



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP

MAY 5, 2019

11:00

Tolling of the Hour

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!** Alleluia!

Voluntary

Pastorale
Op. 31, No. 20

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

✦ Call to Worship

✦ Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What
2. He lives to bless me with his love; He
3. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He
4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name; He



joy this blest as - sur - ance gives! Al - le - lu - ia!
lives to plead for me a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
lives, and I shall con - quer death; Al - le - lu - ia!
lives, my Sav - ior, still the same; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! He lives, he lives who once was
Al - le - lu - ia! He lives my hun - gry soul to
Al - le - lu - ia! He lives my man - sion to pre -
Al - le - lu - ia! What joy this blest as - sur - ance



dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
feed; He lives to help in time of need.
pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
gives; I know that my Re - deem - er lives!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
we are a people formed by your Word in Christ;
but we have wandered away from your truth.
We have broken your commandments.
We have distorted your teachings to serve our own ends.
We have failed to trust your promises.
We have refused your mercy.**

**Ground us again, O Holy One,
in the written wisdom of Scripture
and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus.
Nourish us on the bread of his teachings
until we can taste your goodness.
Renew us at the fountain of his wisdom,
so we may find joy in obedience
and freedom in giving ourselves to you.**

(silent prayer)

Messe solennelle — Kyrie

Louis Vierne

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Messe solennelle — Gloria

Louis Vierne

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Rex caelestis, Domine Fili unigenite, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, heavenly King, only begotten Son, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
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✠ The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Signs of peace and reconciliation may be exchanged.

Conversation with Children

Afterwards, children may stay with their parents, or infant to age 4 may go to child care in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

N.T. pgs. 115-116

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Looking Ahead, Moving Forward

John W. Wurster

Silence and stillness

✠ Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Gifts may be given anytime at www.saintphilip.net or text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.

Offertory

Lied

Louis Vierne

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

Blessed are...we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

Messe solennelle — Sanctus

Louis Vierne

All holy God...forever and ever. **Amen.**

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	Holy, holy, holy
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	Lord God of hosts.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.

Messe solennelle — Benedictus

Louis Vierne

Benedictus qui venit	Blessed is he who comes
in nomine Domini.	in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

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

Messe Solennelle — Agnus Dei

Louis Vierne

Agnus Dei,	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi:	who takes away the sins of the world:
miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei,	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi:	who takes away the sins of the world:
miserere nobis.	grant them rest, eternal rest.
Agnus Dei,	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi:	who takes away the sins of the world:
dona nobis pacem.	grant us peace.

Arabesque
Op. 31, No. 15

Louis Vierne

✦ **Prayer after Communion**

✦ **Hymn 295**

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*Communion offering gifts may be brought to the basket in the front.
The coins collected each month in the jar support our hunger ministries.*

✦ **Charge and Blessing**

Kindly remain in silence during the closing voluntary, or depart very quietly.

✦ **Closing Voluntary**

Carillon
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Louis Vierne

✦Indicates worshipers are invited to stand in either body or spirit.
Words in bold type are to be read or sung together.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

LOUIS VIERNE was born in Poitiers in 1870. Nearly blind at birth, he underwent a delicate operation when he was 7, but remained with only limited sight after, and so began school at the *Institut National des Jeunes Aveugles* (National Institute for Blind Youth), founded in Paris in 1784. Between 1881 and 1888 he studied piano, violin, and organ. When he was 16 he drew the attention of César Franck, who invited the talented youth to audit the organ classes he taught at the Paris Conservatory, and encouraged Vierne to apply as an official student. Franck died in 1890 only a few weeks after Vierne was officially accepted as a student, and so Franck's successor, Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937), became Vierne's professor at the Conservatoire. The young man was soon serving Widor as assistant organist at the Church of Saint Sulpice and at the conservatory, where in 1894, he gained a first prize. A brilliant improviser, Vierne won a competition in 1900 to become principal organist at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris when he was 30, and held the post until his death. He divided his time between playing, composing, teaching, and concertizing. On June 2, 1937, while playing his 1,750th recital at the console of the great organ at Notre-Dame, he suffered heart failure and fell off the bench, dead.

Vierne's life had not been an easy one. In addition to near-blindness and other physical ailments, both his wife and a subsequent partner left him, he nearly died at one point from typhoid, and he lost two of his three children at young ages. In 1913, his 10-year-old son André died of tuberculosis. Then war broke out in Europe and Notre-Dame suffered bomb damage. In 1917, one year before the armistice, his eldest son Jacques died in combat at the age of 17. Then Vierne lost his brother, the organist and composer René Vierne (1878-1918), killed by a mortar shell. Despite his many tragedies and difficulties, however, Vierne's students uniformly described him as a kind, patient and encouraging teacher. Among his pupils were both Lili and Nadia Boulanger, Marcel Dupré, Gaston Litaize, and American organist Alexander Schreiner.

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN MUSIC — Though Vierne is best known for his six ambitious organ symphonies, which take full advantage of the sonic splendor of Notre Dame Cathedral's iconic Cavallé-Coll organ, he also published two modest collections of pieces "in free style." His *24 Pièces en style libre*, as he notes in the volume's preface, are appropriate for church use on either an organ or a harmonium. Its *Pastorale* and *Arabesque* both feature characteristic sounds of the French Romantic organ: the oboe and flute stops, respectively. A song-like *Lied* showcases the warm foundation stops, while the collection's boisterous *Carillon* calls for full organ. Vierne based the pedal ostinato of the latter work on a bell peal he heard at the Chapel of Longpont, a famous abbey just outside of Paris.

MESSE SOLENNELLE — Vierne composed his *Solemn Mass* (op. 16) in 1899, scored in the traditional French liturgical manner for mixed choir and two organs. It must be recalled that large works like this were originally intended for vast liturgical spaces — like Notre Dame Cathedral or Saint-Sulpice Church — and their similarly impressive acoustics, with the choir and smaller organ situated together in the front, in dialogue with the large organ a considerable distance away in the back. The *Messe solennelle* received its world première in 1901 at Saint-Sulpice in Paris, with Charles-Marie Widor playing the main organ and Vierne the choir organ. This was during one of the great periods in French church music, when wealthy parish churches like Saint-Sulpice were able to support expertly trained professional choirs — the choir at Saint-Sulpice during these years numbered about 40 men and boys. With its sweeping melodies and harmonic grandeur, Vierne's *Messe solennelle* has been called a triumphant counterpart to Fauré's *Requiem*, which the St. Philip Choir presented in worship here this past November. The version of the Vierne we present this morning combines the original two organ parts into a single score for one organ, enlivening and underpinning the singing of the choir.

SERVING TODAY

LITURGIST

Beth Atkinson

CHANCEL GUILD

Orlean Anderson

GREETERS

Presbyterian Women

PASTORS

John W. Wurster

Keatan King

Omar Rouchon

MUSICIANS

St. Philip Choir

Matthew Dirst, organist

Randall Swanson, conductor

FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Guy & Melissa Aldrich to the glory of God and in loving memory of Melissa's father Emmett F. Barnes, Jr.

WORSHIP NOTES

Communion is served by the elders passing trays of bread and juice through the pews. All the bread is gluten-free. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. Gifts brought forward during today's final hymn support the Liberty High School.

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

- Acts 9:1–6 (7–20)—*On the road to Damascus, Saul sees a blinding light and is converted.*
- Psalm 30—*O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; my soul praises you.*
- Revelation 5:11–14—*The choirs of heaven sing: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! Amen!*
- John 21:1–19—*A miraculous catch of fish; Jesus tells Simon Peter: Feed my sheep.*

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