



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17, 2025

### Preparation for Worship

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.*

—St. Patrick, fifth century

### Voluntary

*Sonata in F Major: Allegro*

Carl Phillip Emanuel Bach  
(1714-1788)

### Greeting

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

### Introit

*All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord (excerpt)*

René Clausen  
(b. 1953)

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,  
Shout the Lord, Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord with joyful song,  
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, alleluia, praise Him!

Adapt. Psalm 96

### ✠ Opening Sentences

### ✠ Hymn 666 [\(see page 9\)](#)

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

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## ✦ Prayer of Confession

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

*silent prayer*

## ✦ Response *(sung twice)*

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall  
 be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995

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TAKE ME AS I AM  
 7.7.7.4.

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✦ Response

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise  
 God, all crea-tures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 lu - ia! Praise God in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre -  
 a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 lu - 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**

*Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 100.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 12:49-56

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

**Anthem**

*If Ye Love Me*

Philip Wilby  
(b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And He shall give you another Comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever;  
E'en the Spirit of Truth

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless.

I will come to you.

Adap. John 14:15-18

**Sermon**

Which Jesus?

John W. Wurster

*silence and stillness*

✠ Hymn 160 ([see page 10](#))

*A Stable Lamp Is Lighted*

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✠ Affirmation of Faith

*from A Brief Statement 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.  
We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name.  
 Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 and forgive us our debts,  
 as we forgive our debtors.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil;  
 for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offering

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

## Offertory

*And With Songs I Will Celebrate*

Benedetto Marcello  
 (1686-1739)

And with songs I will celebrate the name of Jehovah most high.

Adapt. Richard John Samuel Stevens (1757-1837)

## ✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
 Generous God,  
 you are rich in mercy and boundless in love.  
**We offer our thanks for all of your gifts.**  
**Help us to use well all that we have received,**  
**as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ✦ Hymn 266 ([see page 11](#))

*Joy to the World*

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## ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

## Voluntary

Sonata in F Major: Allegretto

C. P. E. Bach

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

### Liturgists

Caroline Vestal | Lucy Vestal

### Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | St. Philip Choir | David Le, soloist | Thomas O'Neill & Cecilia Duarte, duet  
 Justin Langham, director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers on the chancel are given today by the Schissler family to the glory of God and in memory of Nan Schissler.

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- Isaiah 5:1-7 — *My vineyard has yielded wild grapes; now I will break down its wall.*
- Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 — *Have regard for the vine you planted, O Lord; save and restore us!*
- Jeremiah 23:23-29 — *Who can hide from me? My word is like fire, says the Lord.*
- Psalm 82 — *God stands in judgment; rise up, O God, to judge the earth!*
- Hebrews 11:29 — 12:2 — *We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses; Jesus perfects our faith.*
- Luke 12:49-56 — *Jesus warns of division and trouble to come: I came to bring fire.*

## MUSIC NOTES

C. P. E Bach wrote his organ sonatas in the 1750s for Princess Amalie of Prussia, Frederick the Great's sister, who was an accomplished keyboard player and organist and a key collector of musical manuscripts. The **F major Sonata** Wq. 70/3, fourth in a set of six, is typical of the fashionable *galant* style of composition that was the rage in mid-century Berlin especially. It neatly embodies the two dominant moods common to much of Emanuel Bach's keyboard music: an irrepressible sense of joy with occasional moments of introspection. Its opening and closing movements serve today as our opening and closing voluntaries, respectively.

American composer and conductor René Clausen is known for his dramatic and sensitive approach to text setting, a trait embodied in our short **introit**. From the start of the piece, the choir sings joyful passages together homophonically (in the same rhythm) and antiphonally between high and low voices, with dancing rhythmic style and unpredictable shifts in harmony. As distinguished professor at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, Clausen frequently writes for and directs the Concordia Choir, which has performed and recorded many of his works.

Rooted in John 14, "**If ye love me**" is most often associated with the ubiquitous musical setting by Thomas Tallis (1565), and remains one of the most recognizable Biblical passages from the English Reformation. In the original text, Jesus speaks to his disciples of his impending death and promises that if they follow his commandments, God the Father will send a "Comforter" in the Holy Spirit. Unlike Tallis' unaccompanied version, present-day English composer Philip Wilby uses the fullness of the organ to support a musical narrative of the text: a booming solo voice representing Jesus and the choir portraying the mysterious Holy Spirit as an evolving sequence of choral suspensions.

A younger contemporary of Vivaldi, Benedetto Marcello was similarly prolific, composing a considerable amount of church music, oratorios, cantatas, and many instrumental works with a Vivaldian flair. Our **offertory**, a duet in the typically joyful key of D major, is a translation and adaptation of Psalm 13:6 "I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me." Marcello's 50 Psalm settings—written in multiple volumes—employ a mix of voicings of choir and soloists, all of which are accompanied by basso continuo.

Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### NEW CURRICULUM STUDY GUIDE FOR 2025 -2026!

We will have the first lesson from our new bible study at the fall luncheon on **Sept. 21**. Our study for this year is based on the book "Short Stories by Jesus- The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" by Amy Jill Levine.

You have several options for obtaining a copy of this book.

- We will be placing a bulk order. Beginning **today** we will have a table in the Gathering Area and you can sign up and pay to be included in the bulk order. The price for the bulk order book is \$15. There will be no charge for shipping. You can also call the Church Office (713-622-4807) to place your order, email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) or visit [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net) click on Make a Contribution and choose the PW Study Book Fund. The last day to be added to the bulk order is **Aug. 31**.
- The book is also available from [Bookshop.org](http://Bookshop.org).
- The book is available from Amazon in a paperback book, an e-book or an audio book. This book is not available in large print.

### FALL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the fall luncheon on **September 21**. We need people to help plan, sell tickets in the Gathering Area, set up table decorations, clean up, etc. We also need some people to help provide desserts such as cookies, etc. If you would like to help out you can call the Church Office (713-622-4807) to be added to the list or you can email : [sleonard1900@gmail.com](mailto:sleonard1900@gmail.com) or [meghansankowski@hotmail.com](mailto:meghansankowski@hotmail.com).



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families* – Jane Larkin; Joy Maguire; Stewart Coffman; Bonnie Moore; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Shannon Butler – sister of Amy Morriss; JoAnn Moss-Ayres – mother of Casey Lambright; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; Kathy Bailey and family – sister of Peg Palisin; Jo Hadley Smith – cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes – daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Jacqui – cousin of Angelina Fonseca-Grewal; Terese Murphy – cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine. Lind Butler (wife of Bill Connolly) and her family in Israel.

*Homebound* – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; Carolyn Keeble; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Jan Ostendorf; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

*Friends of St. Philippians* – Mary Ann Thomas; the family of Peter Tyler friend of Roderick James; Erin McDougal – friend of Kate Burkart; Elaine Ende – friend of Beth Atkinson; Marianne Keeswood – friend of Kate Burkart; Al & Kathleen Wiesenthal – friends of Pam Keever; Audrey Eubank Harris, Jennifer McCrea, 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; Patty Ryan and Tom Barnett – friends of Robin and Gary Willis; Jackie Janacek, Joyce Freudenberg – friends of Stephen Paine; 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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7

Visit [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net)  
to see the classes we offer in the fall.

## ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP** – Social Justice Study Group - This group meets by Zoom on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m., to discuss social justice issues of our day (racism, Christian Nationalism, immigration, etc.) within the context of our faith. Interested persons who want to be added to our mailing list can contact Sara Jean Jackson: [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 at: [keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** – On recess until further notice. 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. Please watch your email for details on the next meeting on **Sept. 11** at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP** – On recess until **Sept. 12**. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women (PW) study year has ended for this year. We look forward to seeing you again in September. Save **Sept. 21** on your calendar for the PW All Circle Luncheon after worship. If you would like to join a circle or know more about PW email:

[welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net)

## MAHJONG ANYONE?


St. Philippians are invited to play Mahjong on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at St. Philip in the Choir Lobby in Administration Bldg. We are interested in substitutes with the possibility of forming more sets if there is enough interest. If you're interested in playing Mahjong sometimes or often or in learning how to play, text Judith Hiott at 832-277-8676.

## PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE PRESENTS 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

### JOIN US FOR A GREEN EVENT: ELECTRONICS RECYCLING & COMPOSTING!

Join us for a special event hosted by St. Philip's Earth Care Team, focusing on electronics recycling and composting. On Saturday, **Aug. 30**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Sunday, **Aug. 31**, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., drop off your old electronics at the porte-cochère by the Sanctuary.

Then, on Sunday, **Aug. 31**, after worship, attend a composting presentation in Room 201 featuring the organization Zero Waste to learn how to turn organic waste into nutrient-rich soil. This event is a wonderful opportunity to care for God's creation, reduce waste, and connect with other St. Philippians and friends. Light refreshments provided. All are welcome! For more information, check out the August edition of the *Philip-Eye*.



**PEACEMAKING  
& SOCIAL JUSTICE  
OPEN HOUSE**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP | RM 205

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH MEMBERS  
OF THE COMMITTEE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR  
MINISTRIES AND HOW WE ARE STRIVING TO  
CREATE JUSTICE.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT DENISE WILBORN**  
AT [DWILBORN55@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DWILBORN55@GMAIL.COM)

## KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

On various Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m., youth of St. Philip set up packing lines in the Sandra and James Cooper KAH Packing Facility, located off the Dining Room at the back of our property. Youth teach participants the process for scooping ingredients, weighing the bags, and sealing them for delivery to hungry children in Houston. Our youth invite the congregation the chance to pack twice a month. A complete schedule on the website. Please check your calendars and join us from 9:30—10:30 a.m. on Aug. 24. RSVP to Keatan at [keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

## ENNEAGRAM—NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

In September we will begin a new church school class on the Enneagram. You may wonder what that is, and why we are offering this class at St. Philip. The Enneagram is a “power tool” for self-awareness, compassion, leadership and personal development. But the Enneagram is old. It has roots in several wisdom traditions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Seven of the nine Enneagram types are associated with the “capital” or “deadly” sins which originated with the Desert Fathers. It was used in monastic circles as a guide for spiritual direction. But today it is taught as a system of looking at nine distinct human personality patterns.

Rev. Holly Heuer, who worships here at St. Philip will be teaching the class. She is a certified instructor and has taught the Enneagram widely in church settings. She uses the Enneagram in her spiritual direction practice and constantly in her daily life. She believes that it is one of the best maps for knowing ourselves and moving towards our greatest potential.

The aim of the class is to develop self-awareness and self-knowledge through the practice of presence. That is, being aware in each moment of the presence of God. No prior experience is necessary, only a willing and curious spirit. If you think you might attend the class, Holly will share a bibliography of online resources, so that you can get acquainted with the Enneagram. And if you are interested in identifying your “type pattern,” she is happy to chat with you in person or over Zoom. You can contact her at: [hollyheuer@ecentral.com](mailto:hollyheuer@ecentral.com).

The class will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Room 202, beginning **September 14.**



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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 has returned to the Education Bldg. and can be accessed from the hall off 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](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 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](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, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at [denise@saintphilip.net](mailto:denise@saintphilip.net).



**St. Philip Day School** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. To support the school, **please make all contributions directly to St. Philip Day School,** rather than to St. Philip Presbyterian Church. Please make checks payable to "St. Philip DAY SCHOOL" You are welcome to leave in the church offering plate or mail to St. Philip Day School, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, 77056. At this time the school cannot accept electronic gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Candice Harris, Program Director, at [Director@stphilipdayschool.org](mailto:Director@stphilipdayschool.org).

**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.



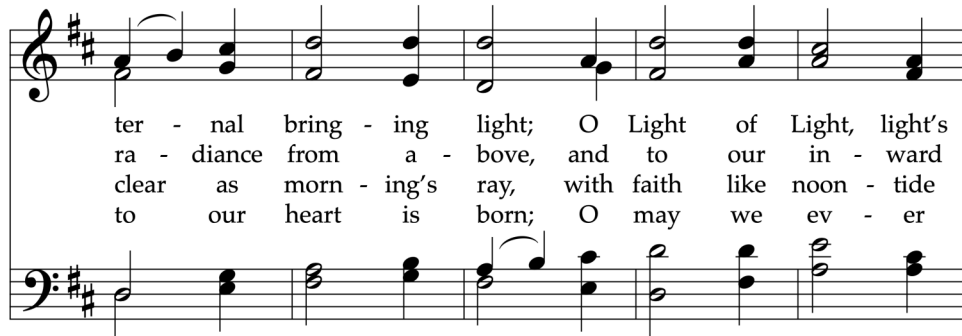
**Nametags**—Please wear your nametags not just in the sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible moment! Those returned tags will be replaced on the boards in the narthex before the following Sunday morning. Visitor nametags are available in the pews and from an usher.



## Hymn 666

*O Splendor of God's GloryBright*


1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -  
 2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your  
 3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as  
 4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age



ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's  
 ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward  
 clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide  
 to our heart is born; O may we ev - er



liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:  
 hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.  
 shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.  
 clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

This morning hymn is based on a Latin text attributed to a 4th-century bishop. It weaves various images of Christ as Light with light-based descriptions of each day's passing. It is set to a dance-like tune from at least the 15th century that enhances the energy in the text.

TEXT: Ambrose of Milan, c. 374; trans. composite  
 MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

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## Hymn 160

*A Stable Lamp Is Lighted*

1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose glow shall wake the  
 2 This child through Da - vid's cit - y shall ride in tri - umph  
 3 Yet he shall be for - sak - en, and yield - ed up to  
 4 But now, as at the end - ing, the low is lift - ed

sky; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall  
 by; the palm shall strew its branch - es, and ev - ery stone shall  
 die; the sky shall groan and dark - en, and ev - every stone shall  
 high; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - every stone shall

cry. And ev - every stone shall cry, and  
 cry. And ev - every stone shall cry, though  
 cry. And ev - every stone shall cry, for  
 cry. And ev - every stone shall cry, in

straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall har - bor  
 heav - y, dull, and dumb, and lie with - in the  
 hearts made hard by sin: God's blood up - on the  
 prais - es of the child by whose de - scent a -

heav - en, a stall be - come a shrine.  
 road - way to pave his king - dom come.  
 spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.  
 mong us the worlds are rec - on - ciled.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The doubled lines in each stanza of this reflection on Christ's birth and death echo his saying (Luke 19:40) that creation will praise him if people are silent. This text by a former Poet Laureate of the United States is set to a lullaby-like tune specially composed for it.

TEXT: Richard Wilbur, 1959  
 MUSIC: David Hurd, 1984  
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 Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

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## Hymn 266

*Joy to the World*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and

earth re - ceive her king; let ev - ery heart pre -  
 all their songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks,  
 thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his  
 makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of his

pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 bless - ings flow far as the curse is found.  
 righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love.

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: Thomas Haweis, c. 1792; adapt. Samuel Webbe Jr., 1808

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