



JANUARY 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## Opening Voluntary

*Song of Peace*

Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

## Introit

*Calm Me, Lord*

Margaret Rizza  
(b. 1929)

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;  
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.  
Let all the tumult within me cease;  
enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

— words by David Adam

## Opening Sentences

### Hymn 720 ([see page 5](#))

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,  
you have called us into the church to do great things:  
to proclaim the gospel, to nurture one another,  
to worship you, to remember what is true,  
to promote righteousness in the world,  
and to be a demonstration of your coming reign.

But in many ways we have failed to do these things.  
We have neglected your work  
in favor of personal interests and short term satisfactions.  
We haven't made time for you or your people or your purposes.  
Forgive our waywardness and have mercy on our sins.  
Restore us and return us to your ways,  
to the work you would have us do,  
to the people you would have us be,  
as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent prayer*

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

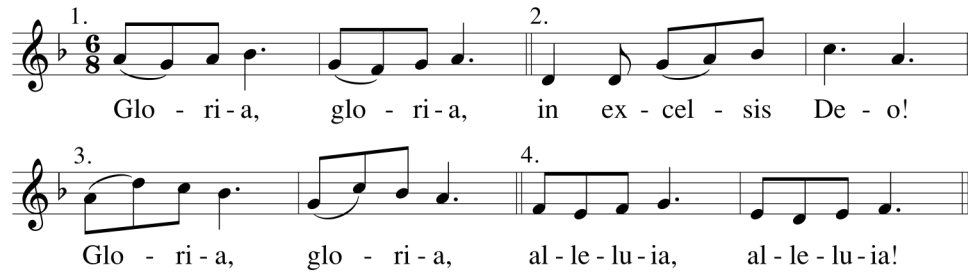
## Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## Response *(sung twice: first time in unison, second time in canon)*

GLORIA (Taizé)

Canon—4 voices



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## The Peace

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

## Prayer of Illumination

## First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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

## Anthem

*Think on These Things*

Mark Patterson  
(b. 1969)

Whatever is pure, whatever is true, whatever is noble and just and good;  
think on these things, live by these things, rejoice together in these things,  
and the God of peace will be with you.

All that's pure, all that's true, all that's noble and just and good;  
think on these things, live by these things, rejoice together in these things,  
and the God of peace will be with you.

When the cares of life confound you, when the storms of doubt sweep in,  
turn to God with all things in prayer, to God with all things in prayer,  
and a peace beyond all knowing will guard you and guide you.

— based on Philippians 4:4-9

## Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

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

## Sermon

Follow the Leader

John W. Wurster

## Hymn *(see page 6)*

*Christ Is the One Who Calls*

LOVE UNKNOWN

## Affirmation of Faith

Confession of Belhar

### We believe

that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation  
in and through Jesus Christ;  
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth  
and the light of the world;  
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker;  
that the church is witness both by word and by deed to  
the new heaven and the new earth  
in which righteousness dwells;  
that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers  
of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred,  
bitterness and enmity;  
that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live  
in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life  
for society and the world.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
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 650 [\(see page 7\)](#)

*O Beauty Ever Ancient*

ANCIENT BEAUTY

## Charge and Blessing

### Closing Voluntary

*Trumpet Tune*

Joel Martinson  
(b. 1960)

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Lectionary Readings

- 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) – *The boy Samuel hears God calling and replies: Speak, Lord.*
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 – *O Lord, you search me and surround me; I praise you.*
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 – *Your body is a temple of the Spirit; you were bought with a price.*
- John 1:43-51 – *Jesus calls Philip; Philip in turn calls Nathanael: Come and see.*

## SERVING TODAY

### Liturgists

Kallie Pitcock, and Omar Rouchon

### Musicians

Julia Fox, Cecilia Duarte, and Thomas Lewis O'Neill – vocalists  
Randall Swanson – organist & conductor

## FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by William Howard to the glory of God and in memory of his father, Rev. Charlie N. Howard, stepmother, Geraldine Howard and stepfather, Leon Marshall, all of whom died in 2020.

## MUSIC NOTES

**Organ music** — This morning's **opening voluntary** is the beautifully lush, quiet *Chant de paix* (Song of Peace), written in 1942 by French composer Jean Langlais, who was organist at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris from 1945 to 1987. Langlais' music is characterized by rich, complex harmonies and striking, often overlapping modalities. Much of his organ music is improvisatory in nature, as Langlais was himself a renowned improviser at the organ. Langlais' published music stretches to some 254 opus numbers, comprising organ and choral works, as well as piano, vocal and instrumental music. • Today's **closing voluntary** is Joel Martinson's *Trumpet Tune*, which comes from his suite of pieces *Firm Foundation – Variations on an American Hymn Tune*, composed in 2012 for the dedication of a new organ at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Arlington, Texas. Martinson is a widely published composer of sacred organ and choral music, and serves as director of music and organist at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas.

**Choral music** — Today's **introit** is 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, using the name Margaret Lensky. Rizza turned to composing music relatively late in life, and most of her composition has been of church music. *Calm me, Lord* was composed in 1998, and comes from a collection of pieces written to evoke a deep sense of centered spirituality, a central focus of Rizza's music. • This morning's **anthem** by American composer Mark Patterson comes from the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Choral Music Series published by MorningStar Music Publishers. Published in 2015, *Think on These Things* was commissioned for the twentieth anniversary of Youth Choir JAM in Richmond, Virginia. Composer Mark Patterson received his PhD in Fine Arts-Music Education with an emphasis in Choral Conducting from Texas Tech University and Master of Music and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. He currently serves as the Director of Music at Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Virginia.

— Randall Swanson

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## Opening Hymn 720

*Jesus Calls Us*


GALILEE



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -




sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852  
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887

GALILEE  
 8.7.8.7

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## Hymn

*Christ Is the One Who Calls*

LOVE UNKNOWN



1. Christ is the one who calls, the one who loved and  
 2. Christ is the one who seeks, to whom our souls are  
 3. Christ is the one who sends, his sto - ry to de -

came, to whom by right it falls to bear the  
 known. The word of love he speaks can wake a  
 clare; who calls his ser - vants friends and gives them

high - est name: and still to - day our hearts are stirred  
 heart of stone; for at that sound the blind can see,  
 news to share. His truth pro - claim in all the earth,

to hear his word and walk his way.  
 the slave is free, the lost are found.  
 his match - less worth and sav - ing name.

TEXT: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1992 © 1993 Hope Publishing Company  
 MUSIC: John Nicholson Ireland, 1918 © 1924 Trustees of the John Ireland Charitable Trust

LOVE UNKNOWN  
 6.6.6.6.4.4.4

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## Closing Hymn 650

*O Beauty Ever Ancient*

ANCIENT BEAUTY



1 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,  
 2 O beau - ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,  
 3 O beau - ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,  
 4 O beau - ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,  
 O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,  
 O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,  
 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i - tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

Both Psalms 29:2b and 96:6a encourage us to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” yet celebrating the beauty of the holy God is not an end in itself but involves a call to oppose unjust ugliness. The beauty that draws us to God also urges us to work for mercy and justice.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 2000 © 2000 Hope Publishing Company  
 MUSIC: Alfred V. Fedak, 2007 © 2009 Selah Publishing Company, Inc.

ANCIENT BEAUTY  
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families* — Michael Alexander; Kay Cash; Connie Mayfield and son Robert Mayfield; Pat Lindsay; Mary Margaret Hansen; Doris Cantrell; Mary Benson; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Jan Ostendorf; Laney Miller; Vicki McKay; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Mezgebe Gebray; Laramie Becker — cousin of Curt Webb; Brad Davis — nephew of Sam Fisher; Kenneth Allan Henick — father of Anne Marie Benard; Douglas Everhart — brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick — sister of Stephen Paine; Betty Grant — sister 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; Nikolaus Malczewskyj — father-in-law of Jane Malczewskyj; John Beck — brother of Nancy Young; Margie Foster — mother of Mark Young; Miriam Kalmbach — aunt of Nancy Higgs; Shirley Boggus — grandmother 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; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Mary Sinderson; Jody Tomforde; and Penny Vieau.

*Friends of St. Philippians* — Shirley Stubblefield — friend of Barbara Runge; Vickie Dunlevy — friend of Nancy Higgs; Paul Ratliff — friend of Jo Helland; Ruth Duncan and Melerie Langford — friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Cecil Trent — friend of Jane Cooper; Craig Slein — friend of Denise Ferrell and Steve Carmichael; Melinda Penny — friend of Denise Ferrell; David Shebay — friend of Greg Han; Clayton Amacker — friends of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; 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).

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**We continue to invite you to attend our daily prayer services at 11:00 a.m. (Monday-Saturday).** Currently, we have a limit of five persons per day. Please enter the Sanctuary through the large wooden front doors by 10:50 a.m. You may bring your own face-mask or one will be provided. You may sit anywhere in the sanctuary, appropriately distanced from others. The service will conclude by 11:15.

**Our website** has information a current list of **opportunities on Zoom** for fellowship and spiritual formation.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY - 9:30 a.m. — January 24** - Immigration Update: It's Still a Mess ... But is There Hope?? - A discussion about the current status of those seeking asylum to the United States, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Trans-Pacific Partnership, and other immigration issues. - Presented by Nancy Kral - Team Brownsville, Sidewalk School for Asylum Children and Texas Civil Rights Project. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes — [mmcgm63@gmail.com](mailto:mmcgm63@gmail.com).

**Faith of A Child a new class offering** — Join with fellow St. Philippians in a season of discipleship: Kallie Pitcock is facilitating a twice weekly Zoom group Sunday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. for 5 weeks. You can attend the Sunday or the Wednesday session as your schedule permits. Email Kallie to receive more information and updates: [kallie@saintphilip.net](mailto:kallie@saintphilip.net). The theme of the series is FAITH OF A CHILD: *approaching God with wonder, curiosity, and imagination*. Each week will be built around a question submitted by participants or gathered by Kallie. Let us draw together and closer to God asking: how, why, who, when, so what?!

**Equal Exchange Sale** is live at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net). Order your chocolates, coffee, teas, fruits and olive oil by **February 1**.

**Save the date** for the 2021 Mission Day on **February 13** from 10-12 p.m. More details to follow.