



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Preparation for Worship

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

– Desmond Tutu

Voluntary

Mein Jesu, der du mich
(My Jesus calls to me)

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

Greeting

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

Introit

Awake, My Heart (shortened version)

Jane M. Marshall
(adapt. Swanson)

Awake, my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward trending.

Paulus Gerhardt, 1647 (trans. Winfred Douglas)

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 11 ([see page 11](#))

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

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✠ Prayer of Confession

God of freedom,
Jesus came to bring good news,
to mend and heal, to release and redeem,
to proclaim and embody your coming reign.
We confess that we have ignored his message.
We remain captive to sin, bruised and broken by our transgressions.
Help us to hear the truth of the gospel.
Inspire us with your liberating word.
Let your Spirit cleanse us and change us so that we may receive all
that you have declared in Jesus Christ our Lord.

silent prayer

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Jacques Berthier

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2. in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jacques Berthier, © 1979, 1988, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

✦ 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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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

Anthem

Steal Away

arr. Brazael W. Dennard

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here!

My Lord, calls me,
He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending,
Poor sinner stands a trembling;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away, steal away home.

Wallace Willis (~1862)

Sermon

What He Said

John W. Wurster

(Scenes from the Sermon on the Plain in Luke 6)

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 729 [\(see page 12\)](#)

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

✦ Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,
 fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.
 With believers in every time and place
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 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

Offertory

Two Selected Spirituals

arr. H.T. Burleigh

Wade in de water,
 Wade in de water, children,
 Wade in de water,
 God's a-goin' to trouble de water.

See dat band all dress'd in white,
 (God's a-goin' to trouble de water)
 De Leader looks like de Israelite,
 (God's a-goin' to trouble de water)

See dat band all dress'd in red,
 (God's a-goin' to trouble de water)
 It looks like de band dat Moses led,
 (God's a-goin' to trouble de water)

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel;
 (d'liver Daniel, d'liver Daniel)
 Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel,
 'An why not-a every man?
 He delivered Daniel from de lion's den,
 Jonah from de belly of de whale,
 An' de Hebrew children from de fiery furnace,
 An' why not every man?

De win' blow Eas' an' de win' blow Wes'
 It blow like de judgement day,
 An' every poor soul that never did pray
 Will be glad to pray that day.

I set my foot on de Gospel ship,
 An' de ship it begin to sail,
 It landed me over on Canaan's shore,
 An' I'll never come back anymore.

Traditional African American Spirituals

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Holy God, we thank you
 for the majesty of your work,
 the wisdom of your word,
 and the generosity of your grace.
**Let the gifts of our lives bear witness
 to your goodness and mercy,
 your faithfulness and justice,
 and your steadfast love for all. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 307 ([see page 13](#))*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

In dir ist freude
 (In thee is gladness) BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach
 (1685-1750)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Isabella Ford

Musicians

Andrew Bowen, guest organist | Tessa Larson, Cecilia Duarte, Thomas O'Neill, & David Le, quartet
St. Philip Choir | St. Philip Tenor/Bass Voices | David Le, soloist | Justin Langham, director of music

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:

- Jeremiah 17:5-10 – *Curses and blessings; those who trust in the Lord are like trees.*
- Psalm 1 – *Happy are those who delight in God's law, like trees by the water.*
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 – *If there is no resurrection of the dead, our faith has been in vain.*
- Luke 6:17-26 – *In his sermon on the plain, Jesus speaks of blessings and curses.*

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Julieana Nichols-Lawson and family to the glory of God and in memory of Mickey Meyers.

MUSIC NOTES

Our **introit** features text by 17th-century German theologian Paul Gerhardt, a famous and prolific author of Lutheran evangelical hymnody. Originally titled "*Auf, auf, mein Herz, mit Freuden,*" the text reflects a song of praise, inviting our hearts to be open. Choral giant Jane Marshall – a long-time faculty member of Perkins School of Theology at nearby SMU – reflects a spirit of joyful praise through a compound meter (beats divided in three) and highlights the rhyming patterns through repeated melodic ideas.

A classic spiritual, **Steal Away** was originally written sometime before 1862 by Wallace Willis, a slave who was emancipated and granted citizenship in the Choctaw Nation after the Civil War. Like many spiritual songs, there are several double meanings for slaves who sang them. "Steal away to Jesus" not only reflected their faith, but also communicated a code to fellow workers that they would soon seek escape. Other lyrics like "He calls me by the thunder" alludes to escaping during a thunderstorm, which would wash away clues for any dogs who might lead trackers to them. Wallace Willis is also credited with creating several other well-known spirituals, like "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

Wade in de water is an example of the category of spirituals labeled by W.E.B. Du Bois as "Sorrow Songs," which conveyed the suffering of enslaved people in a more vivid and direct manner. Like our anthem, it also contains double meaning, both in its baptismal imagery and in communicating to escaping slaves to stick to the water to avoid leaving a scent for dogs to follow. The song is also believed to be associated with the Underground Railroad and was frequently used by Harriet Tubman and other abolitionists.

Like many of H.T. Burleigh's arrangements, **Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?** was included in his 1901 collection of spirituals, "Jubilee Songs of the USA." Filled with evocative biblical imagery, this song was meant to strengthen the faith of enslaved people in the face of oppression while celebrating the promise that they would someday be freed, a juxtaposition musically represented by the song's upbeat tempo and firmly minor mode.

– Notes by Justin Langham

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Peg Palisin; Vada Woodall; Russel Bahruth; Jeremy Mattern; Nidhal Aldarraji; Scott Easterly; Bill Holden; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; 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; Jacqui – cousin of Angelina Fonseca-Grewal; John & Raquel Calhoun – brother and sister-in-law of Pam Keever; Terese Murphy- cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck 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 – Erin McDougal, Jacqueline Hazrum, Matias Hazrum – friends of Kate Burkart; Brenda Paulk – friend of Bonnie Moore; Ann Eustler & Janet Rowlands – friends of Mary Mcguire; Audrey Eubank Harris, Pete & Gloria Benevides, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Mary Watters and Mindy Cooper-Smith – 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; Jackie Janacek, Bill Ward, 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

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.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY – Ages 3 – Kindergarten – Room 104

ELEMENTARY – Grades 1-4 – Room 205 – Beginning February 9, the elementary-aged children are invited to participate in Mini-Revolutions, a lectionary-based curriculum employing multiple modes of learning engagement, and centered on activities and practices to help build spiritual habits. Room 205.

YOUTH – Grades 5-12 – Dining Room – Kids Against Hunger

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – We are studying Proverbs in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from 9:30 to 10:40 AM 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.

CHURCH & SOCIETY – Room 201 – Join us from **9:30 – 10:40 AM** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Feb. 24** - Texas Impact - People of Faith Working for Justice Texas Impact equips faith leaders and their congregations with the information, opportunities, and outreach tools to educate their communities and engage with lawmakers on pressing public policy issues - to help people live out their faith in the public square. While the Texas legislature is in session, this presentation focuses on the issues of climate justice, economic justice, human rights, and civic engagement. Presented by Rebecca McIlwain - Project Manager, Houston Faith Votes - a program of Texas Impact. If you would like to join any of the classes: email: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – TODAY – 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 PM 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 – What does it mean to be a Christian in these times? How does our faith guide our social justice involvement? Our Study

Group meets by zoom on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m. to read and discuss social justice issues of our day. Join us! Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at: sjj10223@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Mar. 13** at 7:00 PM. We will discuss *This Familiar Heart: An Improbable Love Story* by Babette Fraser Hale. Watch your email for details. 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 AM. We are learning from *Too Busy Not to Pray* by Bill Hybels. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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

Thursday Evening Circle – **Mar. 6** – meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room. Sarah Victorian - sarah.m.0617@gmail.com

Monday Morning Saints – **Mar. 10** – meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room - Tricia Tolbert - phtolbert@gmail.com

The Hallmark Circle – meets each month - contact Sue Shirley-Howard - sue@fluencyhouston.com for date and location.

Sunday Circle – **Mar. 16** – meets 3rd Sunday of each month after worship in the Dining Room. Jan Meyer - jsmeyer9990@gmail.com

One More Chance Study for Everyone – **Feb. 23** – Meets 4th Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Library. We'll be discussing Lesson 6 from "Let Justice Roll Down"). Everyone is welcome. Lee Ardell -

leardell@gmail.com

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2025

Celebrate your wedding anniversary, family birthdays, or memorialize your mother and father by sponsoring the chancel flowers on Sunday morning. Please sign up to sponsor the flowers on the date you prefer by contacting Lorrie Castle at 713-622-4807 or lorrie@saintphilip.net or you may go to saintphilip.net the calendar page and click on the chancel flower picture. Sandra Truxillo, Flower Coordinator, will call you the week you chose to sponsor flowers to discuss the type of flowers and the message you would like in the bulletin. The standard arrangement for chancel flowers is \$130; special requests or exotic flowers may cost more.

HOSTS NEEDED! - SOMERVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR (OXFORD)

Music at St. Philip is excited to host the Somerville College Choir from Oxford, England as our choir-in-residence the weekend of **March 22-24**, when they will be performing a concert on Sunday, **March 23** at 3 PM, and will act as our guest choir for the 11 AM worship service that morning. We are thrilled to host this wonderful ensemble, directed by William Dawes, on the first stop of their U.S. tour where they will also sing in Tyler, TX followed by several venues in New York City.

To offset the choir's cost, we are in need of hosts for about 15-20 of these student musicians while they are in town. Responsibilities would include hosting them for two nights (Saturday, **March 22** and Sunday, **March 23**) and transportation to and from St. Philip each day. They will also need a ride to St. Philip once more on Monday, **March 24** morning to catch their bus, which departs at 9 AM.

If you are willing to help out, know someone who is, or have any questions whatsoever, please reach out to Justin (justin@saintphilip.net) at your earliest convenience!"

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PACKING SESSIONS



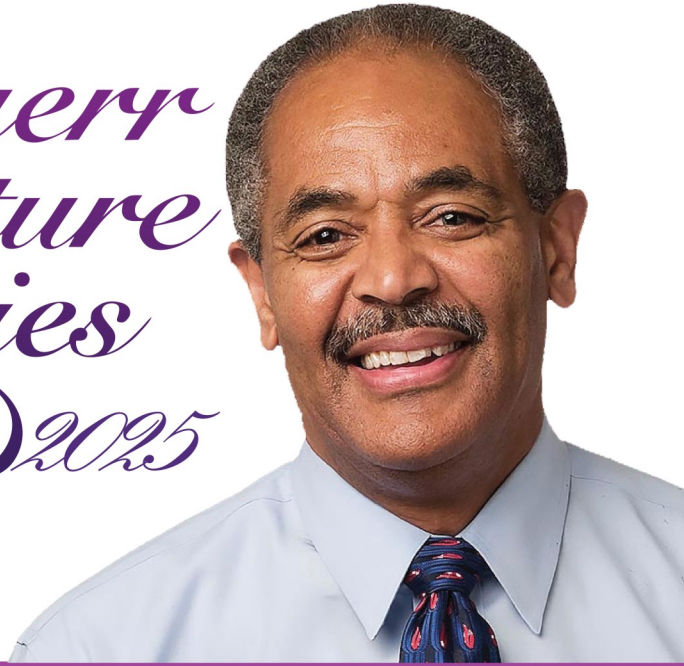
THE NEXT PACKING SESSION IS:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
 9:30 - 10:30 AM, IN THE DINING ROOM

SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

EMAIL KEATAN@SAINTPHILIP.NET
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.

UPCOMING PACKING SESSIONS:
SUNDAY, MARCH 23 AT 9:30-10:30 AM
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 AT 9:30-10:30 AM

Duerr Lecture Series 2025



28TH ANNUAL DUERR LECTURE SERIES

The Kingdom of God

FEBRUARY 23, 24 & 25, 2025
7PM | Fellowship Hall

Dr. Brian K. Blount

*President Emeritus, Union Presbyterian Seminary
(Richmond, VA), Scholar, Author, Pastor*

Brown Bag Lunch

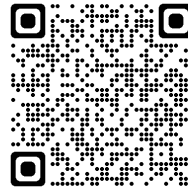
Monday, February 24 | 12 PM

Dining Room



Bring your own lunch & get to know the speaker.

MORE INFO AT SAINTPHILIP.NET



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 100 off of the Gathering Area 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 BULLETINS 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.

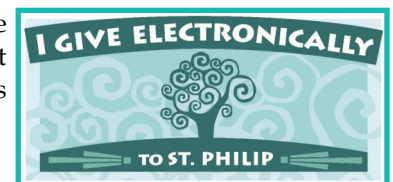
If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in the Library 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. 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. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at denise@saintphilip.net.

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 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 11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel-ter, Light,
 2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser-vant, Lamb,
 3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De-fend-er, Mer-cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
 Well and Wa-ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
 Com-fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En-er-gies that nev-er tire:



May the church at prayer re-call that no sin-gle ho-ly name



but the truth be-hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.



These scriptural names and images of the Triune God express a theological view reinforced by the structure: the stanzas deal, in turn, with each Person of the Trinity and the refrain affirms their unity. The swirling patterns of the Welsh tune add much energy to the text.

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1986
 MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876
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Hymn 729

Lord, I want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
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Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
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