



Preparation for Worship

*Eternal Light, shine in our hearts;
 Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;
 Eternal Power, be our support;
 Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
 Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;
 that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face
 and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

— Alcuin of York (735-804)

Voluntary

Præludium in C major
 BuxWV 138

Dieterich Buxtehude
 (1637–1707)

Greeting

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

Introit

Open to Me the Gates of Righteousness

Eric Thiman
 (1900–1975)

Open to me the gates of righteousness:
 I will go into them and I will praise the LORD.

— Psalm 118:19 (KJV)

✦ Opening Sentences

✦ Hymn 298 [\(see page 11\)](#)

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

✦ Prayer of Confession

God of freedom,
 Jesus came to bring good news,
 and embody your coming reign.
 We confess that we have ignored his message.
 We remain captive to sin,
 bruised and broken by our transgressions.
 We are convinced the news is always bad
 and that we are always stuck where we are.
 Help us to hear the truth of the gospel.
 Inspire us with your liberating word.
 Let your Spirit cleanse us and change us
 so that we may receive all
 that you have declared in Jesus Christ our Lord.

silent prayer

✦ Response

OLIVET | Hymn 829

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine!
 Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
 O let me from this day be wholly thine!

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✦ Response

Henry Greatorex | Hymn 581

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, amen.

✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

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

Anthem

Blessed, How Blessed

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST | Scottish
 arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who thirst for goodness,
 open and hoping for God's righteous rain:
 God sends forth rivers to water the desert;
 God's love lasts ever; how blessèd are they.

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who sigh in sorrow,
 Furrowed and harrowed by sadness and pain:
 God walks beside them and enters their absence;
 God's voice gives solace; how blessèd are they.

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who live in mercy,
 giving, receiving from God's warming grace:
 God's sunlight blesses all those who love kindness;
 love never ceases; how blessèd are they.

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who work for concord,
 nation and neighbor abandon the blade:
 sword turns to plowshare, and fortress to forest;
 all in God's Oneness; how blessèd are they.

Here God is reigning, here God's love sustaining,
 where all the blessèd see God's dawning day:
 wounded and grounded, by mercy surrounded,
 foretaste and harvest; how blessèd are they.

— words by Susan Palo Cherwien (1953–2021)

Sermon

What He Said
(scenes from the Sermon on the Mount)
 Matthew 5-7

John W. Wurster

✠ Hymn

What Does the Lord Require

SHARPTHORNE



1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
3. Still down the a - ges ring the proph - et's stern com - mands.
4. How shall our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands:
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly, in mer - cy, we'll hum - bly walk with God.

Text: Micah 6:6-8; Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt., © 1988, Oxford University Press
 Tune: SHARPTHORNE, 12 12 12; Erik Routley, 1917-1982, © 1969, Hope Publishing Company

✠ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elder

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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come

Healey Willan
 (1880–1968)

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,
 And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.
 O praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud him, all ye people!
 For his merciful kindness is great toward us,
 And the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia.

— Isaiah 60:1 | Psalm 117

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 Eternal God,
 we thank you for the gifts you have given us in Jesus Christ.
Strengthen us by your Spirit
so that we may use what we have received
to the glory of your name and for your work in the world. Amen.

✦ Hymn 450 ([see page 12](#))

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Charge and Blessing

Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

Voluntary

In Thee Is Gladness
 IN DIR IST FREUDE | BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach
 (1685–1750)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist

Meg Scott-Johnson

Pastors

John Wurster, Keatan King, and Omar Rouchon

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Matthew Dirst, organist | Randall Swanson, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by Sandra and Wayne Truxillo to the glory of God and in memory of Sandra Truxillo's brother, Emil Runge.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Micah 6:1-8—*What does the Lord require? Justice, kindness, and humility.*
- Psalm 15—*Those who do what is right live in the presence of God.*
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31—*The foolishness of the cross shames the wisdom of the world.*
- Matthew 5:1-12—*Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes.*

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families—Peg Palisin; Dan Cleveland; CJ Miller; Bill Lee; Beverly Hudson; Susan Huffman; Mary Sinderson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Lane Fletcher; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; John Murphy, Sr. – cousin of Gary Gardner; Martine Marte Wood – daughter-in-law of Ruena Wood; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Betsy Johnson – mother of Pat Lindsay; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Jann Everhart – sister-in-law of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Warren Cash – brother of Kay Cash; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Donna Harris – sister of Joyce Fugit; Alma Fonseca – mother of Angelina Fonseca; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Mac Wilson – father of Butch Wilson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Alan Rowe – father of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

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Friends of St. Philippians – Brad McWilliams; Carol Gilliland - friend of Orlean Anderson; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email:

deacons@saintphilip.net

Music Notes

Organ Music

Today's **opening voluntary** comes from Dieterich Buxtehude, the greatest North German organist of the generation preceding that of J. S. Bach. This *præludium* ("prelude") falls into three sections: an improvisatory opening leads to a lively fugue on a triadic subject. Once Buxtehude's imitative counterpoint has run its course, the rhapsodic figuration of the beginning returns, providing final closure.

The **closing voluntary** is an expansive setting of the Epiphany chorale "In dir ist Freude" ("In Thee is Gladness") from Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book). Bach's setting of this melody favors just its first four notes, which make for an excellent motive for development in all voices. Even the pedal participates in the joyous atmosphere, with active passages throughout and a pedal trill just before the end.

Choral Music

Today's choral **introit** is by English composer, conductor and organist Eric Thiman, who published some 1,300 works during his lifetime, including many anthems, carols and canticles for church choirs. Much of Thiman's choral and organ music was written for Nonconformist (i.e., non-Anglican) churches, and Thiman himself was a Congregationalist by birth. The unac-

companied *Open to Me the Gates of Righteousness* is No. 17 of 24 *Introits*, published in 1961.

This morning's **anthem** is by American composer and organist David Cherwien, who has served for the last two decades as cantor (music director) at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN, and artistic director of the National Lutheran Choir, also based in the Twin Cities. His anthem *Blessèd, How Blessed* was written in 2019, using the 16th-century Scottish lament tune FLOWERS OF THE FOREST. The text by poet and hymnwriter Susan Palo Cherwien (1953–2021) echos a "beatitudes" motif, as the title indicates. The music's simplicity contributes to the power of its timeless message of hope and comfort.

Today's **offertory anthem** was composed by Anglo-Canadian composer and organist Healey Willan, who was one of the most prolific and highly regarded composers of 20th-century church music. Willan was associated with the Church of St. Mary Magdalene (Anglican Church of Canada) in Toronto for nearly 50 years, and many of his choral works were written for the choir there, which remains to this day among the finest all-volunteer choirs in North America.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP

COME MAKE MUSIC WITH US!

We're expanding, and we have a place for you!



Children's Choir • Open to all children & youth, age 6 and above

SUNDAYS at 9:00 a.m. **beginning FEBRUARY 19**

Got kids that love music? The St. Philip Children's Choir returns! After a long pandemic break, we're back. Children and youth will join for six Sunday morning rehearsals, then lead the Introit in worship on **Palm Sunday, April 2**. Parents, watch your email for more info coming soon!

CONTACT Randall Swanson — randall@saintphilip.net



St. Philip Choir • Open to all singers, college age and above

SUNDAYS at 10:00 a.m. **and** WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

Do you love to sing? Become a St. Philip Choir member! Sing great choral music with others who also love singing. Elevate your mood by singing in a group. Enhance your prayer life and gain musical knowledge. Enjoy the best seats in the house!

CONTACT Randall Swanson — randall@saintphilip.net



Bell Canto Handbell Choir • Open to all interested ringers

Second & Fourth SUNDAYS of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Wanna make a joyful noise? Looking for a way to get involved without too much of a time commitment? Come ring with us twice a month! Not sure how to ring a handbell? We'll teach you! (it's easy) Some prior music reading experience is helpful — this is a very fun group!

CONTACT Jane Malczewskyj — janemalc46@sbcglobal.net

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

GODLY PLAY (Age 3-Kindergarden) – Room 104

ELEMENTARY (Grades 1-5) – Room 105

YOUTH (Grades 6-12) – Room 205

SPa (St. Philip Adults) – Room 200—All adults of any age are welcomed to participate - grab some coffee and join us. There is no need to prepare or purchase materials for class, so come as you are able!

JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS—Room 202—9:45 a.m. What are the best parts of the Bible? The best story? The best character? The best surprise? The best scoundrel? John Wurster leads this highly subjective exploration of biblical treasures which continues through February. The same topics will be considered during the midweek Zoom bible study. Everyone is welcome: Bible novices and veterans and all those in between.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201—This class meets from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Feb. 5** - *Guns and Children - A Pediatrician's Perspective* - In 2022 firearms were the number one cause of death for children ages 1 - 19 in the United States. Learn how pediatricians are involved in advocacy efforts to address gun violence as a public health issue and to advance policies in the current term of the Texas Legislature that keep children, families and communities safe. Presented by Dr. Julieana Nichols - Associate Director, Academic General Pediatrics Fellowship Program, Baylor College of Medicine. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We are continuing our study of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 2 Kings with the story of Elisha and the fate of Jezebel in Dr. Robert Alter's *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster has returned. The class, meets at 9:30 a.m. A hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office conference room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—Everyone is welcome to the continuing meetings of the social justice study group! Our next meeting is Tuesday, **Feb. 7**, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join your fellow St. Philippians for our continuing discussion of *Good White Racist?* (by Kerry Connelly). We gather by Zoom, and will be covering chapters 8, "Unequal justice (Or Liberty and justice for all white people and white people only)," and 9, "The consumption of bodies (Or "Step away from the hair"). To receive information about the group, send an email with PSJ in the subject line to welcome@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Feb. 9** we will discuss *Girls and Sex: Navigating the Complicated New Landscape* by Peggy Orenstein. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints – 2nd Mon. of each month
@ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle – 3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Circle – 1st Thurs. of each month
@ 7:00 p.m.

DUERR LECTURE SERIES, Feb. 26, 27, and 28. Speaker for the series will be Dr. Rachel Baard, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics and Director of the Master of Arts in Public Theology Program at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA. Topic for the lectures is "Who is Jesus Christ for us Today?" Dr. Baard will preach for the morning worship service, 11:00 a.m., and present lectures each evening at 7:00 p.m. Lectures are available in person or by live-stream. Check the web page for more information: www.saintphilip.net.

MO-RANCH—Registration for the annual Mo-Ranch Retreat on June 1-4 is available in the Gathering Area after worship service today or you can visit:

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FEBRUARY

SATURDAY
9 AM - 2 PM

25TH



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

We are glad you are here! Please scan the QR Code to access our digital guest-book. We invite you to sign in and let us know you are worshipping with us.

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,

**we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.**

WE LONG

**for deeper faith,
vibrant hope
and boundless love
for everyone, every day, everywhere.**

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

A Hearing Loop is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your “T switch” to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY’S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to lorrie@saintphilip.net.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text “SPPC” to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate treas - ure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

With the Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

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