



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Preparation for Worship

*We come before you today, O God,
to worship you in your holy splendor.
Our hearts tremble before you,
mindful of your goodness and mercy.
Show us your glory, we pray.
Reveal your presence with us
that we may be strengthened and sustained,
now and for the journey to come;
in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.***

Voluntary

Prelude on "Love Unknown"

Brenda Portman
(b. 1980)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Introit

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Traditional
TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the way you love,
And do what you would do.

Edwin Hatch, 1878

✠ Opening Sentences

You have found favor in my sight,
says the Lord;
I know you by name.
Show us your glory.
My presence will go with you
and I will give you rest.
Where you are is our rest!

✠ Hymn 409 [\(see page 12\)](#)

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

✠ Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,
 in your presence we confess
 our failure to be what you created us to be.
 You alone know how often we have sinned
 in wandering from your ways,
 in wasting your gifts,
 in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy,
 help us to live in your light
 and abide in your ways,
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

N. T. pgs. 24-25

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

Anthem*Peace*

arr. Richard A. Nichols

Oh, Lord, through the strife bring your peace.
Where worry prevails, give release.

As the shadows linger all around,
To our troubled minds and broken land.
Let there be peace.

Oh, Lord, through the dark shine your light.
Where truth seems unclear, help our sight.
Lift the veil that covers blinded eyes;
Give a vision of you, only wise.
Let your light shine.

Lord of all mercy and grace,
Rain down your love in this place.
In a world where hatred seems so strong,
Let your grace right the wrongs.

Lord, give your peace.

Patricia Mock (b. 1945)

Sermon**There's More To It**

Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness

✦ **Hymn 435** ([see page 14](#))*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

✦ **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 women and men 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.**

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.

Minute for Stewardship

Sam Fisher

Offering

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. John Ness Beck

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 Was blind, but now I see.
 Through many dangers, toils and snares,
 I have already come;
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 And grace will lead me home.
 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.
 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
 And grace will lead me home.
 John Newton, 1772

✠ 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 goodness that has created us,
 your grace that has sustained us,
 and your love that has redeemed us.

**Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts
 by serving you and delighting to do your will,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠ Hymn 292 [\(page 15\)](#)

As the Wind Song

WAIKUA TAPU

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Jubilate

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Liturgist

Sadie Fair

Musicians

Andrew Bowen, guest organist | St. Philip Children's Music | Jane Cooper, ukulele | St. Philip Choir
David Le, baritone | Justin Langham, director of music

WORSHIP NOTES

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

- Exodus 33:12-23 — *Moses watches from the cleft of a rock as God's glory passes by.*
- Psalm 99 — *Like Moses, worship at God's mountain; the Lord is holy.*
- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 — *Paul writes to the Thessalonians: We give thanks and pray for you.*
- Matthew 22:15-22 — *Pharisees test Jesus with a question about paying taxes.*

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 19: Ephesians 4:1-6** *Walk* in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's **voluntaries** feature two works by prominent and prolific American composers who have also established careers as concert organists, frequently performing their own music. First, a flowing and meditative prelude by Brenda Portman, whose music is characterized by its expressive and accessible nature, combining lyrical melodies and rich harmonies. Concluding our service is a work by Craig Phillips, a dedicated church musician for over four decades at All Saints' Episcopal in Beverly Hills, that displays his bold compositional style in a thrilling and energetic fanfare.

The familiar hymn "**Breathe on Me, Breath of God**", presented today by participants in this fall's St. Philip Children's Music, was written by English writer and school Vice-Principal Edwin Hatch and was published — along with the rest of his hymns — posthumously in a collection entitled "Towards Fields of Light."

A collaboration between two prolific writers and composers of sacred music, today's **anthem** offers a heartfelt prayer for peace in our world through an expressive melody over a delicately flowing piano accompaniment. The piece ends with staggered choral entrances on the word "peace" that come to a gentle rest, creating a sense of unity and reflecting the very peacefulness the prayer asks for.

The timeless hymn "**Amazing Grace**" has been arranged countless times by composers around the world, creating an equal number of diverse interpretations. Today's version by the prolific sacred composer John Ness Beck employs contrast in dynamics and range to highlight the thematic change between verses, with the piano jumping between extreme high and low register and a melody that suddenly shifts from meek and tender to soaring and triumphant.

— Notes by Justin Langham

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Cathy Patterson and family upon the death of her mother Joy Patterson on October 8 in Wisconsin.

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; 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; 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.



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. 25**—"The Fallacy of Freewill: Bowen Speaks" Rev. John Judson will be using Bowen Systems Theory to demonstrate why freewill as a concept is a fallacy and yet there still exists the possibility of us making better choices. 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.

YOUNG ADULT LAMBETH BIBLE STUDY—Thurs., **Oct. 22** at noon-1:00 PM—We study the text that will be preached in worship on the following Sunday, so this is a chance to grow your familiarity with the scripture passage before weekly worship. The name "Lambeth" indicates the method we use of reading the passage three times in different English translations and answering three different questions about what in the text grabs us, where the passage touches our daily life, and what

nudge from God do we experience from the text to reshape our lives. **Interested in participating?** This event is hybrid: for those who wish to attend in person, we meet in the Conference Room of the Staff Offices at St. Philip, and for those who can't step away from their desk or elsewhere, please email Keatan King for Zoom link. keatan@saintphilip.net.

ST PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Nov. 12** at 7:00 PM. *About Grace* by Anthony Doerr. 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

ALTERNATIVE MARKET

Each fall the Mission Committee hosts the Alternative Market giving St. Philipians the opportunity to get to know our mission partners and to support organizations with their holiday shopping. Please add Sunday, **Nov. 8** to your calendar to shop before and after worship.

If you would like to help raise funds for our mission partners beyond shopping we are seeking auction items and crafts made by members. If you have something to donate or question about donating and item please email: welcome@saintphilip.net

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 BASEBALL CAPS (NEW) COTTON SWABS EARBUDS/HEADPHONES
GOLD BOND CREME HAIR COMBS
SINGLE-WRAPPED TOOTHBRUSHES
POCKET-SIZED NOTEBOOKS MAGNETS
SHAVING CREAMS
SEWING KIT (SMALL)
TEXAS SOUVENIERS
WORD SEARCH SODUKO
POCKET CALENDARS
KEY CHAINS
HAND WIPES
DISPOSABLE RAZORS
MECHANICAL PENCILS/PENS
PLAYING CARDS
T-SHIRTS (NEW)
FLASHLIGHTS (W/ BATTERIES)
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

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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PRIMETIMERS TO VISIT THE ISMAILI CENTER

On Tues., **Oct. 27**, the Primetimers will visit the new [Houston Ismaili Center](#) in Montrose. From their website:

Ismaili Centers embody the Ismaili community's enduring commitment to fostering understanding among diverse peoples, communities, and faiths. Architecturally unique, each building incorporates spaces for social and cultural gatherings, intellectual engagement and reflection, as well as spiritual contemplation. They are also symbolic markers of the permanent presence of the Ismaili community in the regions in which they are established, while extending a hand of friendship to enhance relationships among communities, government and civil society.

The Houston Ismaili Center features awe-inspiring architecture and inviting spaces. We will have a forty-five minute guided tour and an opportunity to enjoy the garden, common spaces, and collections. Before our tour, we will have lunch in the center's café, Tapestry – which features food from south Asia to East Africa, inspired by cross-cultural Ismaili cuisine. We will leave St. Philip at 11:00 AM and return by 3:30 PM. RSVP to omar@saintphilip.net.



SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5th Sunday Speaker Series

What Next? Navigating Difficult Conversations

Light Bites

Immediately After Worship

The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee

Denise Wilborn, chair dwilborn55@gmail.com



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 Wednesday, **Oct. 21** from 4:00 to 6:00 PM
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.





[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.

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God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

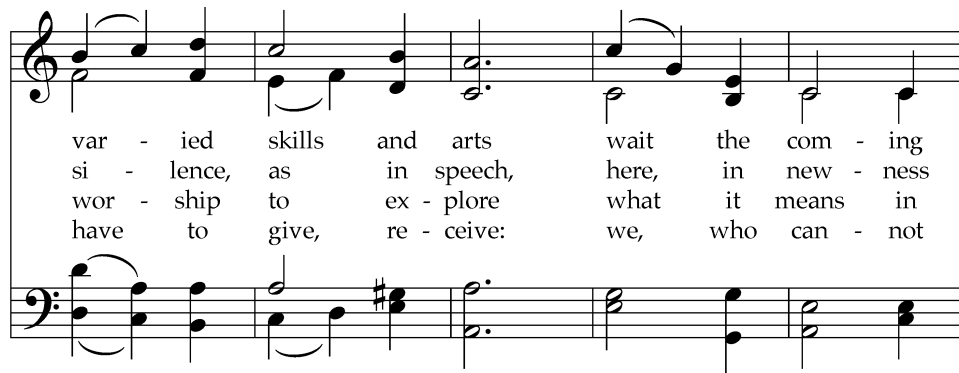
Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, rev. 1988
 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
 Text © 1979 Hope Publishing Company
 Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company

ABBOT'S LEIGH
 8.7.8.7.D



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

TEXT: Frederick William Faber, 1854, alt.
 MUSIC: Dutch melody; arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906

IN BABILONE
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1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
God, as the green in the spring, as a



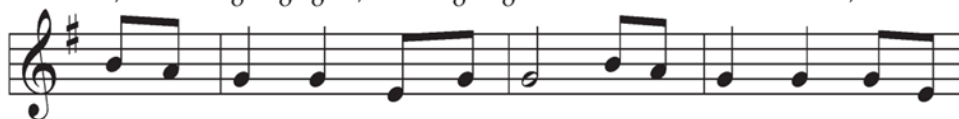
voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring - ing life, bring - ing power to the world,
true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 2004; Chinese trans. Ee Suen Wong, 2005

MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 2004

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WAIRUA TAPU

Irregular