



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 22, 2025

Preparation for Worship

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression.

Help us, like those of generations before us, resist the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression.

Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

—From the Liturgy for a Juneteenth Feast Day, Episcopal Diocese of California

Voluntary

Petit prélude

Joseph Jongen
(1873–1953)

Greeting

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

Introit

Ride On, King Jesus!

arr. Hall Johnson

Ride on, King Jesus!
No man can hinder me.

For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last,
No man works like Him.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse,
The river of Jordan He did cross.

For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, Oh!
King Jesus glides in the middle of the air, Oh!
He calls the saints from everywhere, Ah!

Traditional African American Spiritual

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 408 ([see page 10](#))

There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

✠ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

silent prayer

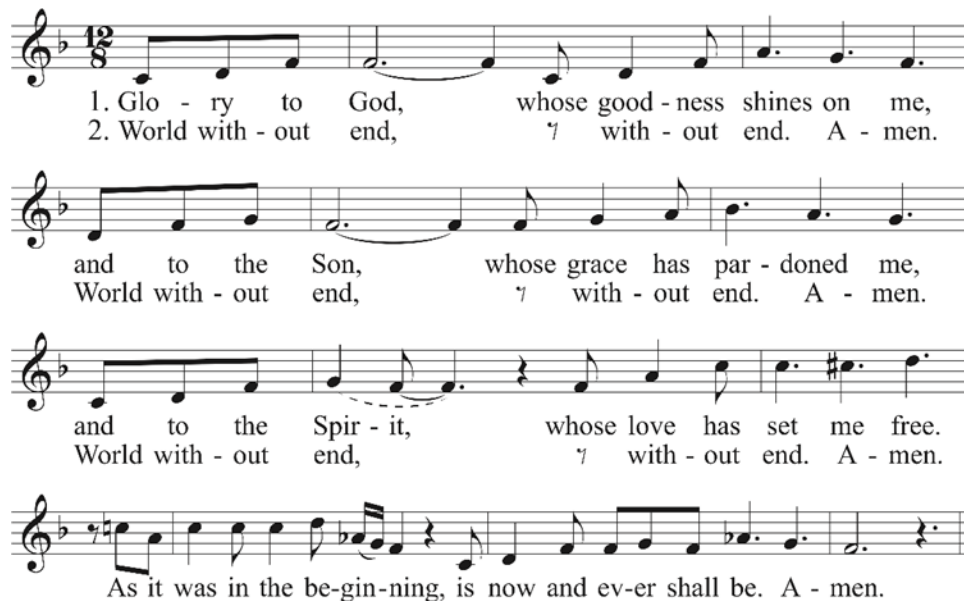
Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✠ Response

Paul Vasile



1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2. World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

✠ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 100.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

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

Anthem

*Tritt auf die Glaubensbahn*Johann Sebastian Bach
1685–1750)

*Tritt auf die Glaubensbahn
Gott hat den Stein geleet,
Der Zion hält un target,
Mensch, stoße dich nicht dran!
Tritt auf die Glaubensbahn!*

Step upon the path of faith,
God has laid the flagstone,
Which supports and bears Zion,
Human, do not stumble upon it!
Step upon the path of faith!

Attrib. Salomo Franck (1659–1725)
Transl. Pamela Dllal

Sermon

In the Way

Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness✠ Hymn 320 ([see page 11](#))*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

WAREHAM

✠ Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**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.**

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

Gifts may be given any time at saintphilip.net

Offertory

Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist
 BuxWV 208

Dietrich Buxtehude
 (1637-1707)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 We offer these gifts to you, o God,
 as we strive to live with generosity in a world with great need.
As we rejoice in the richness of your creation,
we pray that our gifts may help fulfill your will that
all will be made well and whole. Amen.

✦ Hymn 339 ([see page 12](#))

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Maestoso
 from *Six Preludes and Intermezzi*, Op. 9

Hermann Schroeder
 (1904-1984)

SERVING TODAY

Pastor

Omar Rouchon

Liturgist

Kerri Brady

Musicians

Daryl Robinson, guest organist | Jane Malczewskyj, pianist | Daniel Boyd, baritone
 St. Philip Summer Choir | Justin Langham, director of music

MUSIC NOTES

Joseph Jongen was a renowned Belgian organist and prolific composer, who spent a lifetime — from his teens to his seventies — building a far-reaching collection of works for all types of instrumentations. After winning the coveted Belgian Prix de Rome in 1897, he spent four years traveling in Germany and France where he was influenced by many notable composers like Richard Strauss and Vincent D'Indy. Our **opening voluntary** displays elements of Jongen's era of drifting away from Romanticism, most apparent in the shifting harmonic treatment of what is an expressive melody.

Hall Johnson, a pivotal figure in preserving and elevating the African American spiritual tradition, was one of the most ardent advocates of the spiritual genre, and deeply committed to showcasing it as a sophisticated and expressive art form. His short but dynamic arrangement of *Ride On, King Jesus!* transforms the triumph and resilience of Jesus riding into Jerusalem into an expression and affirmation of faith despite hardship and oppression. Through the work of Johnson and many other composers, the spiritual continues to resonate as an enduring legacy of African American musical heritage.

Composed in 1714 for the Sunday after Christmas, **Tritt auf die Glaubensbahn** is the opening aria of Bach's Cantata BWV 152. Written during his early years in Weimar, the cantata represents a dialogue between Jesus and "the Soul," representative of us, the listeners. The bass soloist (as Jesus) invites the Soul to "step upon the path of faith," accompanied by an obbligato oboe that seems to illustrate the path before us using scales.

Originally drawn from a 13-century *leise*, a medieval precursor to protestant church music, the hymn *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist* ("We now implore the Holy Ghost") alludes to Pentecostal imagery in addressing the Holy Spirit. The hymn suited Martin Luther, who included it as one of the first German hymns to be sung regularly in his 1523 liturgy for services. BuxWV 208 is the first of two chorale preludes on the hymn composed by Buxtehude.

Our **closing voluntary** comes from 20th-century German organist and composer Hermann Schroeder, whose large collection of works include many for solo organ. The opening movement of Op. 9, his *Maestoso* shows off the harmonic capabilities of the pipe organ while maintaining the expectedly grand and majestic spirit throughout.

— Notes by Justin Langham

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Anne and Butch Wilson in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary. With grateful hearts, they give thanks for the enduring love and faithful partnership they have shared — and for the example of commitment and grace each of their parents provided in their own lives together.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- 1 Kings 19:1–4 (5–7), 8–15a — *Elijah meets God — not in wind, earthquake, or fire — but in silence.*
- Psalms 42 and 43 — *My soul longs for you, O God; where are you? My hope is in you.*
- Isaiah 65:1–9 — *The Lord says: I will repay their iniquity, but I will not destroy them.*
- Psalm 22:19–28 — *The Lord did not despise or forsake me; I will praise the Lord.*
- Galatians 3:23–29 — *In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female.*
- Luke 8:26–39 — *Jesus casts out a man's demons and they enter a herd of swine.*

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Stewart Coffman; Bonnie Moore; Rollie McGinnis; Russell Bahruth; Jeremy Mattern; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Susan Huffman; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Jo Hadley Smith – cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes, daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Jacqui – cousin of Angelina Fonseca-Grewal; Terese Murphy - cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Lillian Perkins – aunt and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Lind Butler (wife of Bill Connolly) and her family in Israel.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Jan Ostendorf; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians–Elaine Ende – friend of Beth Atkinson; Marianne Keeswood – friend of Kate Burkart; Ann Eustler & Janet Rowlands – friends of Mary McGuire; Audrey Eubank Harris, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Mary Watters and Mindy Cooper-Smith – friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan and Tom Barnett - friends of Robin and Gary Willis; Jackie Janacek, Bill Ward, and Joyce Freudenber– friends of Stephen Paine; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: deacons@saintphilip.net

Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

*In keeping with the practice from recent years,
the Church Office will be closed on Fridays through August 1.
This schedule helps us conserve energy
and better cover staff vacations.*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through May 31, our operating deficit is \$86,534. While our expenses are on budget for the year, our revenues are not. Pledge payments and additional gifts will help move us towards a positive balance. Thank you!



SAINT PHILIP DAY SCHOOL

CALLING ALL BUILDERS

Thursday, June 26 | 8 - 11 am

If you consider yourself a handy person, bring your tools and help the St. Philip Day School to assemble cribs and furniture!

Sign up with Candice Harris at:
[director@stphilipdayschool.org]





PRIDE HOUSTON PARADE

Peacemaking and Social Justice is inviting you to join us as we attend this year's Pride Houston Parade on **June 28**. The Parade begins at 7:00 p.m. downtown. We'll gather at St. Philip at 5:30 p.m. to carpool. Let us know if you plan to

attend and if you are able to drive.

FIFTH SUNDAYS

Supporting Our Transgender Neighbors

Lou Weaver and Emory Powers,
Trans Legal Aid Clinic of Texas

Sunday, June 29

Room 201

Immediately following worship - Light Bites

Please contact Denise Wilborn (dwilborn55@gmail.com), Chair of P&SJ, with questions and to let the committee know you are attending one of events so we can plan accordingly.

MAHJONG ANYONE?

Three St. Philipians and a guest have been playing Mahjong on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at St. Philip. We are interested in substitutes with the possibility of forming a second set if there is enough interest. We may also be open to additional times. If you're interested in playing Mahjong sometimes or often or in learning how to play, text Judith Hiott at 832-277-8676.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7

Visit our website at saintphilip.net to see the classes we offer in the fall.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—This group meets on first Monday nights, 7-8 PM, by zoom to read and discuss social justice issues of our day. Interested persons who want to be added to our zoom mailing list can contact Sara Jean Jackson (sjj10223@gmail.com).

LAMBETH STUDY—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 PM via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan at: keatan@saintphilip.net.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY— On recess until further notice. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: john@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. **The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 10.** The book discussion will be about Help Wanted by Adelle Waldman at 7:00 PM at the home of Nina Lambright. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP— On recess until **September 12**. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at:

ggardne148@aol.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women study year has ended for this year. We look forward to seeing you again in September.



MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

2025 SUMMER ORGAN SERIES

Sunday,
June 29 | 3 pm

Grant Smith and Sunkyung Noh

Free Admission | St. Philip Presbyterian Church
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Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphilip.net.

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 100 off of the Gathering Area 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 BULLETINS 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.

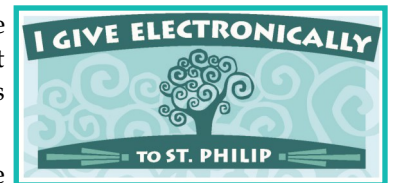
If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in the Library 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. 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, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at denise@saintphilip.net.

Lost & Found—did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.

I Give Electronically—in response to parents’ hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.



Nametags—Please wear your nametags not just in the sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible moment! Those returned tags will be replaced on the boards in the narthex before the following Sunday morning. Visitor nametags are available in the pews and from an usher.

Hymn 408

There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit


1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

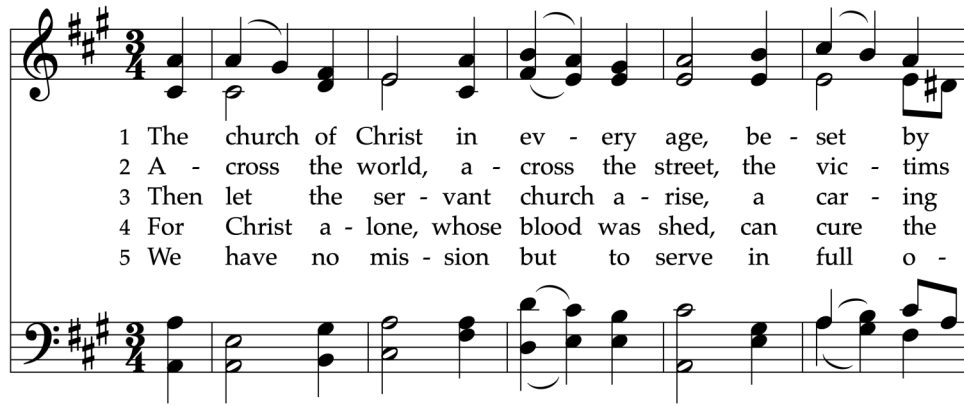
know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

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SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11 with refrain

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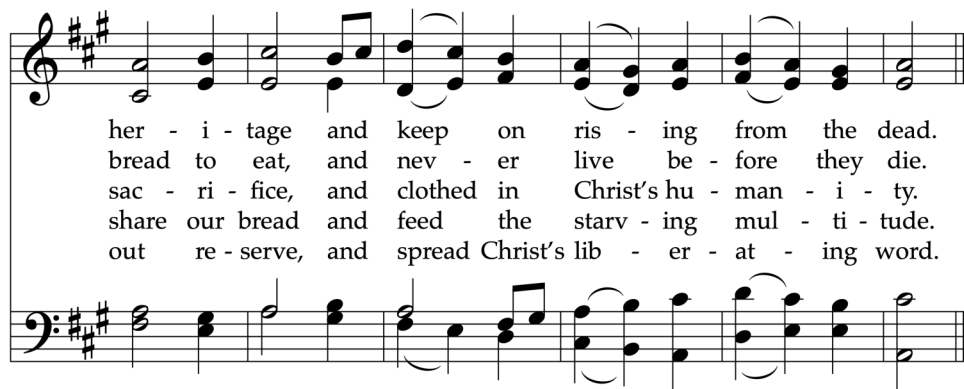
Hymn 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age


1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

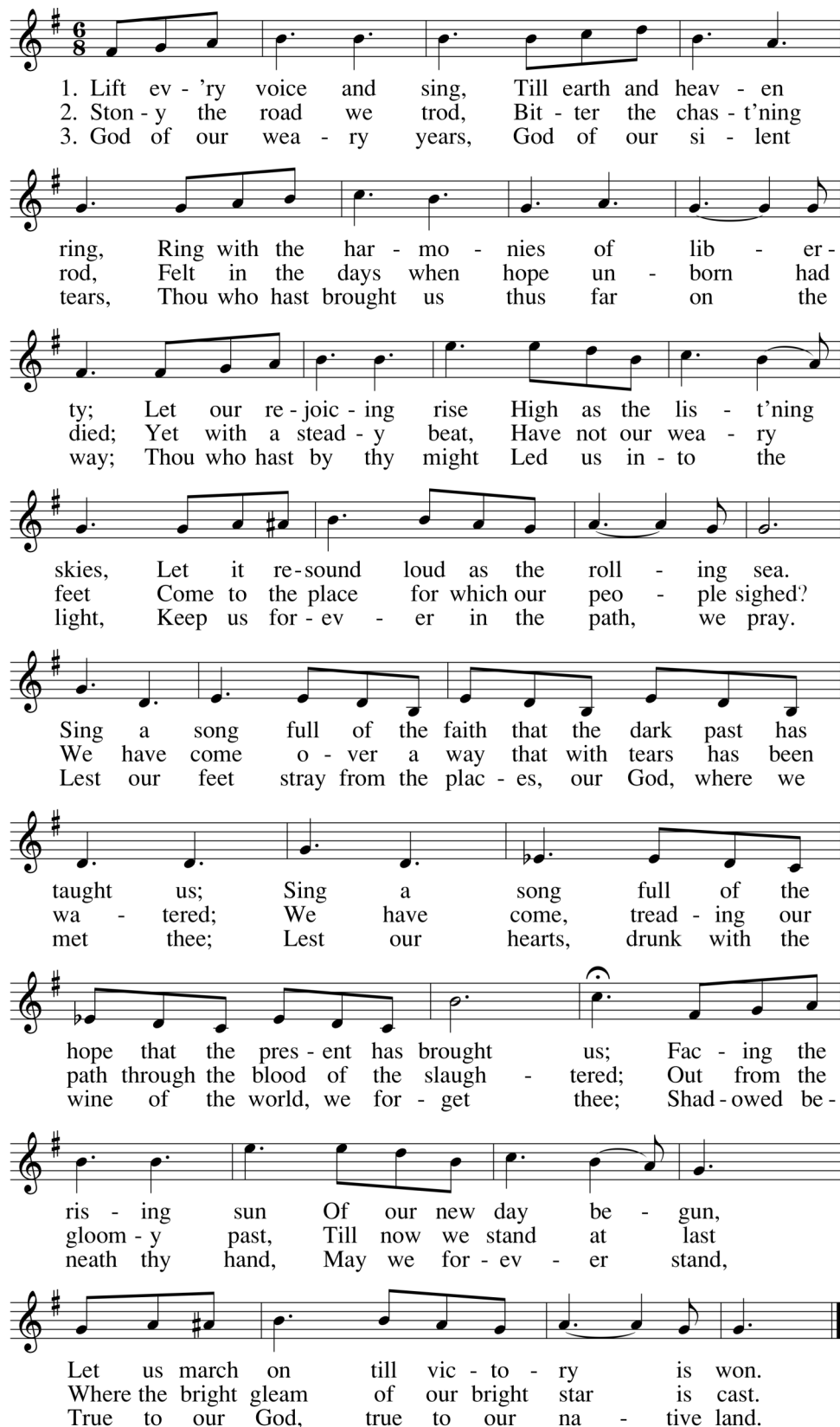
In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1969
 MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738
 Text © 1971 Hope Publishing Company

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Hymn 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing


1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
 died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
 way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the

skies, Let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we

taught us; Sing a song full of the
 wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our
 met thee; Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the
 wine of the world, we for - get thee; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun Of our new day be - gun,
 gloom - y past, Till now we stand at last
 neath thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,

Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
 True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

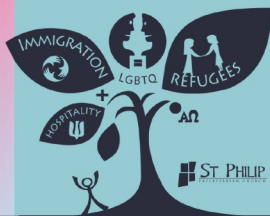
Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson, 1900
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905

LIFT EVERY VOICE
 Irregular

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THE PRIDE PARADE
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SATURDAY, JUNE 28
AT 7 PM

GATHER AT ST. PHILIP AT 5:30 PM TO CARPOOL.
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND & ABLE TO DRIVE, PLEASE EMAIL:
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5TH SUNDAYS
JUNE 29 | ROOM 201

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Supporting Our Transgender Neighbors
Lou Weaver and Emory Powers, Trans Legal Aide Clinic of Texas

LIGHT BITES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

TO RSVP | QUESTIONS?
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