



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Preparation for Worship

That meal remained, through all the centuries, more powerful than any attempts to manage it. It reconciled, if only for a minute, all of God's creation, revealing that, without exception, we were members of one body, God's body, in endless diversity. The feast showed us how to remember what had been dismembered by human attempts to separate and divide, judge and cast out, select or punish. At that Table, sharing food, we were brought into the ongoing work of making creation whole.

– Sara Miles, *Take this Bread*

Voluntary

Elegy

John Ireland
(1879-1962)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Minute for Stewardship

Kate Burkart

Introit

Gloria a Dios

MACHU-PICHU
Trad. Peruvian Melody

Cantor: ¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria en los cielos!

All: ¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria en los cielos!

¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria a Jesucristo!

¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria a Jesucristo!

¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria al Espíritu!

¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria al Espíritu!

¡A Dios la gloria por siempre!

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¡Alleluya, Amén!

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Anonymous

✠ Opening Sentences

What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

✠ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
 in your gracious presence
 we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
 Although Christ is among us as our peace,
 we are a people divided against ourselves
 as we cling to the values of a broken world.
 The profit and pleasures we pursue
 lay waste to the land and pollute the seas.
 The fears and jealousies we harbor
 set neighbor against neighbor
 and nation against nation.
 We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
 of intellect and reason,
 and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
 heal and forgive us.
 Set us free to serve you in the world
 as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

silent prayer

✠ Response

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

TEXT: Traditional liturgical text; revised in *The Worshipbook*, © 1970 The Westminster Press
 MUSIC: Appalachian folk melody; arranged by Richard D. Wetzel, © 1972 The Westminster Press

WAYFARING STRANGER
 9.9.9

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

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

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem*O Taste and See*Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blessed are they that trusteth in him.

Adapt. Psalm 34:8

Sermon

Essential Elements

Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness✠ **Hymn 756** ([see page 14](#))*O God of Every Nation*

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Offering**Offertory***Meditation on "Ubi Caritas"*Carson Cooman
(b. 1982)**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper****Invitation to the Lord's Table****Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.**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.

The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Communion Music*Pan de Vida*Bob Hurd
(b. 1950)*Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, (Bread of life, body of the Lord)*

Cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.

At this table the last shall be first.

*Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor. (To have power is to serve, because God is love.)*We are the dwelling of God,
Fragile and wounded and weak.We are the body of Christ,
Called to be the compassion of God.

<i>Ustedes me llaman "Señor,"</i>	You call me Lord:
<i>Me inclino a lavarles los pies:</i>	Yet I stoop to wash your feet:
<i>Hagan lo mismo humildes,</i>	Do the same in humility,
<i>Sirviéndose unos a otros.</i>	Serving one another.

There is no Jew or Greek;
There is no slave or free;
There is no woman or man;
Only heirs of the promise of God.

Bob Hurd and Pia Moriarty (1988)

✦ **Prayer after Communion**

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.
As we have been loved, help us to love the world —
because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

✦ **Hymn 378** [\(page 15\)](#)*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

MERLE'S TUNE

✦ **Charge and Blessing***Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.***Voluntary***Praeludium in G*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)**SERVING TODAY****Pastors**

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Liturgist

Walker Fair

MusiciansAndrew Bowen, guest organist | Cecilia Duarte, cantor | St. Philip Choir | Tessa Larson, soloist
Justin Langham, director of music**WORSHIP NOTES**

To receive communion today, please come forward via the center aisle, receive a piece of bread. The bread may be dipped in the chalice of grape juice and consumed or you may take a small cup of grape juice from the tray. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available; just ask the servers as you come forward. Those with mobility challenges may receive communion in their seats; just signal the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. Today, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is inviting congregations to participate in World Communion Sunday in a new way: the World Communion Offering. As Christians around the globe gather around Christ's table to celebrate our unity, we Presbyterians will join together

through the Offering to cultivate reconciliation and support PC(USA) ministries that embody Christ's love and justice in the world alongside our partners.

The World Communion Offering supports ministries focused on racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Through our gifts, we participate in God's work of reconciliation around the corner and around the globe. In our divided and hurting world, this Offering reminds us that Christ's table is open to all people and that we are called to build communities shaped by compassion, justice, peace and hope, something our world desperately needs right now.

Gifts may be brought to the front basket during the final hymn. You may also make a secure contribution through saintphilip.net and choosing the Communion fund or by sending a check to the church office, with "Communion" in the memo line.

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

- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 — *At Mount Sinai, the Lord gives the Ten Commandments to Moses.*
- Psalm 19 — *The law of the Lord is perfect; God's commandments are clear.*
- Philippians 3:4b-14 — *All that I have is nothing; knowing Jesus Christ is everything.*
- Matthew 21:33-46 — *A parable about a vineyard, wicked tenants, and the owner's son.*

FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Douglas and Lisa Duerr to the glory of God and in honor of the St. Philippians who have enriched their mother Elizabeth Duerr's life on her journey of faith.

SABBATICAL NOTES:

John Wurster is on a sabbatical through November 9. Guided by the phrase attributed to Augustine, "It is solved by walking," John is reflecting on a series of scripture passages as part of his daily walking regimen over these three months. You are invited to join him in engaging the biblical texts through the weeks. The passage for the week of **October 5: Romans 6:3-4** All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might *walk* in newness of life.

MUSIC NOTES

English organist, composer, and teacher John Ireland served as organist and choirmaster in Chelsea for over twenty years and was significantly influenced by English folk music. Our **opening voluntary** is the second movement from his 1932 collection "A Downland Suite," which was written originally for brass band as part of the National Brass Band Championship of Great Britain. The expressive and harmonic language reflects Ireland's place in the lineage of prominent English composers, notably as a student of Charles Villiers Stanford and a future teacher of Benjamin Britten.

Today's **introit** is a lively call-and-response on the "Glory to God" text, sung with the traditional Peruvian melody MACHU-PICHU. Like many folk melodies, the tune is based on a pentatonic scale, making it easily singable for a gathering of people to sing unaccompanied.

"O taste and see" is a short setting of Psalm 34 composed for the coronation of Elizabeth II—it was also sung at her funeral. After a short organ introduction, the piece is organized into two sections, with a soloist singing the text first followed immediately by cascading entrances in the choir moving in four independent melodic lines.

Carson Cooman is an active organist and composer who is known primarily for his instrumental works, especial-

ly those written for the organ. His **Meditation on "Ubi Caritas"** achieves a beautifully reflective, yet surprising interpretation of the ancient chant, mostly through fragmentation of the melody across unexpected harmonic shifts.

Bob Hurd, a prominent author, teacher, and composer for over 45 years, became widely recognized as a pioneer of multilingual liturgical music after the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s allowed for updated liturgy sung in the local vernacular rather than Latin. Today's **communion music** begins with one of his most commonly sung bilingual English-Spanish songs in honor of this World Communion Sunday.

Taken from Bach's 19th prelude and fugue, our **closing voluntary** begins with a dazzling alternation of acrobatic arpeggios and scales passing from one hand to the other, eventually taken over by the feet. Filled with examples of his typically sophisticated contrapuntal skill, BWV 541 is mostly characterized by its joy and youthful spirit, as it was likely written around 1712 while Bach in his mid-twenties was living in Weimar.

—Notes by Justin Langham

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family and friends of Celia Morgan who died on September 24.

St. Philippians and their families – Julie Wangler; David Fox; Russell Bahruth; Jenilee Simmons; Sondra Sullivan; Angelina Fonseca-Grewal; John Bobbitt; Molly Boren-Whitney; Charlotte Kibler; Laney Miller; Laurie Sims; Jan Meyer; Emily Estill; Joy Maguire; Bonnie Moore; Bob Ardell; Diane Clarke; Mary Herlitz; Eleanor Grant; Don Padgett; Mezgebe Gebray; Susan Haley – aunt of Lorrie Castle; Camilo Triana – uncle of Jesús Toribio; Ada & Bob Austin – parents of Nina Lambright; Barbara Torpy – sister of Gary Willis; Bill Davis – brother of Meg Scott-Johnson; Lara Bain – niece of Jo Helland; Jonathan Castro – brother of David Castro; Jo Hadley Smith – cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes – daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Suzanne Frazier & Ann Perkins Cloud – cousins of Stephen Paine.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; Joan Boelens; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Arlette Keene; Jan Ostendorf; Joyce Randolph; Lorraine Scott; and Mary Sinderson.

Friends of St. Philippians – Terri Romano – friend of Wayne & Sandra Truxillo; Austin Miller – friend of Charles Swan; Christiane Richter – friend of Roderick James; Ann Swanson – friend of Deborah Unruh; Tanya Voinche & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Keith Kirby, Tandi Porter, Audrey Eubank Harris, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte – friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Kenneth & Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan & Tom Barnett – friends of Robin & Gary Willis; 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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NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find that our Nursery is located in the hallway off of the Gathering Area. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3–Kindergarten—Room 103—led by Ruthie Waldrop, Omi Ford, Joyce Fox, and Jane Cooper

CHILDREN: Grades 1-4—Room 206—Jon Martin and Olga Piskor

YOUTH—Grades 5-12—Room 205—Keatan King

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—ROOM 204—Al Waldrop—We are studying Isaiah in Volume 2, *Prophets*, in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary* (2019). Join us as we seek to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to all God's people. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—ROOM 201—Ken Meyers, John Hartman, Ken Fountain, Denise Wilborn, Judy Hartman—Join us from **9:30–10:40 AM** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Oct. 11**—Stewardship 2026: Generosity, gratitude, and joy abound! Benedictine Brother David Steindl-Rast said, "It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful." This stewardship season, St. Philip small groups will explore the relationship between gratitude, joy, and generosity. You are invited to do the same with your fellow class members through conversation, reflection, and shared activities. We will begin with a fun word-association game, then reflect on how generosity, gratitude, and joy are intertwined—and whether one tends to lead to another. You will have a chance to explore that question with another person in class, guided by a series of prompts. Finally, we will turn to the story of the widow's gift in Mark 12:41–44 as a springboard for considering joy in giving. Kate Burkart, Stewardship Committee Chair, and Lee Ardell, Stewardship Committee Session elder, will guide us through these activities. Come ready for thoughtful conversation, a little fun, and a fresh look at how generosity, gratitude, and joy shape our lives of faith. If you would like the Zoom link for the classes, email: jshartman01@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn. The Children's Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday when we have Sunday School classes. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

ST PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—On Monday, Oct. 5, 7-8 p.m. Keatan King will lead our zoom book discussion of Matthew Desmond's *Poverty, by America*. All are invited. This book is a very readable, concisely written treatise by a Pulitzer Prize winner, a contributing writer to The New York Times. Do mark your calendars; a zoom link will be sent out the day before to those who want to participate. 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 **Oct. 8** at 7:00 PM. *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. 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 discussing *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: ggardne148@aol.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday Bible study with the pastor meets weekly at 9:30 AM, 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:

welcome@saintphilip.net

NATIVE PLANTS ARE COMING TO ST. PHILIP

The Earth Care Team invites members of all ages to help plant four beds with native plants on the San Felipe side of campus on Saturday, **Oct. 17** from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. Bring garden gloves and a spade if you have them, and don't forget your sunscreen. Water and refreshments will be provided; bring a reusable water bottle to reduce waste at the event. Meet the experts from the Native Plant Society of Texas and the Federation of Houston Garden Clubs. But most of all, enjoy some time with friends in the St. Philip landscape.

OCTOBER
ST. PHILIP COMMUNION OFFERING



YOUR GIFTS WILL SUPPORT MINISTRIES
DEDICATED TO THE WORK OF **RACIAL &
GENDER JUSTICE, PEACEMAKING EFFORTS,
GLOBAL WITNESS** AND **NURTURING
ECUMENICAL & INTERFAITH RELATIONS.**

 **WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING** 

*What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,
...to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8*

THE **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** INVITES YOU TO
ST. PHILIP'S
BBQ PICNIC
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
12:15 PM | FOLLOWING WORSHIP 
[IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL]

THE **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** WILL BE PROVIDING **BBQ MEAT**
& ARE ASKING MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

QUESTIONS? CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
(713.622.4807) OR SEND AN EMAIL TO:
welcome@saintphilip.net

A-I: DESSERTS J-R: SALADS S-Z: VEGGIES
(ACCORDING TO ONE'S LAST NAME)



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~ SEPT. 20 - OCT. 11 ~

in the Gathering Area
[ON SUNDAYS BEFORE & AFTER WORSHIP]

OR *online:*

THERE'S HARDLY A BETTER WAY TO
GET TO KNOW FELLOW SAINT PHILIPPIANS!



[DINNER FOR 8 (2026)]

[MORE INFO AT SAINTPHILIP.NET]

Help Us Open Doors

Join St. Philip Day School for a Luncheon Benefiting the Future of Houston's Families

When you support St. Philip Day School, you aren't just funding a classroom; you are investing in the crucial first years of a child's life and providing essential resources for their family. We invite you to be part of this impactful afternoon.

Event Details

Monday, November 2, 2026
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

The Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Ln, Houston, TX 77027



To attend the fundraiser,
please register by **Oct. 15** at www.stphilipdayschool.org

MISSION COMMITTEE IS GATHERING DONATIONS OF ITEMS FOR THE 2026

SEAFARER'S CHRISTMAS BOXES

SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

BAND AIDS (FABRIC) LIP BALM
DENTAL FLOSS BODY WASH (LIQUID) NAIL CLIPPERS
HANDKERCHIEFS COTTON SWABS EARBUDS/HEADPHONES
BASEBALL CAPS (NEW) GOLD BOND CREME HAIR COMBS
TOOTH PASTE SINGLE-WRAPPED TOOTHBRUSHES DISPOSABLE RAZORS
POCKET-SIZED NOTEBOOKS MAGNETS MECHANICAL PENCILS/PENS
SHAVING CREAMS HAND WIPES PLAYING CARDS T-SHIRTS (NEW)
SEWING KIT (SMALL) FLASHLIGHTS (W/ BATTERIES)
TEXAS SOUVENIERS SODUKO NON-PERISHABLE SNACKS

SCAN QR FOR MORE INFO AND KNIT HAT PATTERN!

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PLEASE PLACE THE ITEMS IN THE DESIGNATED BOX IN THE GATHERING AREA OR CHURCH OFFICE MAILROOM. BY NOVEMBER 29 WRAPPING: DEC. 5&6

Encouraging our members and neighbors to vote is a very concrete way to show them that we want to be in community with them. -Texas Impact



READY! SET! VOTE!

Get the word out to your neighbors and friends. Join The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee on Sunday, Oct. 11 during the church wide picnic and on Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to create your own yard or window sign to take home.

You are then invited to join us on the front lawn as we wave to our neighbors in the Galleria area. Materials will be provided. Bring your creative spirit as we encourage community and midterm voting.

COLLECTING NEW AND GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR THE BEACON HOMELESS SERVICES

PLACE DONATED ITEMS IN MARKED COLLECTION BIN IN THE GATHERING AREA. ITEMS WILL BE DONATED AT END OF THE MONTH.

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[GUEST BOOK]

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. Resources such as noise-dampening headphones and fidget tools for our neurodivergent neighbors and anyone needing sensory support can be found there too.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. 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.

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.



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.



[MAKE A CONTRIBUTION]

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 AM Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

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.

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.

St. Philip Day School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. (www.stphilipdayschool.org) To support the school, **please make all contributions payable directly to St. Philip Day School** or visit their website for online donations. You are welcome to leave in the church offering plate or mail to St. Philip Day School, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, 77056. If you have any questions, please email: Director@stphilipdayschool.org.

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

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O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

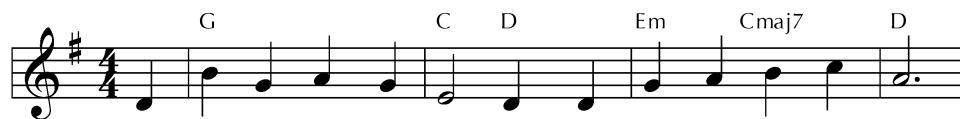
If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

TEXT: William W. Reid Jr., 1958, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
 Text © 1958, ren. 1986 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

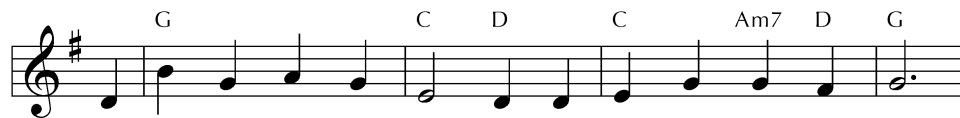
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We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



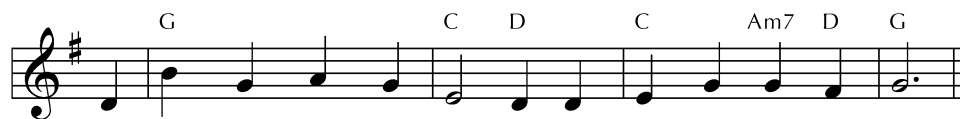
1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
 2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?
 3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,
 4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,
 We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.
 when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"
 to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;
 Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:
 still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:
 The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.
 we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.
 sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.
 to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6–9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.

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