

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 23, 2024

Preparation for Worship

*The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

—Psalm 9:9-10

Opening Voluntary

Fantasia on *Wondrous Love*

David Hurd
(b. 1950)

Greeting

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

Introit

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

Charles Callahan
(1950-2023)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
And show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise.

—Psalm 95:1-2

✠ Opening Sentences

Psalm 9

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
Declare God's deeds among the peoples.
Be gracious to me, O Lord.
**See what I suffer from those who hate me;
you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,**
so that I may recount all your praises,
**and, in the gates of daughter Zion,
rejoice in your deliverance.**

✠ Hymn 273 [\(see page 9\)](#)

He Is King of Kings

HE IS KING

✦ Prayer of Confession

God of Grace,
 we have harmed your children whom you love.
 Because we do not understand them,
 we segregate them,
 we reject them,
 we demonize them,
 and we hurt them.
 Forgive us, in your infinite love,
 and teach us to welcome all of your children
 until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy.
 Help us to understand others
 as we wish to be understood.
 Guide us to love one another as you love us.

silent prayer

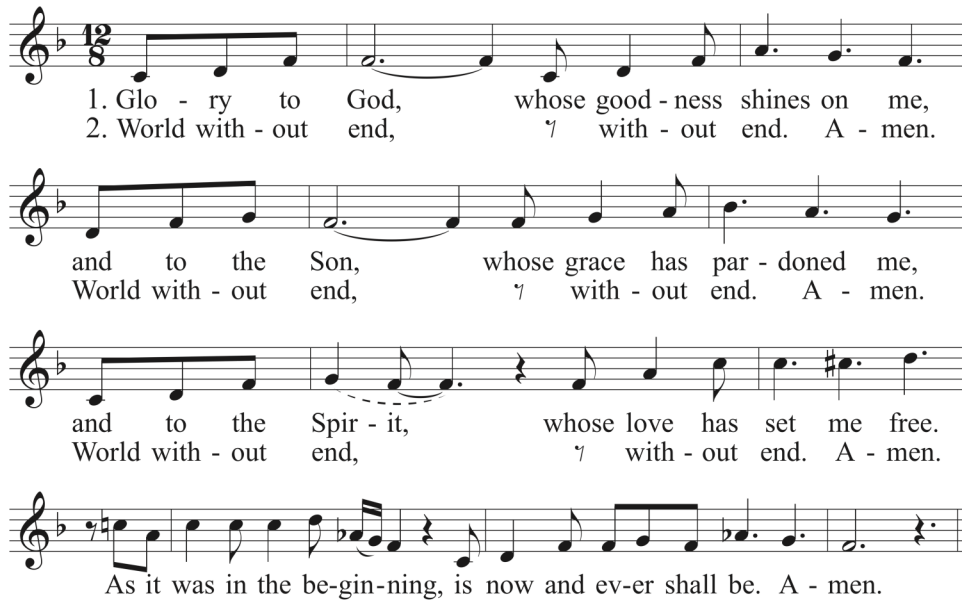
Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ 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

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23

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

Anthem*I Am His Child*Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

I may not be all that you are
 I may not be a shining star
 But what I am
 I thank the Lord for making me His child.
 Thank you, Lord, for hearing every prayer,
 Thank you, Lord, for just being there
 Thank you Lord for I am not worthy of your Love.
 So, don't use me or abuse me, for I am His child.
 Don't tease me, or mistreat me, for I am His child.
 You can even talk about me, but I am still His child.

—Moses Hogan

Second Reading

1 Samuel 17:32-49

O.T. pgs. 261-262

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

Philistine or Philippian?

Keatan King

silence and stillness✠ **Hymn 379** ([see page 10](#))*We Shall Overcome*

WE SHALL OVERCOME

✠ **Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967

**God has created the peoples of earth
 to be one universal family.
 In reconciling love,
 God overcomes the barriers between people
 and breaks down every form of discrimination
 based on racial or ethnic difference.
 The church is called to bring all people
 to receive and uphold one another
 as persons in all relationships of life:
 in employment, housing, education, leisure,
 marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights.
 Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination
 and ministers to those injured by it.
 Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians
 who exclude, dominate, or patronize persons, however subtly,
 resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.
 The church does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,
 nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.
 In steadfast hope,
 the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

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

Walk Together Children

arr. Moses Hogan

Oh, walk together children, don't you get weary,
 There's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.
 Gonna walk/sing/shout and never tire.
 There's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

– American Negro Spiritual

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Eternal God,
 we praise you for sending Jesus to conquer death
 and to summon us to new life.

**By your Spirit,
 set our feet in Christ's holy way,
 that our lives may be a sign of his life,
 and that all we have may show forth his love. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 313 [\(see page 11\)](#)

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Everytime I Feel the Spirit

arr. Adolphus Hailstork
 (b. 1941)

SERVING TODAY

Pastor

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Liturgist

Kerri Brady

Musicians

Matthew Dirst – organist | St. Philip Staff Singers | St. Philip Summer Chamber Choir
 SaidPressley – soloist | Justin Langham – director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Jennifer Wilson and Rhonda Sands to the glory of God and in celebration of 20 years of love and laughter.

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 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23); 32-49 – *Armed with only a sling, young David defeats the giant Goliath.*
- 1 Samuel 17:57 – 18:5, 10-16 – *David finds favor and success, while Saul is possessed by evil.*
- Psalm 9:9-20 – *The Lord helps the oppressed; the poor will not be forgotten.*
- Psalm 133 – *How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.*
- Job 38:1-11 – *The Lord answers Job: Who else but God can control the seas?*
- Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 – *Give thanks to the Lord, who saves us on the stormy seas.*
- 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 – *Do not accept God's grace in vain; now is the day of salvation.*
- Mark 4:35-41 – *Caught in a storm at sea, Jesus calms the wind and waves.*

MUSIC NOTES

Today's **organ voluntaries** both come from African American composers, in honor of Juneteenth. David Hurd, who taught for many years at General Theological Seminary in New York, currently serves as Director of Music at the Church of St Mary the Virgin in Manhattan. His **Fantasia on Wondrous Love** puts this familiar hymn melody from William Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835) through a series of connected variations.

Adolphus Hailstork's setting of *Everytime I Feel the Spirit* turns a familiar spiritual into a rhythmic and jaunty organ work. Hailstork, who teaches currently at Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, writes music of many kinds—from chamber works to operas—while blending elements of various musical traditions.

We begin today's choral selections with a short but bold call to worship. One of a set of short anthems by Charles Callahan as our **introit**, the energetic interplay between organ and voices that befits the joyous Psalm text it displays.

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On this observation of Juneteenth, we are glad to offer two choral works by the prolific Moses Hogan, whose numerous arrangements have spread the rich tradition of American Negro Spirituals into the 21st century, despite his early passing at age of 46. **Both** of the two pieces are characteristic of Hogan's generally appealing style, combining rhythmic syncopation, catchy tunes, and refreshing, fun, and often unexpected decisions regarding harmony and form.

Our **anthem**, one of Hogan's original spirituals, is a setting of text by the composer that reminds us that, though imperfect, we are all children of God and we should treat others as such. Today's **offertory**, contrasting in mood but retaining all of the qualities of an ear-worm, is Hogan's almost whimsical interpretation of a more traditional spiritual. Both the refrain text and piano accompaniment are repeated through almost the entire piece with little variation, which increases the drama at the finale.

—Justin Langham and Matthew Dirst

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 – Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Roderick James; 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



MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

2024 SUMMER ORGAN SERIES

Sunday June 30 | 3:00 pm

Ben Kerswell, organist

Free Admission | **St. Philip Presbyterian Church**
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PRIMETIMERS HISTORICALLY BLACK HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR—SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE—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 at: omar@saintphilip.net

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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON SUMMER RECESS AND RETURN SEPTEMBER 8

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.

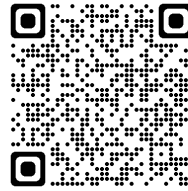
REGISTER NOW! KIDS MEALS' PACKING—St. Philip mission partner Kids Meals will host a group from St. Philip on Monday, **July 8**, from 12:30 - 2:30 PM, to prepare sack lunches for children at home from school during the summer. Sign up now through July 7. **YOU MUST REGISTER VIA THE LINK PROVIDED BELOW FOR THE EVENT DATE OF JULY 8, REGISTRATION LINK:**

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

SAVE THE DATE CCSC BACK TO SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES—Join the St. Philip group of volunteers to distribute school supplies to children on Saturday, **August 3**, from 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM. Sign up in the Gathering Area during the month of July or email mission@saintphilip.net if you can attend. If you are not available August 3, there are other volunteer opportunities you can sign up for to support the Back to School event. **July 27** is the supply bag assembly day where children aged 5 and up can attend as well. Friday, **August 2** is the first distribution day and teenagers 15 and up volunteer as well. See the additional days and times to volunteer. You must register here to attend:

<https://bit.ly/3URRkgH>

Finally, if you are not able to attend the volunteer days but wish to support the students, CCSC has a Sponsor a Student program. For a \$75 donation, that purchases new clothes and shoes, a backpack and the grade level supply package for one student. You can sponsor a student here: [Back To School | Christian Community Service Center \(ccschouston.org\)](http://BackToSchool|ChristianCommunityServiceCenter(ccschouston.org))



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.

Refrain

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the

first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.

1 He built his throne up in the air; and
 2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and
 3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and

called his saints from ev - ery - where;
 broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is
 by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Joseph T. Jones, 1961; adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989
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HE IS KING
 8.5.8.5 with refrain

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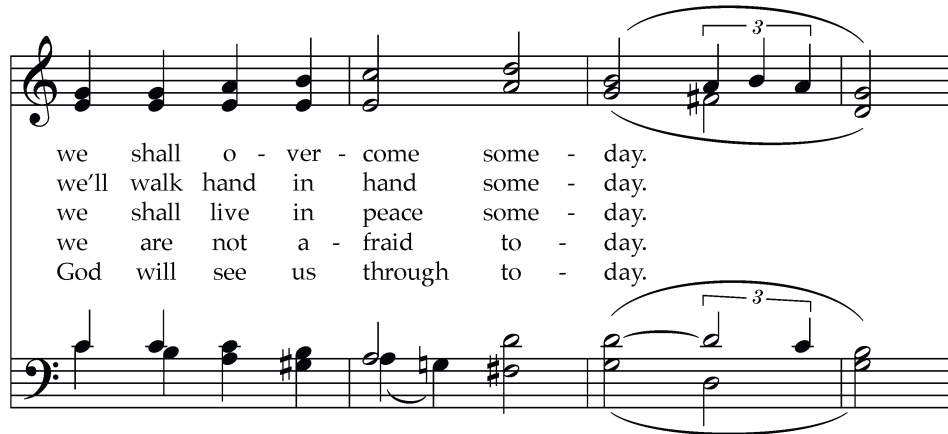
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We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

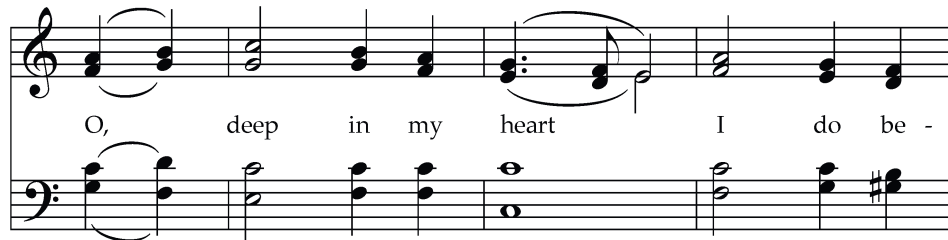


1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

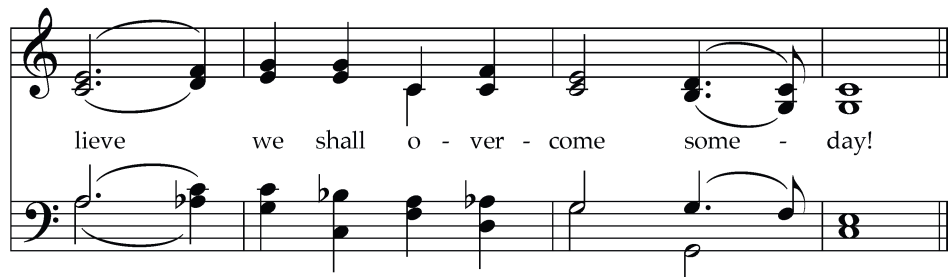


we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 we shall live in peace some - day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through to - day.

Refrain



O, deep in my heart I do be -



lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a worksong aboard slave ships.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. William Farley Smith, 1986
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WE SHALL OVERCOME
 Irregular

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Hymn 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;

Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY
 6.6.6.6.6.6

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