



Preparation for Worship

The Sacraments are the Word of God enacted and sealed in the life of the Church, the body of Christ. They are gracious acts of God, by which Christ Jesus offers his life to us in the power of the Holy Spirit. They are also human acts of gratitude, by which we offer our lives to God in love and service. The Sacraments are both physical signs and spiritual gifts, including words and actions, surrounded by prayer, in the context of the Church's common worship. They employ ordinary things – the basic elements of water, bread, and wine – in proclaiming the extraordinary love of God.

- Directory for Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Voluntary

Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bonds
CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

George Böhm
(1661-1733)

Greeting

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

Introit

O Rise and Sing

James Biery
(b. 1956)

O rise and sing to God today! And call on our Creator's might:
The will of God to be our guide, the eye of God to be our sight,
The word of God to be our song, the hand of God to be our stay,
The shield of God to be our strength, the path of God to be our way. Amen.

– words ascribed to St. Patrick (372-466)

Opening Sentences

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia!

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to our God forever and ever!

Alleluia!

✠ **Hymn 369** ([see page 11](#))

Blessing and Honor

O QUANTA QUALIA

✦ 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

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Fintan O'Carroll

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the response 'Alleluia, alleluia!'. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. The first staff ends with a comma, and the second staff ends with an exclamation point.

MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981 ©

✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

N.T. pg. 248

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

Psalm 30

Gordon Johnston | 2000

Refrain (choir first, then all)

I will praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me.

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.

Refrain – all

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the LORD, you servants of God;

give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness. *Refrain – all*

You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever. *Refrain – all*

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-14

N.T. pgs. 115-116

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

Sermon

The Good Stuff

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 409 ([see page 12](#))

God Is Here

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

The Sacrament of Baptism

Elsie Maren Dees

Presentation

Questions

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Response

Sung twice – second time in canon

*1. You have put on Christ, in him you have been bap - tized.

2. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**May be sung in canon.*

Text: *Rite of Baptism for Children*, © 1969, ICEL
 Music: Howard Hughes, SM, © 1977, ICEL

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Dale Wood
 (1934–2003)

O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice;
 Glory to God in the highest!
 O serve him with gladness, before him rejoice;
 Glory to God in the highest.
 The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we;
 Glory to God in the highest!
 The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be;
 Praise to the Lord in the highest!
 O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise;
 Glory to God in the highest!
 To honor his name thankful voices we raise;
 Praise to the Lord in the highest!
 For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure;
 Glory to God in the highest!
 To all generations his truth shall endure;
 Glory to God! Glory to God!
 Praise to the Lord in the highest!

– Psalm 100

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.

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

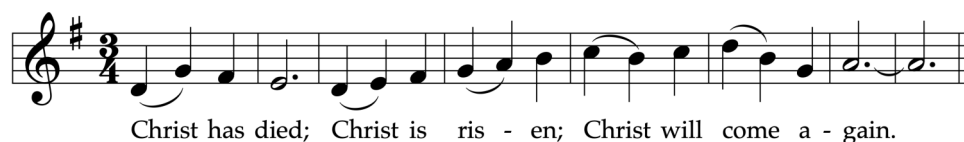


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006
 Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.
 . . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006
 Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

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



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

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006
 Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

AMEN (Pavlechko)

With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught:

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

As We Gather at Your Table

Skinner Chávez-Melo
(1945-1992)

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

— words by Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b.1944)

Prayer after Communion

God of all the nations,
we thank you for the wideness of your table,
where there is room enough and food enough
for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
**As we have met the living Christ in this meal,
transform our lives that we may become the body of Christ in the world. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 536 ([see page 14](#))

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Præludium in C major

George Böhm

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Kate Burkart and Omar Rouchon

Musicians

St. Philip Choir

Julia Fox, Alexandra Gorman, Clipper Hamrick, *Emily Hobson,

Thomas O'Neill and Kirby Traylor – staff singer ensemble | *assistant conductor

Matthew Dirst – organist | Randall Swanson – director of music

FLOWERS

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Communion today is received by intinction. Please come forward via the center aisle, receive a piece of bread, and take a small cup of grape juice. Gluten-free bread is also available. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Those with difficulty coming forward may receive communion in their seats by signaling the servers. 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 offering supports the House of Tiny Treasures and the Pentecost Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). You may also make a secure contribution through MyStPhilip or by sending a check to the church office with "May Communion" in the memo line.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- 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.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cover art by Micah Meyers.

Music reprints and online streaming by permission under OneLicense.net account A-720890.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Today's organ selections come from one of the finest organists of the generation preceding that of J. S. Bach: Georg Böhm, with whom the young Bach studied at St Michael's School in Lüneburg. The **opening voluntary** is a setting of the German Easter chorale *Christ lag in Todesbanden* (Christ lay in Death's strong bonds), whose text dramatizes Jesus' transformation from the tomb to new life. Out of this melody Böhm weaves a rigorous texture dominated by decorated statements of each chorale phrase, separated by contrapuntal interludes that allude to each phrase portion. Böhm's *Præludium in C major*, our **closing voluntary**, comprises an exuberant introduction with some fancy footwork and a short fugue on a fanfare-like theme.

Choral Music

This morning's **introit** uses a lovely ancient prayer text attributed to St. Patrick, with music dating from 2008, composed by American composer, organist and choral director James Biery, who is Minister of Music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Presbyterian) in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

Today's **offertory anthem** is among the best-known choral compositions of the late American composer and organist Dale Wood. Setting words from Psalm 100, *Jubilate Deo* was first published for SATB voices, organ, bells and percussion in 1970. A subsequent version for two-part treble choir and organ was issued in 1971. Both versions pair spirited, rhythmic choral singing with a lively organ accompaniment, and many outbursts of "Glory to God in the highest" and "Praise to the Lord in the highest."

This morning's **communion anthem** is by Mexican-born composer, organist and conductor Skinner Chávez-Melo, who was a highly regarded church musician in New York City, serving as director of music at St. Rose of Lima Church in Manhattan for many years until his early death at the age of 47 from spinal cancer. Chávez-Melo composed many works for choir, organ, and orchestra, and wrote a number of very interesting and effective hymn tunes for various denominational hymnals in the latter part of the 20th century.

– Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Linda Weinman and family upon the death of her husband Don on April 8. Memorial service will be May 17 at 2:00 p.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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH & SOCIETY – - May 8 - Room 201 and by Zoom, 9:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. for visiting time, 9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. presentation “Book Discussion Part II: The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption” - Dahr Jamail will discuss the climate crisis and give a general overview of where we are amidst the ongoing acceleration of climate emergency-fueled impacts we are witnessing. - May 15 - “Confronting Climate Gridlock - How Diplomacy, Technology, & Policy Can Unlock a Clean Energy Future.” Presented by Dr. Daniel Cohan, associate professor of environmental engineering at Rice University and author of Confronting Climate Gridlock. 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 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 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net.

DRIVE-THROUGH BENEFITTING THE HOUSE OF TINY TREASURES—**Saturday, May 21, 10-11:30 a.m.** Items needed for outside summer fun: sand buckets and shovels, beach balls, water balls and any other sports balls, jump ropes, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, shaving cream, window markers, small pots for planting seeds, and colored painters tape/washi tape for art. Items may also be brought to the Gathering Area on Sunday or the Church Office during the week before and after church **May 22**.

FREEMAN SCHOLARSHIPS—The Mark and Velma Freeman Scholarship Fund provides college scholarship assistance for child members of St. Philip. Application materials for 2022 scholarship are now available on the church [website](http://saintphilip.net) (saintphilip.net). The deadline for submission is **May 15**.

JOIN US FOR THE ST. PHILIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FAMILY BASEBALL GAME

The Triple AAA Club of the Astros
SUGAR LAND SPACE COWBOYS
 The Houston Astros of Tomorrow

VS

LAS VEGAS
AVIATORS

WHEN: **JUNE 12TH**
SUNDAY-6:00PM

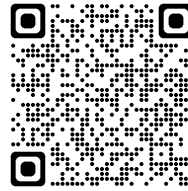
SEATS BEHIND THE DUGOUT!
TICKETS \$15
 PARKING \$3.00

LOCATION: **SUGAR LAND**
 CONSTELLATION FIELD

QUESTIONS? CONTACT TOM CAVANAUGH
 PH: 713-858-8319

* PAYMENT DUE MAY 23RD

INTERGENERATIONAL
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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.**

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.

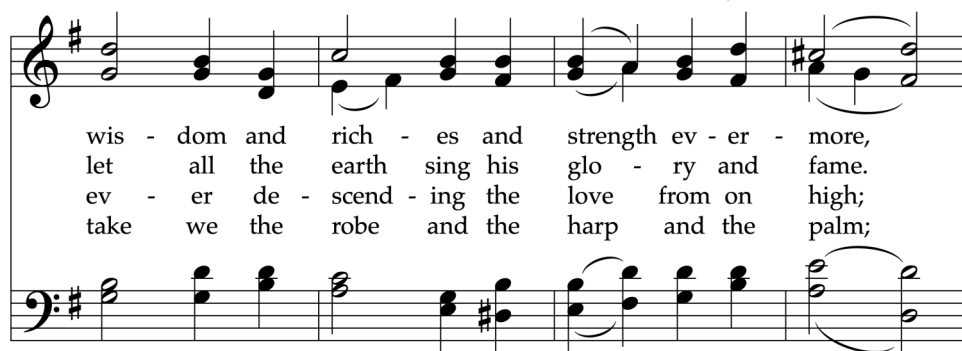
If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in 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.

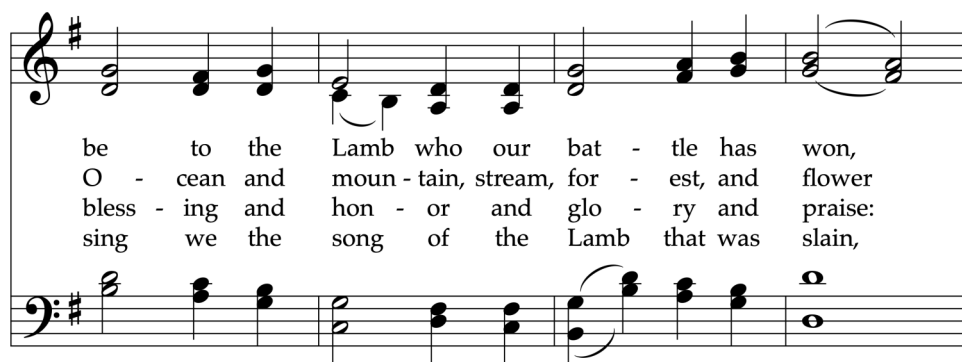
Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.



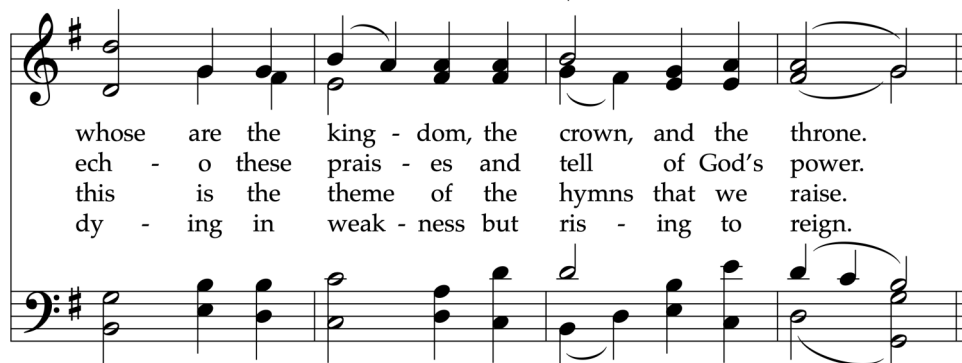
1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;



wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;



be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower,
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
 ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

Fittingly titled "The Song of the Lamb" by its author, this hymn is a paraphrase and expansion of Revelation 5:12. It is set here to a resonant French tune of a kind that flourished in the transition from the older chant style to the harmonies and rhythms of modern hymns.

TEXT: Horatius Bonar, 1866, alt.

MUSIC: Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

O QUANTA QUALIA

10.10.10.10

[Return to page 2](#)

Hymn 409

God Is Here

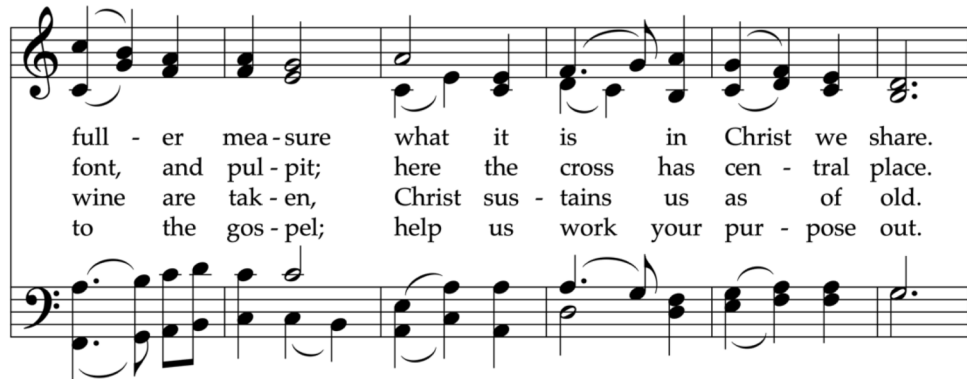
ABBOT'S LEIGH



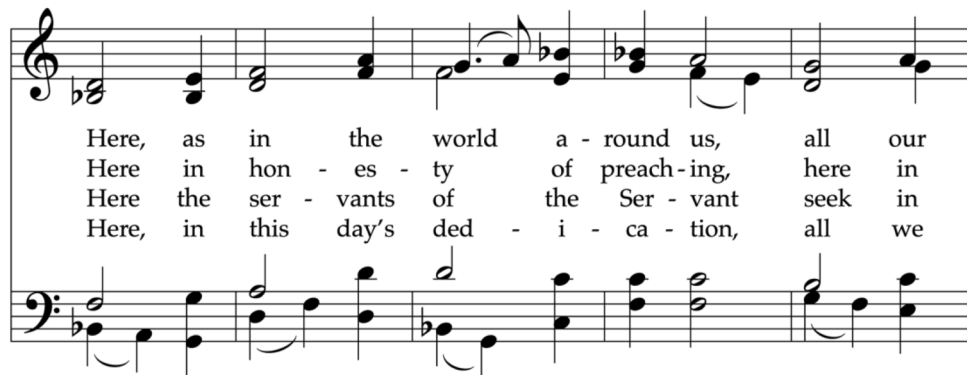
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

continued →

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, revised 1988 | © 1979 Hope Publishing Company
 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941 | © 1942, renewed 1970 Hope Publishing Company

ABBOT'S LEIGH
 8.7.8.7.D

[Return to page 3](#)

Hymn 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

TEXT: Susan Palo Chervien, 1997 | © 1997 Susan Palo Chervien, administered by Augsburg Fortress
 MUSIC: Timothy J. Strand, 1997 | © 1997 Augsburg Fortress

SURGE ECCLESIA
 8.7.8.7.8.7

[Return to page 6](#)