



## Preparation for Worship

*Spiritual reading is reading with an inner attentiveness to the movement of God's Spirit in our outer and inner lives. With that attentiveness, we will allow God to read us and to explain to us what we are truly about.*

– Henri Nouwen

## Voluntary

*Prelude in C major*  
BWV 545/1

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

## Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

## ✦ Opening Sentences

## ✦ Hymn 182 ([see page 13](#))

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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## ✦ Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,  
we come before you stained by sin.  
Sometimes, we acted too quickly;  
other times, we didn't act at all.  
Sometimes, we said too much and said it all wrong;  
other times, we said nothing.  
Sometimes, we neglected others;  
other times, we neglected ourselves.

Forgive us and restore us and balance us  
that we might act in the right way at the right time,  
and speak what is needed when it is needed,  
and love our neighbors even as we love ourselves.

*silent prayer*

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

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## ✦ Response

Henry W. Greatorex

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## ✦ 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

### First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

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

## Solo

## Be Still

Karen Marrolli  
(b. 1975)

Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart.  
Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart.  
Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll,  
though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God:  
the earth shall rise again in joy.

Be still and know that I am God; let tranquil hope fill your mind.  
Be still and know that I am God; let grief and trouble be left behind.  
Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries,  
though the night seems endless and dire, be still and know that I am God:  
the morn shall rise in holy fire.

Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll,  
though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God:  
the earth shall rise again in joy.

— words based on Psalm 46:10

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

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

## Sermon

Big God, Small Words

John Wurster

*silence and stillness*

✠ Hymn 183 ([see page 14](#))

*Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

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✠ Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls all people to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
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 Solo

*Redeeming Grace*

Spiritual • arr. John Carter  
 (b. 1930)

Come, all who serve my Lord and Master,  
 and like old David, I will tell,  
 though chief of sinners, I've found favor,  
 redeemed by grace from death and hell.  
 Far as the east from west is parted,  
 so far my sins, by his dying love,  
 from me by faith are separated,  
 blest antepast of joys above.

I late estranged from Jesus wandered  
 and thought each dang'rous poison good;  
 but he in mercy long pursued me  
 with cries of his redeeming blood.  
 Though like Bartimaeus I was blinded,  
 in nature's darkest night concealed.  
 But Jesus' love removed my blindness,  
 and he his pard'ning grace revealed.

Now I will serve him while he spares me,  
 and with his people sing aloud;  
 though hell oppose and sinners mock me,  
 in rapt'rous songs I'll praise my God.  
 By faith I view the heav'nly concert,  
 They sing high strains of Jesus' love;  
 I fain would be with Christ above.  
 Oh, with desire my soul is longing,  
 and fain would be with Christ above.

### ✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Almighty and merciful God,  
 from whom comes all that is good,  
**We praise you for your mercy,  
 for your goodness that has created us,  
 your patience that has borne with us,  
 and your love that has redeemed us.**  
**Help us to love you,  
 and to be thankful for all of your gifts  
 by serving you and delighting to do your will,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

**Voluntary**

*Fugue in C major*  
BWV 545/2

J. S. Bach

*Please join us in the Gathering Area for cookies in recognition of Micah Meyers tenth anniversary at St. Philip.*

**SERVING TODAY****Pastors**

Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

**Liturgist**

Linda Ewing

**Musicians**

Sarah Bertrand, soloist | Matthew Dirst, organist | Randall Swanson, director of music & pianist

**FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given by Jacquie Colton to the glory of God and in memory of my parents.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 — *Isaac finds a wife, Rebekah, in the homeland of his father.*
- Psalm 45:10-17 — *A royal love song; come with joy to the palace of the king.*
- Song of Solomon 2:8-13 — *One lover calls to another: Arise, my love, and come away.*
- Zechariah 9:9-12 — *Rejoice, O people; the humble king is coming to set you free.*
- Psalm 145:8-14 — *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, full of love.*
- Romans 7:15-25a — *Paul confesses his inner conflict with sin; only God can save.*
- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 — *Jesus says: Come to me; my yoke is easy, my burden is light.*

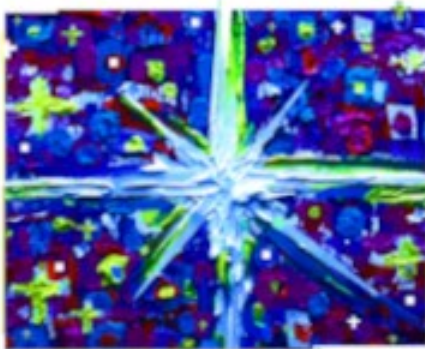
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Thank you, Micah, for 10 creative years!



ADVENT AT ST. PHILIP



St. Philip Presbyterian Church

## 2023 SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

# FOLLOWING JESUS



REV. KYLE MEYAARD-SCHAAP

## IN A WARMING WORLD

CLIMATE CHANGE  
THE GOSPEL & THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 | 2023

VISIT: [SAINTPHILIP.NET](http://SAINTPHILIP.NET)

Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap,

Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network and author, *Following Jesus in a Warming World*

Have you ever looked at the effects of climate change and the apathy of so many Christians around you and wondered, "What are we missing here?" Why has the U.S church struggled so mightily to understand the climate crisis as a moral and gospel issue, and instead so often abandoned it to the domain of the culture wars? In these lectures, we will trace some of the historical reasons for the U.S. church's lukewarm engagement with climate change, explore how Scripture might be able to guide us toward a more faithful way forward, and plot out an active and hopeful path for the church as we all strive to follow Jesus more closely in a warming world.

*Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap* serves as the Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network. He holds an undergraduate degree in religious studies from Calvin University (B.A. '12), a Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary (M.Div. '16), and is ordained in the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). For the last eleven years, he has educated and mobilized Christians around the world to address the climate crisis as an act of discipleship and neighbor-love.

The St. Philip Education Committee invites you to join for our annual Summer Lecture Series on Saturday, August 5 when Rev. Meyaard-Schaap will present three lectures. This event is free and open to the public, and lunch will be on your own. Contact Omar Rouchon or David Castro with any questions.

### Saturday Schedule

9:00.....	Breakfast Fellowship
9:15-10:15 .....	Lecture #1
10:30-11:30 .....	Lecture #2
11:30-1:00 .....	Lunch on your own
1:00- 2:00 .....	Lecture #3

All lectures will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

## MUSIC NOTES

### Organ Music

Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 545, begins with one of the most concise of his organ preludes. Not that this prelude lacks ambition: its opening bar has a surprisingly large reach, from top to bottom "C" of the organ compass, and its figuration radiates joy. The simple but purposeful fugue subject moves slowly up a fourth only to turn back on itself with a quicker flourish, inviting each voice in turn to join in the fun.

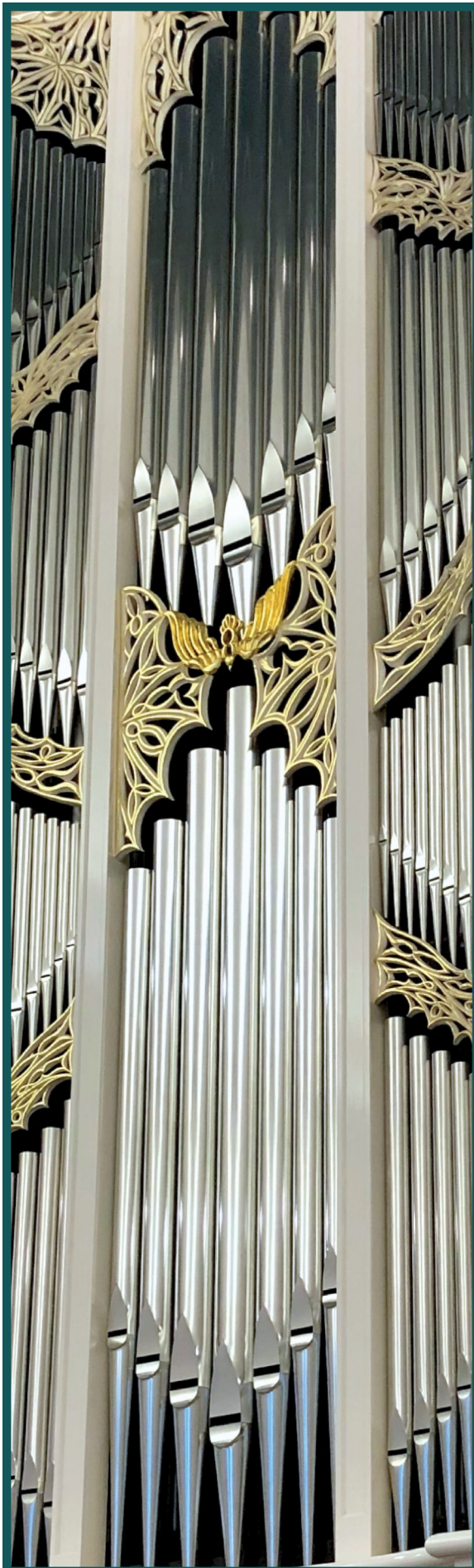
### Vocal Music

This morning's **first solo** is by American composer Karen Marroli, who serves as Director of Music Ministries at Central United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She holds degrees from Louisiana State University (DMA) and Westminster Choir College (BM and MM). *Be still* was published very

recently in 2020, and is a beautiful, simple setting of familiar, comforting words from Psalm 46.

Today's **offertory solo** features the early-American shape-note hymn REDEEMING GRACE, which first appeared in print in *The Southern Harmony* in 1854. The 1989 setting heard this morning is by American composer K. (Kayron) Lee Scott, who taught at the University of Alabama School of Music, the University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Music, and the Samford University School of Music. Scott's own hymn tunes are published in a wide variety of contemporary American hymnals, including our own *Glory to God* — see No. 226.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson



# 2023 SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL

PROGRAM NO. 1

**TODAY**  
**5:00 PM**

MUSIC BY

Alain  
Bach  
Böddicker  
Gigault  
Heiller  
Rüppe  
Saariaho

WITH

**Barret Sills**  
CELLO

**FREE CONCERT**  
*(contributions welcome)*

**MATTHEW DIRST**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*The family of Joe Munson upon his death on July 3. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, August 11th, at 11:00 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church.*

*The family of Forbes Baker (Ruling Elder and retired from Presbytery of New Covenant) upon his death on June 30. The memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 8, at 11:30 am at First Presbyterian Church in Sugar Land. Visitation will be on Friday, July 7 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Clayton Funeral Homes, 5530 Broadway in Pearland.*

*The family of Gail McCollough, a longtime member, died on June 17 in North Carolina.*

*The family of Ellen MacDonald upon her death on June 13. A memorial service will be August 26, at 11:00 a.m.*

*St. Philippians and their families – Deb Burks; Sharon Webb; Nolan Arnes; Shirley Coffman; Kathryn Harwood; Robin & Gary Willis; Beverly Baker; Beverly Hudson; Mary Sinderson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Paige Everhart, sister of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Leonardo Knowles Richard “Leo” – grandson of Beth & Fort Flowers; Halley Delany – sister of Nina Lambright; Truxillo family – Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Warren Cash – brother of Kay Cash; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.*

*Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; and Sondra Sullivan.*

*Friends of St. Philippians – Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Carol Gilliland – friend of Orlean Anderson; 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).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*(Are on recess until September 10)*

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** – We will have Children's Chapel **TODAY** 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.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY** – Church & Society is taking a summer break and will return on Rally Day - **September 10**, for a class reunion and preview of the fall 2023 term.

## ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** – Class is on a break until **July 19**.

**LAMBETH STUDY** – Keatan King leads young adults in bible 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).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB** – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **July 13** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate and Sisterhood* by Dawn Turner. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Class is on a break until **September 15**. If you would like to join them, please contact Gary Gardner at:

[ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY** – All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email [welcomes@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcomes@saintphilip.net). Circles are on recess until Sunday, **September 17** for the Joint Circle Luncheon.

## CALLING ALL WORSHIP LEADERS!

Whether you love any opportunity to lead liturgy or you're a first-timer we need you. If you would to be the Liturgist at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service this year; there are only a few Sundays left! They are: **September 3; October 1** (Worldwide Communion Sunday); **October 8; October 29; December 3; and December 10**. If you would like to be Liturgist on any of these days please contact Roderick James via text at 713-503-0785 or by email at [jamesrv@me.com](mailto:jamesrv@me.com).

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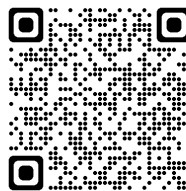
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**The Women's Home**

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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.**

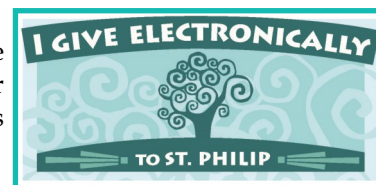
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**If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church** by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The 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). 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.



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The session has voted to continue with a single service on Sundays at 11 a.m., at least through the summer.

## Hymn 182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
 lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
 I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and  
 found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10–14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

TEXT: Horatius Bonar, 1846, alt.

MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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## Hymn 183

*Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

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- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."  
 do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."  
 Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."  
 Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991  
 MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992  
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## Hymn 465

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus


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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?





What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith-ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

TEXT: Joseph Scriven, 1855; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001  
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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