



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP

MARCH 29, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Voluntary

Voluntary in D Minor

John Stanley
(1713-1786)

Greeting

Call to Worship

Hymn

Awake, O Sleep, Rise from Death

AZMON



1. A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
2. To us on earth Christ came to bring From
3. There is one bod - y and one hope, One
4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
5. For us Christ lived, for us he died And



Christ shall give you light. So learn his love, its
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
Spir - it and one call, One Lord, one faith, and
died that he might save; With kind and gen - tle
con - quered in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
one bap - tism, One Fa - ther of us all.
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

Text: Ephesians 3-5; F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, © 1980, Augsburg Fortress
Tune: AZMON, CM; Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829; harm. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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 Gospel Reading

John 11:1-29

Second Gospel Reading

John 11:30-45

Sermon

Just Maybe

Omar Rouchon

Vocal Solo

Eternal Light

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.
Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me:
until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.

— words by Christopher Idle (b. 1938) from a prayer by Alcuin (735?-804)

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
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. 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

Prelude on *Down Ampney*

Chester Alwes
(b. 1947)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Keatan King and John Wurster

Musicians

Cecilia Duarte, vocal soloist; Matthew Dirst, organist; Randall Swanson, pianist.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ music — Today's **opening voluntary** comprises a pair of movements, marked "Slow" and "Allegro" respectively, that together epitomize the English keyboard voluntary of the 18th century. Its composer, John Stanley, served for decades as organist at the Temple Church in London, where his playing attracted legions of devotees, including George Frideric Handel. The **closing voluntary** sets the hymn tune *Down Ampney*, to which we sing the text "Come Down, O Love Divine." The tune name comes from the English village of its composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, who was born in the the vicarage of the town church. This arrangement for organ solo comes from choral conductor and composer Chester Alwes, recently retired from the music faculty at the University of Illinois.

Vocal music — Today's **solo** is by Jane Marshall, who was very active in church and university music in Dallas, Texas. Marshall was long associated with the United Methodist Church. She was director of the Church Music Summer School at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology from 1975 to 2010, and taught choral arranging, music theory, and conducting in the music division of SMU's Meadows School of the Arts. Marshall's large catalog of over 200 musical compositions has been praised as much for her unique, well-crafted compositional style as for her use of excellent texts from her own hand as well as the works of other authors. The text of *Eternal Light* is based on a prayer by eighth-century English scholar and poet Alcuin of York, reworked and modernized by Christopher Idle, Anglican priest and prolific author of some 350 excellent modern hymn texts.

—Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

WORSHIP NOTES

Lectionary Readings

- Ezekiel 37:1–14—*In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for Israel.*
- Psalm 130—*Out of the depths I cry; the Lord has power to forgive and redeem.*
- Romans 8:6–11—*Set your mind on the Spirit, not the flesh; God will give you life.*
- John 11:1–45—*Jesus, the resurrection and the life, raises Lazarus from the dead.*

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Randall Swanson and family upon the death of his stepmother on March 25 in Chicago.

Jack Fox and family upon the death of his mother Betty in Pennsylvania.

St. Philippians and their families— Jerri Workman; Pam Rush; Pat Lindsay; Greg Moore; Patrick Ball; Marion Takehara; CJ Miller; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; John Bobbitt; Arlette Keene; Dorothy McMillan—mother of Nancy Higgs; Keith Thomerson—brother of Susan Estill; Barbara Wilson—sister-in-law of Connie Mayfield; Jack Kindig—brother 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; Cynthia Shoup's daughter.

Homebound: Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; Jane English; Barbara German; George Helland; Donna Host; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Toto McGehee; Phillip McDaniel; Paul & Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Virginia McFarland; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; Penny Vieau; and Ruth Weber.

Friends of St. Philippians: Dorcas Rhodes—friend of Jan Meyer; Ed Scala—friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Frank Wallace—friend of Jim & Nadene Crain; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III—friend of Robin & Gary Willis.

The Session has voted to suspend activities at St. Philip indefinitely.

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