



Stay With Me
by John Henry Newman
Stay with me,
and then I shall begin to shine
as thou shinest:
so to shine
as to be a light to others.
The light, O Jesus,
will be all from thee.
None of it will be mine.
No merit to me.
It will be thou who shinest
through me upon others.
O let me thus praise thee,
in the way
which thou dost love best,
by shining
on all those around me.
Give light to them
as well as to me;
light them with me, through me.
Teach me to show forth
thy praise, thy truth, thy will.
Make me preach thee without
preaching -- not just by words,
but by my example
and by the catching force,
the sympathetic influence,
of what I do,
by my visible resemblance
to thy saints,
and the evident fullness
of the love
which my heart bears to thee.

Collect for Mission
Lord Jesus Christ,
you stretched out your arms of love
on the hard wood of the cross
that everyone might come
within the reach
of your saving embrace:
So clothe us in your Spirit that we,
reaching forth our hands in love,
may bring those
who do not know you to the
knowledge and love of you;
for the honor of your Name.
Amen.

Psalm 71:18
And now that I am old
and gray-headed, O God,
do not forsake me, *
till I make known your strength
to this generation
and your power
to all who are to come.

Prayer of Self Dedication
Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated to you;
and then use us, we pray,
as you will,
and always to your glory
and the welfare of your people;
this we pray in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

From Calling to Clarity: Keeping your Compass when Challenged by your Clock

A 90 Minute Webinar presented by

The Rev. Dr. William Carl Thomas

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From Calling to Clarity: Keeping your Compass when Challenged by your Clock is a ninety minute webinar that explores how my practice as a transitional leader promotes health when grounded in the values and relationships found in my Compass while challenged by the events and things that float through my Clock.

The webinar explores a balcony perspective method through evolving graphics and unfolding prayers that will help you deepen your understanding and integration of your own governing values / guiding principles. I demonstrate this method using the spiritual language of my life as priest of the Episcopal Church. You will engage a reflective practice that strengthens clarity, coherence, and confidence in your leadership.



The graphic that accompanies this webinar description is the most recent rendering of what helps me keep a balcony perspective while living on the dance floor. I hope to use some of webinar time to demonstrate how Unsplash.com and Canva.com are where I find the tools to create the evolving graphic. You will find a demonstration of how I use these tools within the sermons posted at my website: [WCTcoach.com](https://wctcoach.com).

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