



Opening Voluntary

Sonata in D major: Allegro
Op. 65, No. 5

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Introit

Resurrexi Alleluia

Chant • arr. Anthony Cæsar
(1924-2018)

I am risen and am still with thee, alleluia;
thou has laid thine hand upon me, alleluia:
thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me,
alleluia, alleluia.

Opening Sentences

¶ Hymn 232 [\(see page 9\)](#)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

¶ Prayer of Adoration

Glory to you, O God, on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ, for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, you lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

¶ Response

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt. | © 1958/1986 Hymns Ancient & Modern
MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius (c. 1570-1615), 1609

GELOBT SEI GOTT
8.8.8 with alleluias

◊ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Psalm 118

Gordon Johnston

Refrain (choir first, then all)



This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures forever." *Refrain – all*

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. *Refrain – all*

This is the LORD'S doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
One this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Refrain – all*

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

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

Sermon

Between Memory and Hope

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

◊ **Hymn 246** ([see page 10](#))

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN • arr. Charles Wood
(b. 1939)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

— words by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The 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.**

In every time and every age . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Howard Hughes, SM
(b. 1930)

REFRAIN *Choir first, then all:*

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Choir: Holy, holy, Holy Lord God of power and might. *Refrain – all*
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. *Refrain – all*
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Refrain – all*

Blessed are you, O God, . . . We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Choir first, then all:

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a-gain.

Blessed are you, O Spirit, . . . We praise you, God of all that is, now and forever.

Choir first, then all:

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Anthem

Joy is come!

Medieval carol PERSONENT HODIE
 arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide,
 see the stone rolled aside, Christ our Lord is risen, bursting from his prison.
 Let the sound, sound, sound ring around, round, round,
 and the song now rebound: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter Day! Join the dance, homage pay,
 Christ the Lord lights our way, from the tomb now breaking, Satan's power shaking.
 Let the song, song, song echo long, long, long,
 shout it loud, sing it strong: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter morn! With your Lord greet the dawn,
 he endured crown of thorn and the bitter nailing, faithful and unfailing.
 Tidings tell, tell, tell, chant it well, well, well,
 Risen Christ in us dwell, o'er the Cross prevailing.

Easter joy may we bring, welcome, Lord, heaven's King,
 winter turns into spring, darkness overtaking, and our spirits waking.
 Praises flow, flow, flow, voices grow, grow, grow,
 sounding far "Gloria in excelsis Deo!"

Prayer after Communion

¶ Hymn 238 [\(page 11\)](#)

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

¶ Charge and Blessing

Voluntary

Today God's Son Triumphs
 HEUT TRIUMPHIERET GOTTES SOHN | BWV 630

Johann Sebastian Bach
 (1685-1750)

SERVING TODAY Liturgists

Keatan King, Omar Rouchon and Ashton Fair

Musicians

Julia Fox, Alexandra Gorman, Cecilia Duarte, Emily Hobson,

Thomas O'Neill, Nicholas Rathgeb and Kirby Traylor — choral ensemble (9:00 and 11:00)

St. Philip Choir (11:00) | Matthew Dirst — organist | Randall Swanson — director of music

WORSHIP NOTES

- Acts 10:34–43 — *Peter testifies to Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus is Lord of all.*
- or Isaiah 65:17–25 — *God promises a new creation, where all creatures will live in safety.*
- Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 — *I will not die, I will live; this is the day that the Lord has made.*
- 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 — *As death came through Adam, resurrection comes through Christ.*
- or Acts 10:34–43 — *Peter testifies to Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus is Lord of all.*
- John 20:1–18 — *At the empty tomb, the risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene.*
- or Luke 24:1–12 — *Women find Jesus' tomb empty; he has been raised from the dead.*

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by Orlean Anderson to the glory of God and in celebration of the anniversary of Elizabeth and Kenneth Anderson and in honor of the ministry of St. Philip.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Today's festive **opening voluntary** is an excerpt from one of six sonatas Felix Mendelssohn composed for the organ. Classically inspired examples of the genre, these sonatas were partly a response to the demand for such works in early 19th-century England, where Mendelssohn was a widely celebrated organ virtuoso. The D-major Sonata concludes with a movement that is at once joyous and rigorous, with clearly etched melodies that alternate in various textures.

Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (*Little Organ Book*) contains settings of a number of Easter chorale melodies, including the exuberant setting of *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn* ("Today God's Son Triumphs") offered as this morning's **closing voluntary**. Like many *Orgelbüchlein* chorale preludes, this particular example features its sturdy chorale tune in long notes in the top voice, while busy figuration beneath suggests the excitement of the Easter season.

Choral Music

Today's **first anthem** features the Dutch folk tune VREUCHTEN which first appeared as a love song published in 1624. The tune acquired a sacred hymn

text two generations later in 1685, and the current text — *This Joyful Eastertide* — first appeared two centuries after that, in 1894. It is a perfect pairing of tune and text, with its particularly striking ascending repetitions of the word "arisen" at the end of the refrain. The unaccompanied 1902 madrigalesque choral arrangement heard this morning is by British composer Charles Wood. This same arrangement also appears as a hymn in our *Glory to God* hymnal at No. 244.

This morning's **communion anthem** is an arrangement of the well-known Christmas tune PERSONENT HODIE from the 1582 Finnish song book *Piae Cantiones*, in which the melodies of many beloved present-day Christmas carols first appeared. To this nativity tune English composer Andrew Carter has fitted entirely new words full of Easter joy. This new anthem for four voices and organ was first published in 1998.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Linda Weinmann and family upon the death of her husband Don on April 8. Memorial Service to be determined.

Family of Dorothy Murphey upon her death on April 2. Memorial service will April 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

St. Philippians and their families – Tom Sands; Mary Sinderson; Susan Huffman; Jan Ostendorf; Pat Lindsay; Roderick James; Lee Larkin; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Napoleon Parada – father of Wilbert & Dimas Parada; Alma Fonseca- mother of Angelina Fonseca; Hunter – grandson of Michael Alexander; Trip Merklein – nephew of Elizabeth Duerr; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Mac & Beverly Wilson – parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Sarah – cousin of Sam Fisher; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona & Alan Rowe – mother and his father - William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound – John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians – Bill Dixon – friend of Tina Bryan; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton – friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Faye Miller – friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email deacons@saintphilip.net. Pledge payments, communion gifts and other gifts to support the Church can be made anytime through our website (<http://saintphilip.net/>), text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

CHURCH & SOCIETY – **April 24** - 9:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. for visiting - 9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m., a presentation by hybrid Zoom and in room 201, "The Climate Emergency; Faith into Action" - presented by Pamela Haines - Quaker Earthcare Witness. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes at:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS - Room 204 – 9:30 a.m. We have completed the "David Story" in 1 Kings 1-2 and have begun our study of Solomon and the subsequent Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 1-2 Kings, with Dr. Robert Alter's *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us for more discoveries in Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP – Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets in person each Friday in the Conference Room from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are currently studying the book *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Also, while there is an in person meeting, that meeting is carried live via Zoom for those who want to join the meeting but are either out of town or prefer to meet from a distance. Please contact Gary Gardner at [ggarde148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com) if you would like to be a part of this interesting group.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP will have its next meeting Tuesday, **May 3**, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The study book is *Race in America; Christians respond to the crisis*, edited by David Maxwell and Laura Cheifetz. Persons interested in joining the group can send an email to welcome@saintphilip.net and type PSJ Study Group in the subject line.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - come explore, learn and grow in faith with us. Children Age 3-Kindergarten meet for stories and creativity with "Godly Play" in Room 104. Elementary-aged children are lead in lectionary-based "Growing in Grace and Gratitude" - Grades 1 & 2 meet in Room 105 and Grades 3-5 in Room 103. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER – A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday continues with a Zoom session Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net.

Happy Easter!

Thank you to those who have contributed lilies to adorn our chancel.

Given by:

Those we honor:

Bob & Lee Ardell	St. Philip Staff
Russell & Caryn Bahruth	Mrs. C.J. Miller
Linda Bevill	St. Philip Nursery Staff
Bob & Bebe Burns	The glory of God & our St. Philip Family
Lorrie Castle	John Wurster, Ada Fuller & Denise Ferrell
Janet & Carl Eskridge	St. Philip Clergy & Friends
Judy & Craig Hill	St. Philip Choir
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Suzanne & David Kerr	Randall Swanson, Matthew Dirst & the St. Philip Choir
Walter & Margaret King	The glory of God
Jane & Lee Larkin	Our children, Jim & Penny & granddaughter Amelia
Gay & John Van Osdall	John & Deb's 10 years at St. Philip
Hope Wilmarth	My daughters & their families

Given by:

Those we remember:

Sally Alcorn	Cecile & Carl Stuebing
Sally Alcorn	Fred Cragin Alcorn
Guy Aldrich	My dad, G. Frank Aldrich, Jr.
Russell & Caryn Bahruth	Mrs. Lillian Bahruth
Russell & Caryn Bahruth	Rev. Charles C. Miller, Jr.
Mary Grace Carter	Jim Bratton
Sharon Coufal	Alan Coufal
Liz Crowell	My uncle, John W. Scott, Jr.
Elizabeth Duerr	Sue Baier
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David & Joyce Fox	Jack Fox
Velma Guy Tolbert	Jack M. Tolbert
John & Judy Hartman	Christine Van Osdall
John & Judy Hartman	Kenneth Anderson
Nancy Higgs	My parents
Judy & Craig Hill	Our parents & grandparents
Pam & Frank Keever	Travis Calhoun
Jane & Lee Larkin	Our parents & our son John
Jane Malczewskyj	My parents
Janet & Denis Martin, Selena Brinegar	Clyde, Helen & Doug Pickens
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Barbara Runge & Shirley Stubblefield	Bill & Nita Davis
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John Wurster & Deb Burks	Darnall Burks

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE & EARTH CARE TEAM
INVITES YOU TO...

THE ST. PHILIP
BBQ PICNIC
&
**EARTH DAY
CELEBRATION**



ON THE LAWN

SUNDAY - APRIL 24

{ starts at noon }

**BEEF BRISKET, RIBS, SAUSAGE & TURKEY
WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Please bring a pot-luck dish to share:

A-I: DESSERTS J-R: SALADS/VEGIES S-Z: SIDE DISHES

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE
(713-622-4807) OR SEND AN EMAIL TO:

welcome@saintphilip.net
(include # of adults + children)

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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 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway 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 HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

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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 Room 100 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. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

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The St. Philip office will be closed Monday in observance of Easter.

If you contributed Easter lilies for the sanctuary, you can make arrangements to stop by the office on Tuesday to pick up between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Hymn 232*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - umphant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King,
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave,
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save.
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708 | Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

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Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff a bass clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes.

Top Staff:

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

Middle Staff:

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

Bottom Staff:

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1995
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
 Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company

TRURO
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Closing Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quering
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.