faith International Organ Competition in Blieskastel, Germany, First Prize in the 2023 Hall Organ Competition in San Antonio, Texas, and semi-finalist in international competitions in Tokyo and Seoul in 2023. He is a sought-after collaborative performer on organ, piano, and harpsichord. Grant received two bachelor's degrees in music and civil engineering from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California. A two-time winner of the university's concerto competition, he performed as featured soloist with the Cal Poly Symphony both on organ and piano. Grant is currently organist and pianist at West University Baptist Church in Houston and organist and pianist for the Houston Masterworks Chorus.

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

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 DURING THE WEEK

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – (**Summer Recess**) Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly 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.

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

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **June 13** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP – (**Summer Recess**) 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

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Philip Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, June 12
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm
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Make a splash this summer by donating blood! Donors who give blood in June will receive a **Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center beach towel** as a special thank you for helping patients in local hospitals.

Visit giveblood.org to schedule an appointment!

While supplies last. Promotional item may be substituted for item of equal value.



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' ST. PHILIP VOLUNTEER DAY MONDAY, JULY 8—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—This year, many St. Philip members have asked if the Kids Against Hunger meal packing activity will resume. Our church can be a host again for the Kids Against Hunger packing program. There are 5 categories

of tasks for a successful Kids Against Hunger program to resume in our church:

1. A good accounting/bookkeeping system for orders.
2. A good transportation & delivery system of the packing supplies to St. Philip.
3. Marketing of the packing program at our church & scheduling volunteer groups.
4. Event teams & hosts. A successful church needs 6-8 teams of 4 to 5 people. One team would host about once every six weeks.

Meal deliveries. A delivery team loads up the packed meals on Sunday and delivers Monday mornings to Kids' Meals or another mission partner.

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. Also, if you know a farmer or rancher that will take the expired rice, soy, grain, and lentils to feed pigs or goats, please contact Keatan King. These old supplies must be removed first from the church dining room kitchen before the program can commence again.

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.



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 287

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

NJOO SWETU, ROHO MWEMA

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.

TEXT: Wilson Niwagila, 1965; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1968

MUSIC: Wilson Niwagila, 1965; arr. Egil Hovland, 1993

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NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

CM with refrain

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Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

Hymn 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SYAHAMBA

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
we are march-ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

TEXT: South African; English trans. Gracia Grindal, 1984
MUSIC: South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
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SYAHAMBA
Irregular

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

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