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Sunday, May 11, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**                                      When We Are Living                                      arr. Emma Lou Diemer  
*When we are living it is in Christ Jesus, and when we are dying it is in the Lord. Both in our  
living and in our dying, we belong to God.*

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.  
Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)  
Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope,**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Praise**

Wonderful  
Westminster Harmony Chorale

**Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Christ pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Amen.

## **Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,  
but now we have returned to the shepherd  
and guardian of our souls.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*

## **\*Response GTG #591**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (3X)**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**  
*(Sung twice)*

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 53: 1-6

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

Join We All with One Accord  
Chancel Choir

Karoly Kópe

**Second Reading**

Acts 9: 36-43

**Message**

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Apostles' Creed, c. 150 AD)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Hymn GTG #2**

Come, Thou Almighty King

**Call to Offering**

## Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory

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Theodore Dubois

**\*Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People

#### 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.

#### **WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn AAHH #463** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

### \*Benediction

Postlude

Theme & Variant on *Ballo del Granduca*

Jan Sweelinck

*The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.*

## 2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

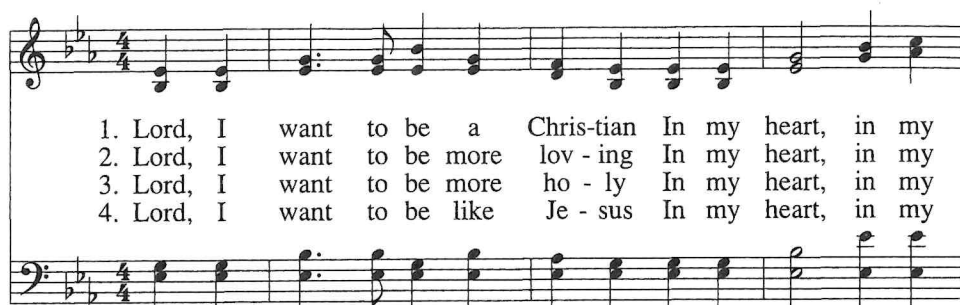
Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

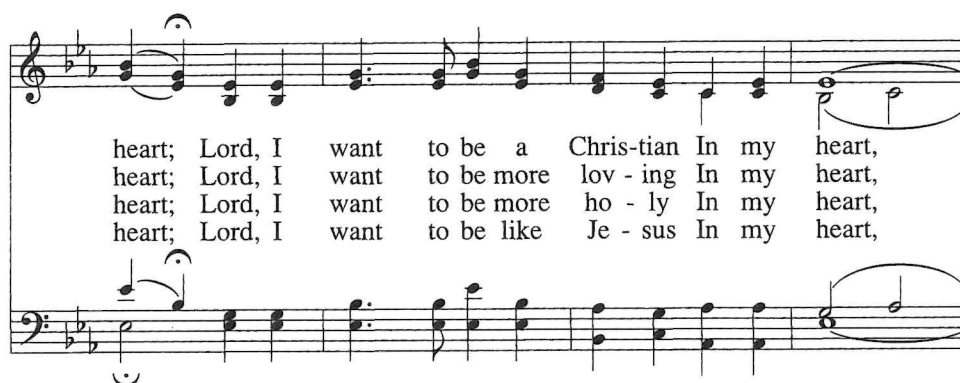
# 463 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*Matthew 6:21*




1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, in my  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my  
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my



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 heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart,  
 heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart,  
 heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart,



In my heart, In my heart,  
 In my heart, In my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.