

Music Blurb for 12-15-19 – Advent 3

News and Notes

This week we welcome cellist David Chentian who will play music from Bach suites for solo cello as well as Schubert's "Ave Maria." We will sing "Tell out my soul," "I want to walk as a child of the light," and, from a hymn collection published just for St. James' many years ago, "I hear a sound."

Sunday Bulletins

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

The text and music of today's hymn "I want to walk as a child of the light" were written by Kathleen Thomerson. This meditation is a statement of its author's personal faith. During the summer of 1966 in St. Louis while her mother was visiting from Houston TX, there was simultaneously a heat wave and an airline strike. To keep her mother from being stranded she decided to drive her mother back home. The thought of being back home with family and her close friends at Church of the Redeemer inspired her. Mrs. Thomerson said, "I remember walking around the house with paper and pencil in hand humming and writing while my mother said, 'Kathleen, if we are leaving soon shouldn't you be packing?'" During the drive she worked the harmonies out in her head and finished the work on her parents' piano in Houston. The tune name HOUSTON was to honor her home town as well as the home town of the faith community with which she had so many ties. The hymn was first heard at Church of the Redeemer in the summer of 1966 and was first published in London in 1974. Its first Episcopal publication was in *Songs of Celebration* (New York, 1980) before finding its way two years later into our present hymnal.