

A Reflection from Scott Hayes / September 25, 2024

Starting this Friday at 4:00 PM, our choirs and enthusiastic parishioners will come together to sing one verse from all 720 hymns in *The Hymnal 1982*!

This exciting event serves a dual purpose:

- **Fundraising for our Scotland trip next summer: About half of our choristers (10 children and youth) need financial assistance to make this journey possible. In addition, our choir program now relies heavily on our Choral Scholars to enrich our music-making. Over the next year, we aim to raise \$36,000. If you'd like to learn more about the trip, click [here](#).**
- **Exploring the hymnal: How well do we really know *The Hymnal 1982*? It's said that the average congregation knows about 100 hymns. In the Episcopal tradition, we're likely familiar with more than that, thanks to our Eucharistic liturgies. But all 720 hymns? Probably not! Singing through the entire book allows us to discover hidden gems we've never sung or to rediscover beloved hymns we may have forgotten. (And of course, we'll also encounter those hymns we've purposely forgotten!)**

I'm delighted to share that we've exceeded our Hymnathon fundraising goal of \$10,000! Thanks to your generosity, we've received \$10,035 in pledges so far. There's still time to sponsor a hymn—hymns 600–720 are a bit underrepresented, as well as some popular hymns earlier in the book. If you'd like to sponsor a hymn or make a general donation, please get in touch!

Join us for any part of the Hymnathon! We'll be singing from 4:00–8:00 PM on Friday evening, and from 8:00 AM–4:00 PM on Saturday.

Don't miss our Hymnathon Closing on Sunday after church! Starting around noon, we'll sing the "greatest hits" of the hymnal, followed by ice cream on the patio, served by our wonderful youth group.

We look forward to sharing this weekend of singing and celebration with you as we lift our voices in praise!

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