



Preparation for Worship

*To your name, Lord Jesus,
 help me to bow the knee
 and all its worshipping,
 bow the head
 and all its thinking,
 bow the will
 and all its choosing,
 bow the heart
 and all its loving. Amen.*

Voluntary

Prelude in C Major
 BWV 545/1

Johann Sebastian Bach
 (1685-1750)

Introit

God in Mine Eternity

Alan Bullard
 (b. 1947)

God to enfold me, God to surround me,
 God in my speaking and God in my thinking.
 God in my sleeping, God in my waking,
 God in my watching and God in my hoping.
 God in my life, God in my lips,
 God in my soul, God in my heart,
 God in my eternity.

– traditional Hebridean prayer

✦ Opening Sentences

✦ Hymn 307 [\(see page 7\)](#)

God of Grace and God of Glory

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✦ Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,
 you call us to proclaim the gospel,
 but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
 You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
 but we are content to live in separation.
 You call us to seek the good of all,
 but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
 You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
 but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord.
 Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
 And give us the courage and strength
 to be reconciled to others;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

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 M. Vasile, 2008

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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem*This Is the Day*Thomas Morley
(1557-1603)

This is the day which the Lord has made:
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
You are my God and I will thank you. Alleluia.

– Psalm 118:24, 28a

Sermon

Omar Rouchon

✦ **Hymn 634** ([see page 8](#))*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. Amen.

Mission Report

International Seafarers

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.**

✦ **Hymn 839** ([see page 10](#))*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

Charge and Blessing**Voluntary***Fugue in C Major*
BWV 545/2

J.S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist

John Wurster

Musicians

Julia Fox, Cecilia Duarte, Nicholas Rathgeb, and Kirby Traylor – choral ensemble

Matthew Dirst – organist and music director

FLOWERS

Flowers are given by Suzanne and David Kerr to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard and Anna Claire Henderson, The Reverend D. King Kerr and Frances D. Kerr, Nancy V. Kerr, and Janet Dundore.

WORSHIP NOTES

Celebrate Sea Sunday – The second **Sunday in July**, is when we come together across the globe to celebrate the role seafarers play in our daily lives. To thank them for the hardships they face and the sacrifices they have been forced to endure due to the Covid lockdowns. St. Philip honors seafarers by its long-standing support of the seafarers ministry at the Port of Houston via our mission committee outreach. Our Presbyterian chaplains provide a welcoming presence to ships arriving in Houston with pastoral care and social service for visiting seafarers.

Today's lectionary readings:

- Amos 7:7–15 – *God shows the prophet Amos a plumb line, a vision of justice.*
- Psalm 85:8–13 – *Love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.*
- Ephesians 1:3–14 – *We were chosen in Christ from the beginning to give glory to God.*
- Mark 6:14–29 – *Herod puts John the Baptist to death; reports of Jesus spread.*

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* (BWV 545) begins with one of the most concise of his organ preludes. Not that this prelude lacks ambition: its opening bar has a surprisingly large reach, from top to bottom "C" of the organ compass, and its figuration radiates joy. The simple but purposeful fugue subject moves slowly up a fourth only to turn back on itself with a quicker flourish, inviting each voice in turn to join in the fun.

Choral Music

This morning's **introit** features an ancient Hebridean text very similar to the words of the familiar Sarum prayer "God be in my head." The setting was written in 2007 by English composer Alan Bullard, who, in addition to writing much sacred and secular music for choirs, has also served as editor and contributor for a number of choral music collections published by Oxford University Press. *God in Mine Eternity* is written for three-part choir (soprano, alto and men) with organ accompaniment.

Today's **anthem** is by sixteenth-century English composer and theorist Thomas Morley, who was very active in both secular and sacred music circles, including serving as a singer and organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Living at the same time as Shakespeare, Morley, who was also involved in music publishing, was the most famous composer of secular music in Elizabethan England. His madrigals are considered the highpoint of the genre in English. Indeed, many of Morley's madrigals continue to be performed by choirs and vocal ensembles in our own time, more than 400 years later. Like this morning's introit, the sacred *This Is the Day* is set for three voice parts. Typical of many settings of this text from Psalm 118 are the exuberance and independence of the vocal lines as well as the joyful explosion of alleluias toward the end. In this respect Morley perhaps paid tribute to his mentor William Byrd, whose English anthems and Latin motets provide a number of exquisite models in this vein.

– Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Tom Sands; Dan Cleveland; Charlotte Kibler; Don Padgett; Dorothy Blackwell; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Marion Takehara; Mezgebe Gebray; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher – sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Mac & Beverly Wilson – parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family – daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family – cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron – sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe – mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

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

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE – Wednesdays at 11 a.m. This service is live-streamed from the Sanctuary and also available for later viewing on our website. If you'd like to attend the midweek service in-person contact the church office.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services are open for in-person attendance in the Sanctuary. Masks are required and advance registration is **no longer** necessary. The Sunday 11:00 a.m. will continue to be live-streamed.

[Our website](#) has information about **opportunities on Zoom** for fellowship and spiritual formation.



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. Later in July, we expect to reopen our nursery for infants through age 4.

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.

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed each at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer Wednesdays at 11 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 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

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Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11 with refrain

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1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Refrain

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.