



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP

MARCH 15, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Voluntary

Chorale Partita: *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*
Let God be God and trust in him

George Böhm
(1661-1733)

Greeting

Call to Worship

Prayer of Confession

**Faithful God, all we have needed, your hand has provided.
Forgive us for failing to trust in you. We doubt your interest.
We neglect your invitation. We insist on going our own way.
Restore us and remind us yet again of your love for us,
so that we may learn to look for you and to find joy in your presence.**

silent prayer

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

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

First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Gospel Lesson

John 4:5-42

Solo

In Your Mercy, Lord

Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

In your mercy, Lord, you called me, taught my sin-filled heart and mind,
else this world had still enthralled me, and to glory kept me blind.

Lord, I did not freely choose you till by grace you set me free;
for my heart would still refuse you had your love not chosen me.

Now my heart sets none above you, for your grace alone I thirst,
knowing well, that if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

— words by Josiah Conder (1789–1855)

Sermon

Heart Questions

John W. Wurster

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**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.**

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.**

Charge and Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Chorale Partita: *Vater unser im Himmelreich*
Our Father in Heaven

Georg Böhm

Liturgists: Keatan King and Omar Rouchon

Soloist: Cecilia Duarte

Pianist: Randall Swanson

Organist: Matthew Dirst

Production: William Rowe

Music Notes

Organ music — The Thuringian poet Georg Neumark composed both the text and tune of *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten* in 1641. An example of the newly fashionable *Trostlied* (a song of consolation), its first two lines nicely summarize the chorale's entire message: "Let God be God and trust in Him." A favorite of Lutherans since the late seventeenth century, it remains popular among German composers especially; one finds it in everything from concerted works by Bach and Mendelssohn to contemporary film soundtracks. Georg Böhm treated its sturdy melody to a concise set of chorale variations for keyboard, which is heard today as the **opening voluntary**. Böhm set the chorale melody *Vater Unser im Himmelreich* ("Our Father in Heaven") numerous times; his setting for organo pleno (full organ), today's **closing voluntary**, features a long-note melody in the pedal surrounded by counterpoint derived from each phrase of the hymn tune.

This morning's vocal **solo** features a by 19th-century English poet and hymn text writer Josiah Conder, set to music in 1982 by by prolific American composer Charles Callahan of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Notes

The flowers are given today by Keatan King and Nathan Carlin to the glory of God and in celebration of Cohen Carlin's second birthday.

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Acting on a recommendation from the pastors, the Session has voted to suspend activities at St. Philip through March 22, including all worship services and Sunday School classes on March 15 and March 22. Meetings, classes, rehearsals, and services, including Wednesday bible study and the midweek Lenten service are also suspended. This period may be extended as conditions warrant.