

# Knowing the Score

## From the Director

### Sneak Peaks

Highlighting selections from the developing College Church hymnal, we are continuing in the section of praise to Jesus Christ: His Name and His Glory.

I am guilty of having two favorite living hymn writers. If I “got out more,” that number might well expand. But for now, it is enough. If you attend Sunday night services you know that Stuart Townend and Keith Getty counts as “one” of my favorites. And if you have tracked, even casually, what I’ve written about new hymns you know that Timothy Dudley-Smith is the other. Hands down, Rev. Dudley-Smith is way at the top; I consider him our day’s Watts or Wesley.

You can find his hymns online with very little trouble. The American publisher of his hymns is based right here in Carol Stream, IL: Hope Publishing Company, who have supplied the U.S. with English hymns for the past 50 years. None have been more endearing, more sung, and more nourishing to the Church than the good bishop’s.

As with Dr. Watts, the particular strength of these hymns is the simplicity and directness of vocabulary. At the same time, the straight-forward language also expresses a rich depth of biblical truth and devotional reflection. These hymns are truly pastoral.

“Light of the Minds that Know Him” is based on a prayer by St. Augustine:

“O Lord God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: Help us ... so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom.”

Note how the opening couplets of stanzas 1 - 3 move from the general to the specific (mine, ours, me). And then how the final stanza lands on our life *together* in Christ. To me, this is a perfect approach for hymn-writing: it puts the singer in the greater experience of all believers, affirms truth about our Lord, delights in

Christ, and encourages faithfulness individually and together.

### Light of the Minds that Know Him

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Light of the minds that know him:  
 May Christ be light to mine;  
 my sun in risen splendor,  
 my light of truth divine;  
 my guide in doubt and darkness,  
 my true and living way,  
 my clear light ever shining  
 my dawn of heaven’s day.

Life of the souls that love him:  
 May Christ be ours indeed;  
 the living bread from heaven  
 on whom our spirits feed;  
 who died for love of sinners  
 to bear our guilty load,  
 and make of life's brief journey  
 a new Emmaus road.

Strength of the wills that serve him:  
 May Christ be strength to me,  
 who stilled the storm and tempest,  
 who calmed the tossing sea;  
 his Spirit’s power to move me,  
 his will to master mine,  
 his cross to carry daily  
 and conquer in his sign.

May it be ours to know him  
 that we may truly love,  
 and loving, fully serve him  
 as serve the saints above;  
 till in that home of glory  
 with fadeless splendor bright,  
 we serve in perfect freedom  
 our Strength, our Life, our Light

Timothy Dudley-Smith  
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based on a prayer of St. Augustine of Hippo 354-430

**Sing on!**

*Chuck*

#### Calendar Corner:

March 8—Morning services: Jubilation Bells, Chancel Choir

March 8—Concert Series: 3pm with reception following - James Buswell and Carol Ou, violin and cello

March 29—Concert Series: 3pm with reception following - Fox Valley organist guild in a Festival of Hymns for Lent and Easter

April 5—Palm Sunday

THE PRAYER COLUMN  
Praying our Anchor memory verses

*In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.* (1 John 4:10) As we pray, let us focus on his great love for us, and not make any rash declaration of our love for him. We are found in Christ not because somehow we came to love Jesus - indeed, we were enemies and alienated from him - rather, because out of his love for us he stood in our place to avert God's wrath. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) And how do those loved friends respond? They do not say "I love you," they keep his commands: "You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:14) "If you love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)

I love thee, and that thou dost know;  
But how much I love thee, my actions will show.

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To include your new prayer requests, contact Chuck King (668-0878 x122; [cdking@college-church.org](mailto:cdking@college-church.org)).

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal Music:**

Voice Building

Music for Winter Services:

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| Lead me, Lord         | March 8  |
| The earth adorned     | March 8  |
| O how happy are they  | March 22 |
| Jesus the Christ Says | March 29 |

Passion Week and Easter:

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| Christ Goes Before            | Palm Sunday |
| Just As I Am (Chilcott)       | Good Friday |
| Thy Will Be Done              | Good Friday |
| My Song Is Love Unknown       | Good Friday |
| Lamb of God                   | Good Friday |
| Hallelujah ( <i>Messiah</i> ) | Easter      |

**We Do Not Sing March 15 Morning Services.**

**Jubilation Bells Rehearsal**

**Wednesday 6:45 PM in the Choir Room**

Sunday, March 8, morning services

**Brass Ensemble Rehearsal**

Ad hoc

**Concert Series  
College Church Sanctuary**

**March 8, 3:00 pm  
James Buswell, violin and  
Carol Ou, cello**

Husband and wife, James and Carol teach at New England Conservatory and Gordon College, and perform extensively together, as soloists, and in chamber music settings.