

THE COMMUNITY OF ST PHILIP  
AT WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 25, 2021

**Opening Voluntary**

*Prelude on "Brother James' Air"*

M. Searle Wright  
(1918-2004)

**Handbell Introit**

*Everyone, Join to Sing*

MADRID | AZMON  
arranged by Linda Lamb, 2021

**Opening Sentences**

**Hymn 667** ([see page 5](#))

*When Morning Guilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,  
in Jesus, our Risen Lord, we have seen your glory.  
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.  
We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.  
We find faults easily in others,  
while ignoring our own shortcomings.  
We have squandered your gifts.  
We have turned from your ways.  
We have ignored your Word.

Have mercy on us, compassionate God.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.  
Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace  
that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be,  
as we seek to follow after Jesus, our Savior.

*silent prayer*

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

## Anthem

*O Be Joyful*

Philip Stopford  
(b. 1977)

O be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands;  
 serve the LORD with gladness  
 and come before his presence with a song.  
 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;  
 it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;  
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
 and into his courts with praise;  
 be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.  
 For the LORD is gracious;  
 his mercy is everlasting,  
 and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
 as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.

— Psalm 100 and *Gloria Patri*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Maurice Greene  
(1696-1755)

The LORD is my Shepherd,  
 therefore can I want nothing.  
 He shall feed me in green pastures,  
 and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
 He shall convert my soul,  
 and bring me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

— Psalm 23:1-3

## Sermon

Good Shepherd, Busy Shepherd

John W. Wurster

## Hymn 182 [\(see page 6\)](#)

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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## Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
 and binds us together with all believers  
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit  
 who inspired the prophets and apostles  
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
 claims us in the waters of baptism,  
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world  
 the Spirit gives us courage  
 to pray without ceasing,  
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
 and to live holy and joyful lives,  
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,  
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### The 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.

### Hymn 242 [\(page 7\)](#)

*Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*

IN DIR IST FREUDE

## Charge and Blessing

### Closing Voluntary

*In dir ist Freude*  
 BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach  
 (1685-1750)

## SERVING TODAY Liturgists

Kallie Pitcock, Omar Rouchon

### Musicians

Lee Ardell, Steve Carmichael, Lorraine Lyter-Reed and Jane Malczewsky\* – handbells \*directing  
Cecilia Duarte, Thomas Lewis O'Neill and Nicholas Rathgeb – choral trio  
Matthew Dirst – organist | Randall Swanson – conductor

## WORSHIP NOTES

- Acts 4:5-12 – *Filled with the Spirit, Peter challenges those who have arrested him.*
- Psalm 23 – *The Lord is my shepherd, leading, protecting, and feeding me.*
- 1 John 3:16-24 – *Love means laying down one's life for those who are in need.*
- John 10:11-18 – *Jesus says: I am the good shepherd; I lay down my life for my sheep.*

## MUSIC NOTES

### Organ Music

Our worship on this Good Shepherd Sunday begins with an organ setting of "Brother James' Air," a tune to which the words of Psalm 23 are often sung. Its composer, M. Searle Wright, directed chapel music for two decades at St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University and also taught for many years at SUNY Binghamton. Today's closing voluntary, by contrast, offers an echo of our closing hymn: its melody is explored contrapuntally by Johann Sebastian Bach in an ambitious chorale prelude—complete with pedal trills—from his youthful *Orgelbüchlein* (*Little Organ Book*).

### Handbell Music

Today's **introit** is a new arrangement of two familiar hymn tunes – MADRID (*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*) and AZMON (*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*) – by American handbell specialist and composer Linda Lamb. The arrangement calls for just eight handbells, played by four ringers.

### Choral Music

This morning's **first anthem** is by British composer Philip Stopford, who began his musical life as a chorister at Westminster Abbey in the UK, being trained under the direction of both Simon Preston and Martin Neary. He later held positions at Truro

Cathedral, Chester Cathedral, and Canterbury Cathedral, and he is now Director of Music at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Bronxville, New York, just outside New York City. His many compositions of choral music are noted for their relatively simple but highly evocative settings of traditional Latin and English prayers and hymns. *O Be Joyful* was composed in 2007.

Today's **second anthem** was originally composed for two treble voices with continuo accompaniment. It is found in Maurice Greene's collection of *40 Select Anthems*, published in 1743 and considered his finest work. Though not well known today, Greene was one of the most important English-born musicians active in London during the time of Handel. Indeed, by 1735, before he was yet 40 years of age, Greene simultaneously held all of the major musical posts in England: Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, Organist and Composer to the Chapel Royal, Professor of Music at Cambridge University and Master of the King's Musick. This morning we hear his *The Lord Is My Shepherd* in an arrangement for three voices and organ.

– Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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## Opening Hymn 667

*When Morning Guilds the Skies*

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1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

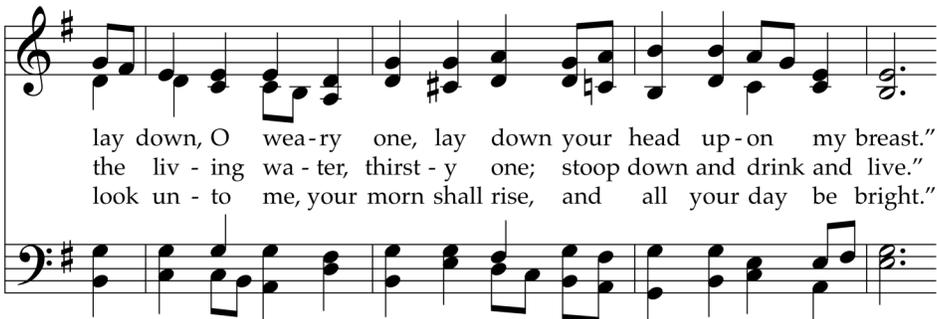
TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.  
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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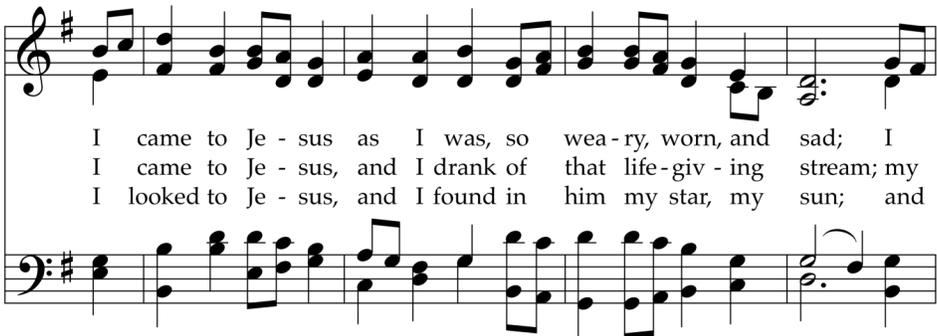
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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

TEXT: Horatius Bonar, 1846, alt.  
MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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## Closing Hymn 242

## Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

IN DIR IST FREUDE

Day of de - light and beaut - y un - bound - ed,  
 tell the news, the gos - pel spread!  
 Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor,  
 praise Christ ris - en from the dead!

1 Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap - pear - ing;  
 2 Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to danc - ing;  
 sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
 sing now the mys - tery, hope of our glo - ry;  
 sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Sing of the stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing;  
 Sing now of fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing;  
 sing of the saints in wa - ter made ho - ly;  
 sing the Lord's fa - vor last - ing for - ev - er;  
 sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

This joyful Easter hymn brings together many images and responses evoked by Christ's Resurrection. As the second stanza affirms, it does turn mourning into dancing (Psalm 30:11), for this 20th-century text was written to fit the rhythms of this 16th-century Italian dance-song.

TEXT: Delores Dufner, OSB, 1996 © 2011 GIA Publications, Inc.  
 MUSIC: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1591

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families* – Steve Adger; Judith Crain; Shirley Coffman; Travis Calhoun; Kay Cash; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Mezgebe Gebray; Erin Thackston – niece of Jacquie Colton; Warren & Gretchen Cash– brother and sister-in-law of Kay Cash; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Dixie Hahn – sister of Mary Sinderson; Brad Davis – nephew of Sam Fisher; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; Betty Grant – sister-in-law of Eleanor Grant; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher – sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Bessie Johnson – mother of Pat Lindsay; Mac & Beverly Wilson – parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family – daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family – cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron – sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe – mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

*Homebound* – Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; Mary Sinderson; George and Lorraine Scott; and Jody Tomforde.

*Friends of St. Philippians* – Karen Stewart – friend of Roderick James; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff – friend of Jo Helland; Judith Tomaino, Bill McDonald and Jackson Tavel – friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III – friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

*We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.*

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email [deacons@saintphilip.net](mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net).

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE – Wednesdays at 11 am.** This service is live-streamed from the Sanctuary and also available for later viewing on our website. If you'd like to attend the midweek service in-person contact the church office.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** – We will offer outdoor worship opportunities on the church campus on a week-to-week basis. Worship services will begin at 9:00 am. Worshipers are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets. We will also have chairs available at the church for those who need them. Worshipers will be spaced on the lawn at appropriate distances. The lawn service will last about thirty minutes. Registration is required and will open the Monday before the service; link can be found in pastoral email updates or through MyStPhilip. If the event has reached capacity, the event sign-up closes, contact Lorrie Castle at 832-262-1244. [Register for lawn service.](#)

[Our website](#) has information a current list of **opportunities on Zoom** for fellowship and spiritual formation.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY - 9:30 a.m. – May 2** – *Hurricane Resilience Research Institute* - Learn how HuRRI focuses on helping the Gulf Coast do better at preparing for and mitigating the damage and loss of lives from hurricanes and other severe storms by offering evergreen solutions for resilience for affected communities. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: [churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).