



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024

### Preparation for Worship

*The unity of the church will consist  
not in organizations,  
not in dogmas,  
not in liturgies,  
not in pious hearts,  
but in the word of God,  
in the voice of Jesus Christ.*

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### Opening Voluntary

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*  
BWV 720

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

### Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

### Introit

*Foundation*

arr. Alice Parker  
(1925-2023)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help, thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

- K., ~1787

### ✠ Opening Sentences

### ✠ Hymn 385 [\(see page 10\)](#)

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDREDETH

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father,  
 We acknowledge before your holy majesty  
 that we are poor sinners,  
 prone to do evil,  
 unable of our own power to do good.  
 We endlessly violate your holy commandments.  
 But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent  
 and turn away from all our offenses.

Have compassion on us, most gracious God,  
 Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 And in removing our guilt,  
 also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit,  
 and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness  
 pleasing in your sight through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*silent prayer*

## ✦ Response

Justin Langham

Gently ♩ = 72 *Choir*

O God, ac - cor - ding to your un - fail - ing love,

*All*

Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✦ Response

Justin Langham

Gently ♩ = 72 *Choir*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

*All*

- ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ✦ The Peace

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

## Conversation with Children

*Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.*

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

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:1-8

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

**Anthem***The Lord Is My Light*

Justin Langham

The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
 Whom shall I fear?  
 The Lord is the strength of my life,  
 Of whom should I be afraid?

Thy wicked enemies stumble and fall.  
 If hosts should encamp against me,  
 My heart shall not fear!

- Adap. Psalm 27: 1-3

**Scripture Reading**

Job 42:1-6

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

**Sermon**

Word in the World

Keatan King

*silence and stillness*♣ **Hymn 450** ([see page 11](#))*Be Thou My Vision*

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♣ **Affirmation of Faith**

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death –  
 not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,  
 who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins  
 and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;  
 that he protects me so well  
 that without the will of my Father in heaven  
 not a hair can fall from my head;  
 indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.  
 Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,  
 and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
 from now on to live for him.**

How many things must you know that you may live and  
 die in the blessedness of this comfort?

**Three: First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness.  
 Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences.  
 Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.**

**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.

## Stewardship Reflection

### Offering

*Gifts may be given any time at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net).*

### Offertory

*Ihr Menschen, rühmet Gottes Liebe*  
BWV 167, 1

J.S. Bach

Ihr Menschen, rühmet Gottes Liebe	<i>You people, sing the praises of God's love</i>
Und preiset seine Gütigkeit!	<i>and extol his graciousness!</i>
Lobt ihn aus reinem Herzenstriebe,	<i>Glorify him with a pure impulse of your heart</i>
Dass er uns zu bestimmter Zeit	<i>that at the appointed time</i>
Das Horn des Heils, den Weg zum Leben	<i>the horn of salvation, the way to life</i>
An Jesu, seinem Sohn, gegeben.	<i>he has given to us in Jesus, his son.</i>

- Anonymous

### ✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Gracious and Faithful God,  
we praise you for the abundance we have in you.  
**Grant that we will follow your example**  
**in generously pouring out blessings upon all people**  
**that we might share the same heart and mind**  
**that were in Christ Jesus, Amen.**

### ✦ Hymn 275 [\(see page 12\)](#)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

### ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

### Voluntary

*Ein' Feste Burg*

Rebecca Groom te Velde  
(b. 1956)

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | John Wurster | *Omar Rouchon is on a sabbatical leave until mid-November.*

### Liturgist

Jane Cooper

### Musicians

Matthew Dirst – organist | St. Philip Choir | Thomas O'Neill, tenor | Justin Langham – director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Jenny Towns and Matthew Laughlin to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding on October 26, 2024.

## WORSHIP NOTES

Reformation Sunday commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther (1483-1546) posted his 95 points of dispute with the Roman Catholic Church. Today's Prayer of Confession and Prayer for Illumination were written by John Calvin (1509-1564), who established the Reformed (Presbyterian) tradition in Switzerland. Luther and Calvin are two of the three statues outside of our sanctuary. They are joined there by the Scottish reformer John Knox (1513-1572). Today's Affirmation of Faith is taken from the Heidelberg Catechism, a central confession of the Reformation written in 1562 and reflects what some have called the Reformed tradition's three-part "spiritual autobiography:" humanity's **guilt** in our sin, God's **grace** for humanity in Jesus Christ, and humanity's response to God with lives of **gratitude**.

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- Job 42:1-6, 10-17 – *Now Job answers the Lord, and repents; God restores his fortunes.*
- Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) – *I will bless the Lord at all times; I cried, and God answered me.*
- Jeremiah 31:7-9 – *The Lord says: I will gather my people from the ends of the earth.*
- Psalm 126 – *Those who went out weeping will come home with shouts of joy.*
- Hebrews 7:23-28 – *Jesus is a high priest forever; his own sacrifice was once for all.*
- Mark 10:46-52 – *Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight: Your faith has made you well.*

## Music Notes

Johann Sebastian Bach's chorale fantasia on *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* ("A Mighty Fortress is our God") dates from fairly early in his career. A youthful desire to impress is evident in the various ways he treats Luther's sturdy hymn melody: first as a piece of two-part counterpoint, then with steadily fuller textures as the tune migrates first to the pedal then to the top voice before a highly embellished series of gestures provides closure. A concise "Proclamation" on the same chorale tune comes to us from Rebecca Groom te Velde, who since 2015 has served as Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Choral icon Alice Parker, who passed away just last year, was highly acclaimed for her accessible, sensitive, and exciting renditions of beloved American melodies and hymns. One of a set of eight harmonized by Parker, our **introit** highlights a well-known hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," originally attributed simply to "K" in a selection of hymns from 1787. Today, we present the first two verses, reflecting on the foundational principle of our faith this Reformation Sunday.

A more kinetic treatment of a familiar excerpt from Psalm 27, today's **anthem** is written in a three-part structure, corresponding with the changes of mood in the text. After a short evolution of the opening line, an energetic and grounded refrain transitions into a brooding middle section, which is then uplifted into a renewed return of the opening refrain. The choral texture is held together and drawn from material found in the organ part, which acts as the musical motor throughout the work.

Composed in 1723, *Ihr Menschen, rühmet Gottes Liebe, BWV 167* ("You people, glorify God's love") was part of Bach's first cantata cycle in Leipzig soon after beginning his position at St. Thomas church. Unlike his early cantatas in this cycle, BWV 167 begins with an aria sung by tenor soloist, whose text is adapted from the canticle of Zachariah, an individual song of praise.

—Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP

*Eternal Light:*  
A REQUIEM BY HOWARD GOODALL

Sunday, November 3 | 5:00 pm

Honoring the saints through song and spoken word. Featuring music by Mahler and Goodall.

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*A memorial service for Mary Waggoner will be held today at 3 pm at Brazos Towers.*

*We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of :*

*Bo Bailey Tanton, son of Alex and Allison Tanton, brother of Holly and Trudy.*

*Ellie Coburn (Coby) Marshall, granddaughter of Jennifer Wilson and Rhonda Sands, on October 21.*

*St. Philippians and their families – David Winship; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Faith Fugit – daughter of Joyce Fugit; Raquel Calhoun-sister-in-law of Pam Keever; 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; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy E. 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 – Bill Ward – friend of Stephen Paine; Pete & Gloria Benevides, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, Carrie Prati & Concepcion (“Concha”) Estrada - friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; 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; 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](mailto: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.**

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO BLUEY

OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 24

9:45 - 10:45 AM

ADULTS: RM 202, LED BY: JOHN WURSTER

GRADES 1-4: RM 204-205

LED BY: KEATAN KING & LIZ MIGUEZ



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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

#### **GODLY PLAY**—Ages 3—Kindergarten—Room 103

We are offering three cycles of 6-week classes from through December to experiment with increased variety of topics, teachers, and formats in our Sunday School, as well as introducing new opportunities for youth to engage in mission and children to engage in music.

**ELEMENTARY**—Grades 1-4—ROOM 105—All ages attend "the Gospel According to Bluey" to pair a Jesus teaching with 2 episodes of Bluey and explore the themes in breakout groups by ages: adults will chat, kids will play. See graphic on the previous page.

**YOUTH**—Grades 5-12—DINING ROOM—Youth families will turn the Sunday School hour into a time to revive the Kids Against Hunger program as leaders in our congregation.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY**—ROOM 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Nov. 3** (Two days before the Nov. 5 election) "Current Stories from the Border - A Faith Perspective" - This year's election will be affected by a top concern of all voters: "The Border Crisis." Rev. Dr. John Nelsen, a 31 year veteran of Border Ministry who presented to Church and Society in January of this year, will bring us an up to the minute update of what is happening at the Border and how Tres Rios Presbytery Border Ministry and others in the faith community are responding. Along with current information, John will also focus on Misleading Narratives and Ministry Opportunities - Rev. Dr. John Nelsen is a member of the board of directors for Tres Rios Presbytery Border Ministry and retired as pastor at University Presbyterian Church - El Paso in 2022. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

[churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—ROOM 204—We are continuing with our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from 9:30 - 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**—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing 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. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

## ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP**—Agreeing that a focus on Disinformation is timely and important as the presidential election draws near, the current study book is Barbara McQuade's *Attack from Within; how disinformation is sabotaging America*. This group will meet by zoom on Monday, **Nov. 4**, 7-8 p.m. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at [sjj10223@gmail.com](mailto:sjj10223@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**— 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. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Nov. 14** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *Book of Longing* by Sue Monk Kidd. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto: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 will continue our learning from *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women.

### **Thursday Evening Circle**

meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room. Sarah Victorian [sarah.m.0617@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.m.0617@gmail.com)

### **Monday Morning Saints**

meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room - Tricia Tolbert [ptholbert@gmail.com](mailto:ptholbert@gmail.com)

### **The Hallmark Circle**

meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm - contact Sue Shirley-Howard [sue@fluencyhouston.com](mailto:sue@fluencyhouston.com) for location

### **Sunday Circle**

meets 3rd Sunday of each month after worship in the Dining Room. Jan Meyer [jsmeyer9990@gmail.com](mailto:jsmeyer9990@gmail.com)

### **One More Chance Study for Everyone**

Meets 4th Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Library Lee Ardell [leardell@gmail.com](mailto:leardell@gmail.com)

## MISSION COMMITTEE

**SEARCH SCATTERED SITE LUNCH AND ACTIVITY**—Join the mission committee on Friday, **Nov. 15** to host a meal and activity for the homeless clients of SEARCH. Five volunteers will be needed from 10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. to serve food and lead a bingo game or sing-along activity. The lunch will be held at SEARCH Homeless Services office, 2015 Congress St., Houston, TX 77002. Sign up now in the Gathering Area on Sundays or email [mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net) if you can serve.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PCHAS ANGEL TREE PROGRAM**—Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is recruiting volunteers to sort and inventory all the Angel Tree gifts received. They have three time slots open right now. They need volunteers to help **December 10** (shifts 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.) and **Dec. 11** (1:00 to 3:00 p.m.) The sorting and inventory will take place at PCHAS' Cypress office located at 10242 Greenhouse Road, #501. You can sign up to help by clicking [here](#). If you have family or friends that would like to help, please feel free to share this link with them.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING MISSION COMMITTEE IN 2025?** If you are interested in serving on Mission Committee next year, you are invited to attend on Sunday, **Nov. 3** meeting in Room 202 of the Education Building to hear what mission committee does monthly for the church. Mission Committee reviews applications from mission partners in the spring and awards grants in March. As well, we host the Alternative Gift Market in November. Every month, Mission Committee provides a service day with one of our local mission partners to give your time and talents to our Houston community in need. Consider joining the Mission Committee beginning in January 2025.

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET & SILENT AUCTION**—Silent Auction donations are requested. If you would like to donate an auction item or experience, please contact Sharon Webb at [sharon-webb0@gmail.com](mailto:sharon-webb0@gmail.com). You can also drop off the auction item at the Church Office with Lorrie Castle. Thank you for considering donating an item or experience to the Silent Auction. Donations are due by Wed., **Nov. 5**.

HOSTED BY THE MISSION COMMITTEE

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET**

MISSION FORUM

BENEFITTING OUR ST. PHILIP MISSION PARTNERS

SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 10**

9 – 11 a.m. and 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

OVER 25 MISSION PARTNERS  
WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

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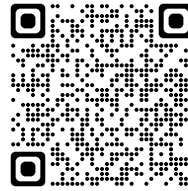
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**ELECTION DAY: NOV. 5**

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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](http://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](http://saintphilip.net) and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto: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](http://saintphilip.net). 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.

**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 Church Office, [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net) or 713-622-4807.

**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 385

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560  
 MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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## Hymn 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.  
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

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## Hymn 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; translated by Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

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