



Preparation for Worship

*Come, O spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone;
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.*

–Hymn 280

Opening Voluntary

Partita on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

Opening Sentences

Handbell Hymn

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE
arr. Jason Krug, 2019

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in our friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.*

–Hymn 515

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

silent prayer

Holy One, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Choral Response*Veni, lumen cordium*Margaret Rizza
(b. 1929)

SUNG IN LATIN	TRANSLATION
<i>Veni, lumen cordium,</i>	Come, light of hearts,
<i>Veni, Sancte Spiritus.</i>	Come, Holy Spirit.

Declaration of ForgivenessBelieve the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!****Choral Response***Veni, lumen cordium*

Margaret Rizza

The Peace**Prayer for Illumination****First Reading**

Acts 2:1-21

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.****Anthem***Christ Sends the Spirit*Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

The Christ is throned as Lord of all the worlds,
the Name above all names, at God's right hand,
his praise the pulse that shakes the universe:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

He led his brethren to the mountain top
and, blessing them with lifted, nail-scarred hands,
commanded them to wait his promised gift:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

"Go out to all the world and tell my news.
You are my witnesses, for you have seen;
my heralds, the Spirit will breathe on you!"
The gale of God, the singing fire of life.

Above, around the hurricane unleashed
bore down upon the roof, a storm of sound,
vast beating wings of wind that rocked the house:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

A wind that swelled and burst in trumpet call,
a vocal flame that flowered on the air,
and hung in garlands over every head:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life!

— words by Luke Connaughton
(1919-1979)

Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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

A Reformed Celebration

Omar Rouchon

Handbell Hymn*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*TRENTHAM
arr. Jason Krug, 2015*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

—Hymn 286

Affirmation of Faith

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.****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.**

Anthem*Come, Gracious Spirit*

English folk melody DANBY
 setting by Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

Come, Gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove,
 with light and comfort from above;
 be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
 o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
 and make us know and choose thy way;
 plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,
 that we from thee may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
 nor let us from his pastures stray;
 lead us to holiness, the road
 that we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heav'n, that we may share
 fullness of joy forever there;
 lead us to God, our final rest,
 to be with him forever blest.

— words by Simon Browne, 1720

Charge and Blessing**Closing Voluntary**

Finale from the Partita on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Flor Peeters


SERVING TODAY
Liturgists

Keatan King, Kallie Pitcock

Musicians

Lee Ardell, Elizabeth Duerr, Chuck Johnson, Jane Malczewskyj*,
 Jeromy Murphy and Diana Weiss — Bell Canto members *directing
 Julia Fox, Cecilia Duarte, and Kirby Traylor — choral trio
 Matthew Dirst — organist | Randall Swanson — music director


FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Mary Linda Williams and her children, Hallie and Winfield, to the glory of God and in loving memory of husband and father, Paxton Williams.


WORSHIP NOTES

- Ezekiel 37:1-14 — In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for Israel.
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b — The Lord of creation sends forth the Spirit to renew the earth.
- Acts 2:1-21 — On the day of Pentecost, God pours out the Spirit upon the earth.
- John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 — Jesus promises: I will send you an Advocate, the Spirit of truth.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

The Belgian organist Flor Peeters composed a large body of music for the instrument, including numerous settings of Gregorian hymns. Among those is a set of variations (or “partita”) on the Pentecost hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus*, which appears in *Glory to God* as “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire” (No. 278). Today’s **opening voluntary** comprises the harmonized chant plus five short variations, all in Peeters’ traditional contrapuntal style, with the toccata-like finale serving as our **closing voluntary**.

Choral Music

Today’s **choral responses** come from one of the many liturgical “chants” written by British composer Margaret Rizza (pronounced RIT-sa), who taught singing at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London from 1977 to 1994, following a 25-year career as an opera singer named Margaret Lensky. Rizza turned to composing music relatively late in life, and most of her composition has been of church music. *Veni, lumen cordium* was composed in 1997, and comes from a collection of pieces written to evoke a deep sense of centered spirituality, a central focus of Rizza’s music. The Latin text is by Stephen Langton (c. 1150–1228), who was an English cardinal and Archbishop of Canterbury from 1207 until his death.

This morning’s **first anthem** is a rousing setting by American composer Richard Proulx of a brilliant Ascension–Pentecost hymn text by British journalist and hymn writer Luke Connaughton. *Christ Sends the Spirit* calls for three-voice choir of soprano, alto and

bass voices, with organ and flute accompaniment (today played on the organ alone).

Today’s **second anthem** is a setting of the beautiful English folk tune DANBY, which first appeared in 1906 in *The English Hymnal* edited by Ralph Vaughan Williams. It is quite likely that Vaughan Williams himself collected this tune and named it for the place he heard it. Danby is a village in North Yorkshire, less than ten miles from the family home of his college friend Nicholas Gatty (1874–1946), with whom Vaughan Williams often spent summer holidays.* *Come, Gracious Spirit* is a text by 18th-century English poet and clergyman Simon Browne (1680–1732). The musical arrangement heard this morning is by American composer and organist Alfred Fedak, Minister of Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Capitol Hill in Albany, New York.

Handbell Music

This morning’s **handbell hymn** arrangements — *I Come with Joy* (DOVE OF PEACE) and *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (TRENTHAM) — were published in 2019 and 2015, respectively, by American handbell specialist and composer Jason Krug, whose arrangements have been perfect during this time of pandemic restrictions, each setting arranged for just twelve bells played by six ringers.

— Matthew Dirst, Randall Swanson and *Carl P. Daw, Jr.
from *Glory to God: A Companion* © Westminster John Knox Press

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Dorothy Blackwell; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Travis Calhoun; 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 & Allen Grant – sister-in-law and brother 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; 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; Lavon Thomas, 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.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE – Wednesdays at 11 a.m. 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 – The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services are open for in-person attendance in the Sanctuary. Capacity will be limited to provide for adequate distancing. Masks are required, and advance registration is necessary. Registration is open; the link can also be found on the website, in pastoral email updates or through MyStPhilip and ChurchLife. If the service has reached capacity, the service sign-up closes. If << No Periods Available >> please choose the Wait List option and follow through until you get your confirmation announcement. We will be able to schedule you for the following week. Contact Lorrie Castle at 832-262-1244 if you need assistance.

[Register](#) for May 30 Worship in the Sanctuary

The Sunday 11:00 a.m. will continue to be live-streamed.

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

CHURCH & SOCIETY - 9:30 a.m. by Zoom – May 30 - Final Presentation until Rally Day on September 12. Media study – *Hannibal*, led by Kate Burkart. What are the consequences and cost of violence? Through characters and ideas that are human and provocative, this groundbreaking TV series raised the creative bar through its use of cinematography, music, and production design. We'll explore the pilot episode, "Apéritif," and popular culture's enduring fascination with Thomas Harris's characters. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

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