



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

**Voluntary**

*Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*  
(from *Mass for the Parishes*)

François Couperin  
(1668–1733)

**Opening Sentences**

**Opening Hymn 663** (see page 6)

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

MORNING HYMN

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of Compassion,  
we treasure our personal pursuit of happiness, liberty, and life.  
We post, posit, and posture,  
claiming love – the abstract distant love  
that doesn't ask too much or disturb our treasure.**

**Disturb us!  
Breathe your loving Spirit  
into our troubled hearts and minds.  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Bring your Truth that rescues us from the power of sin,  
sin which lulls through fear, justification, and personal striving.  
Bind us to you.  
Claim us in your love.  
Christ, hold us all.**

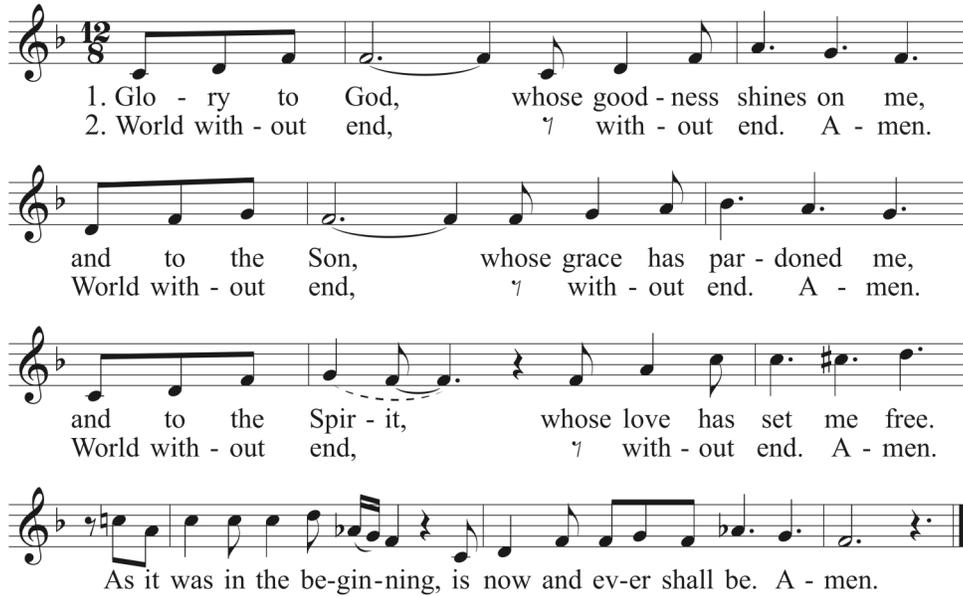
*silent prayer*

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

## Declaration of Forgiveness

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

### Response



1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2. World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

### Words of Peace

In Christ, God is reconciling the whole world,  
and God is entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.  
We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ. God's appeal is being made through us.  
Peace be with you. Peace be with all.

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem

*As We Gather at Your Table*

RAQUEL • Skinner Chávez-Melo  
(1944–1992)

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

— words by Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

### Sermon

The Critical Time

Kallie Pitcock

## Prayers of the People

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

## Sanctus

LAND OF REST

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thank you for Jesus, . . . proclaim the One crucified and risen :

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.  
 Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit, . . . with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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.

## Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

### Communion Music

*Et misericordia*  
 (from *Magnificat* • BWV 243)

Johann Sebastian Bach  
 (1685–1750)

SUNG IN LATIN | TRANSLATION

<i>Et misericordia a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.</i>	His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
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Luke 1:50

### Prayer after Communion

#### Hymn 366 (see page 8)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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### Charge and Blessing

#### Closing Voluntary

*Duo in G minor*

Louis Couperin  
 (1626-1661)

## SERVING TODAY

### Liturgists

Keatan King, Omar Rouchon, and John Wurster

### Musicians

Cecilia Duarte and Thomas Lewis O'Neill, vocalists | Matthew Dirst, organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

The recipient of the communion offering in September is Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Founded in 1902, Austin Seminary educates and equips people for Christian ministry, service, and leadership, and serves the church by promoting and engaging in critical theological thought and research. The Seminary also aims (as its mission statement says) “to be a winsome and exemplary community of God’s people.” St. Philip has had a long and valued connection with Austin Seminary; several St. Philip members, including Rev. Keatan King, currently serve on the Seminary’s Board. We are also blessed to have Kallie Pitcock, a recent Austin Seminary graduate, as our Pastoral Resident for the next two years.

### Lectionary Readings

- Exodus 12:1–14—*Before the Exodus, the Lord gives instructions for the Passover.*
- Psalm 149—*Let the faithful praise the Lord with tambourine and dancing.*
- Romans 13:8–14—*Love is the fulfillment of the law; put on Christ; salvation is near.*
- Matthew 18:15–20—*Jesus says: seek reconciliation; when you gather I am with you.*

## MUSIC NOTES

Organ music — Today’s opening voluntary comes from a movement entitled “Offertoire” from François Couperin’s Mass for the Parishes. Couperin was part of a musical dynasty that served the Church of St Gervais in Paris for over 100 years. His two organ “masses” are collections of short pieces suitable for performance in alternation with plainchant during a Gregorian mass. The Offertoire, typically the longest movement in a classic French organ mass, comprises multiple sections, three of which comprise today’s voluntary: its majestic beginning, a short trio, and lively two-part conclusion. The closing voluntary comes from François Couperin’s uncle, Louis Couperin, his predecessor at St Gervais. Cast in the genre of the “duo,” this piece for two very active parts borrows the rhythm of the French gigue to great effect. Its angular and unpredictable lines suggest a singular musical personality, and indeed, this Couperin set the standard for all subsequent members of the clan.

Vocal music — This morning’s anthem is by the Mexican-born composer, organist and conductor Skinner Chávez-Melo, who was a highly regarded church musician in New York City, serving as director of music at St. Rose of Lima Church in Manhattan for many years until his early death at the age of 47 from spinal cancer. Chávez-Melo composed many works for choir, organ, and orchestra, and wrote a number of very interesting and effective hymn tunes for various denominational hymnals in the latter part of the 20th century. Perhaps his best-known of these is the hymn tune RAQUEL, which we hear today in anthem form sung by our vocalists with organ accompaniment. • Today’s communion music comes from Bach’s Magnificat, composed in the spring of 1723 after Bach’s appointment in Leipzig, and first performed there at Christmas that year. Bach revised the work ten years later in 1733, and it is this second version that has become the most performed today. It is an ‘old-fashioned’ but delightful five-voiced work that uses Latin text, just like the other rarity among Bach’s works, the Mass in B minor. The words come from the Gospel of Luke. The selection heard this morning forms the fifth movement of the Magnificat, written for alto and tenor soloists, and scored for two flutes, two violins, viola and continuo (all reduced into this morning’s masterful organ-only accompaniment).

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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## Opening Hymn 663

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

MORNING HYMN

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your dai - ly  
 2 Lord, I my vows to you re - new. Dis - perse my  
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de -

stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
 sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
 sign or do or say, that all my powers, with

joy - ful rise to pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 thought and will, and with your - self my spir - it fill.  
 all their might, in your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, alt.

MUSIC: François Hippolyte Barthélemon, 1785; harm. *The Church Hymnal for the Christian Year*, 1917

MORNING HYMN

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## Hymn

*Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him*

JESUS CALLS US



1. Je - sus calls us here to meet him, as through word and  
 2. Je - sus calls us to con-fess him Word of life and  
 3. Je - sus calls us to each oth - er: found in him are  
 4. Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed firm in



song and prayer we af - firm God's prom-ised pres - ence where his  
 Lord of all, shar - er of our flesh and frail - ness, sav - ing  
 no di - vides. Race and class and sex and lan - guage—such are  
 time and space, where the church in earth and heav - en finds a



peo - ple live and care. Praise the God who keeps his prom-ise;  
 all who fail or fall. Tell his ho - ly hu - man sto - ry;  
 bar - riers he de - rides. Join the hand of friend and stran-ger,  
 com-mon meet-ing place. Share the bread and wine, his bod - y;



praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spir - it  
 tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that  
 join the hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful  
 share the love of which we sing; share the feast for



who, a - mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.  
 Christ in glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.  
 and the doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.  
 saints and sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.

TEXT: John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958) © 1989 WGRG *The Iona Community (Scotland)*  
 MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody, adapted and arranged by The Iona Community (Scotland) © 1989 WGRG

JESUS CALLS US  
 8.7.8.7.D

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*The family of Betty Stone who died August 30.*

*Dan Cleveland whose sister Nancy Cleveland Montgomery died August 27 in Oklahoma.*

*Connie Mayfield and family upon the death of mother-in-law Mariglyn Mayfield Meacham on August 28 in Mississippi.*

*Jim Crain and family upon the death of his sister Giny Crain Hogan on August 28.*

*Jeremy Murphy upon the death of a dear friend.*

*St. Philipians and their families*— Jan Ostendorf; Laney Miller; Susan Huffman; Lou Allen; Joyce Fugit; Vicki McKay; Mary Sinderson; Marion Takehara; Peg Palisin; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Jeanne West; Greg Moore; CJ Miller; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; Carolyn Jones—sister of Cynthia Jones; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; ; Janet Fisher—sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Liam Hunter—cousin of Mary Ann Thomas; Katie Ostendorf—niece of Judy Barrish; John & Bessie Johnson—parents 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; Nikolaus Malczewskyj—father-in-law of Jane Malczewskyj; David Block—brother-in-law of Nancy Lomax; John Beck—brother of Nancy Young; Margie Foster—mother of Mark Young; Miriam Kalmbach—aunt of Nancy Higgs; Barbara Wilson—sister-in-law of Connie Mayfield; Jack & Pauline Kindig—brother/sister-in-law of Ginny Camfield; Shirley and Weldon Boggus, Sr.—grandparents of Omi Ford; Jimmy Reagan—father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Ann Morgan—sister of Dorothy Blackwell.

*Homebound:* Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; Barbara German; George Helland; Arlette Keene; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; and Penny Vieau.

*Friends of St. Philipians:* Melinda Penny—friend of Denise Ferrell; David Shebay—friend of Greg Han; Betty Rhodes and family—friend of Jan Meyer; Dave Olson and Clayton Amacker—friends of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; and Walter "Buddy" Hamman 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).

*Joys*

*Guy and Melissa Aldrich welcomed their first grandchild—Anna Melissa Mahlow to parents Lindsay and Mark on August 26.*

*Robert & Susan Estill celebrate their Golden (50th) Anniversary on September 4.*

Pledge payments, communion gifts and other gifts to support the Church can be made anytime through our website (<http://saintphilip.net/>) or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

To join the Zoom Coffee Hour following the service, e-mail Lorrie Castle at [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net).

### St. Philip Presbyterian

Wednesday, September 9

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Donor Coach

Due to social distancing, appointments are required.

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or contact Lorrie Castle (713) 622-4807

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Check out the September 1 Philip-Eye for more details of needed items.

THE ST. PHILIP  
**SPECTACULAR MISSION**  
**DRIVE-BY DONATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
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10AM - NOON  
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items for **SEAFARER BOXES**  
& bottled water for **LORD OF THE STREETS**.

