



Preparation for Worship

*God whose giving knows no ending,
open our hearts to give as generously as we have received,
and open our arms to love as extravagantly as we have been loved. Amen.*

Voluntary

*Prelude in E-flat major
BWV 876/1*

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting

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

Introit

I Wait for the Lord

Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him, and in his word do I hope.

— Psalm 130:5 (KJV)

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 81 [\(see page 10\)](#)

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

✠ Prayer of Confession

O God, maker of all things,
forgive us for pursuing a way that is not your way,
for embracing truth that is not your truth,
for living a life that is not the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ.
Forgive us for a lack of reverence for your creation,
for a hurried pace that causes us to overlook things that matter,
for a lack of trust in your providence.
We have given ourselves to idols.
We have neglected the needs of others.
We have falsely believed that everything depends on us.

Forgive us, cleanse us, restore.
Create new hearts within us
so that we may follow more closely in the way of Jesus.

silent prayer

✦ Response

John Weaver

Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✦ Response

John Weaver

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is
now, and will be for - ev-er. A-men. A - men. A - men.

✦ The Peace

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

Anthem

Steal Away

African American spiritual • arr. John Barnard
(b. 1948)

REFRAIN

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.

Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

VERSES

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder.

The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling.

The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-8

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

Sermon

What's the Alternative?

John Wurster

✦ Hymn 692 [\(see page 11\)](#)

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

✦ Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.
 We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.
 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 for this day and pledge cards for 2022 may be placed in the basket at the front.

Offertory Anthem

Treasures in Heaven

Joseph W. Clokey
 (1890-1960)

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth,
 Where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal,
 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find;
 Knock, and it shall be opened unto you,
 For every one that asketh receiveth, and she that seeketh findeth,
 And to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Dear God,
 with hope and thanksgiving
 we offer ourselves to you.
**Bless our gifts and commitments,
 deepen our faith,
 strengthen us to follow in the way of Christ,
 and inspire us to use well all that we have received. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 357 [\(see page 12\)](#)

The Days Are Surely Coming

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Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Fugue in E-flat major
 BWV 876/2

J.S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Keatan King

Musicians

Julia Fox, Emily Jenkins, Thomas O'Neill and Kirby Traylor – choral quartet
 Matthew Dirst – organist | Randall Swanson – music director

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Mark and Nancy Young to the glory of God and in celebration of our anniversary.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's lectionary readings:

- Daniel 12:1-3 – *Daniel's vision: Those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake.*
- Psalm 16 – *O Lord, you are always with me; you show me the path of life.*
- Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18) 19-25 – *Let us hold fast to our faith, preparing for the day of the Lord.*
- Mark 13:1-8 – *Jesus speaks of the temple's fall, and other signs of what is to come.*

Pledge cards can be turned in or mailed to the Church Office. Or you can make your pledge in MyStPhilip.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Today's organ voluntaries are drawn from Bach's *Well-Tempered Clavier, Book II*, his second collection of 48 preludes and fugues for keyboard instrument in all the major and minor keys. This volume's Prelude in E-flat Major, with its easy swinging rhythm and gentle melodic curves, channels the galant style of the 1730s and early 40s, the likely compositional period of its individual prelude and fugue pairs. The E-flat Fugue, by contrast, embraces the "antique style" of fugal writing common during the generation before Bach, with its broadly declamatory theme and sophisticated counterpoint. These pieces, though commonly heard on the harpsichord or piano, are equally at home on the organ; some (like this pair) actually benefit from the added sustain of the instrument.

Choral Music

This morning's **introit** is by English composer, conductor and organist Eric Thiman, who published some 1,300 works during his lifetime, including many anthems, carols and canticles for church choirs. Thiman was a master of works in miniature form, as evidenced in this little jewel encompassing just 16 measures of music. *I Wait for the Lord* is No. 4 of 24 *Introits*, published in 1961 for four-part mixed choir.

Today's **first anthem** is an arrangement by British composer John Barnard of the much-beloved African American spiritual *Steal Away to Jesus*, often sung by church choirs around this time of year as lectionary readings turn to themes of the end times and the Second Coming of Christ.

This morning's **offertory anthem** was once a staple of Protestant American church choirs, sung with regularity especially during fall stewardship season. *Treasures in Heaven* was written in 1940 by Joseph Waddell Clokey, who was an American educator, organist and composer of sacred and secular music in the first half of the 20th century. His works include two symphonies, including the "Dorian" Symphony, two orchestral suites, a string quartet, a cello and violin sonata, twelve choral works in large form, five operas, organ suites, many organ pieces, and more than a hundred published choral works. Clokey's father (also named Joseph Clokey) was a Presbyterian pastor, and this was certainly an influence on the younger Joseph Clokey's focus on sacred music. He was one of the most widely sung composers in churches during the 1950s.*

— Matthew Dirst, Randall Swanson and
*Wikipedia (Clokey)

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Richard Johnson; Janet Davis; Susan Huffman; Joyce Fugit; Orlean Anderson; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; James Graham McGall - cousin of Mickey McGall Meyers; Dale McAllen – brother of Orlean Anderson; Alma Fonseca – mother of Angelina Fonseca; Bill Polk – brother-in-law of Sharon Webb; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Gretchen Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; 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; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family – daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family – cousin of Sam Fisher; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe – mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

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

Friends of St. Philippians – Auden McCarty – friend of Mary McGuire; Ted & Susan Hirtz – friends of Jacqueline and Bill Taylor; Paul English; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton – friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff – friend of Jo Helland; Lavon Thomas – friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III – friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

CHURCH & SOCIETY - 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. by Zoom - **Nov. 21-** "A Beautiful Legacy: The Relationship of Pope John Paul II and Jerzy Kluger" Please join us to celebrate two incredible human beings, Jerzy Kluger and Karol Wojtyla, who became close friends in first grade. Jerzy was a Polish Jew. Karol is better known as Pope John Paul II. Their lifelong friendship helped Pope John Paul II in the pontiff's efforts to repair Catholic-Jewish relations after centuries of antisemitism. Enter this amazing story of the way friendship and kindnesses toward another can shape history and create legacy. Presented by Dr. Mary Lee Webeck - Holocaust and Genocide Education Endowed Chair - Holocaust Museum Houston. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes church: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

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Check out their websites to learn more or come and talk with a representative **today** at the market.

The mission of **Amazing Place** is to provide fellowship, memory care and wellness for adults with mild to moderate memory loss and support to their families and the community. www.amazingplacehouston.org

Bridges to Life has programs in prisons throughout the state of Texas. BTL brings healing to victims of crime, reduces recidivism among offender graduates of the program, and helps make our community a safer place. www.bridgestolife.org

The mission of the **Christian Community Service Center (CCSC)** is to serve the poor, hungry, disabled, and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic or cultural differences. CCSC was created out of faith and founded in the belief that we are called to help all God's children heart to heart and hand to hand. www.ccschouston.org

Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of [worker co-operatives](#) and [Fair Trade](#) to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world. www.equalexchange.coop

Faith In Practice is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization that seeks to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of the poor in Guatemala through short-term surgical, medical, and dental mission trips and health-related educational programs. www.faithinpractice.org

Haiti Children's Nutrition Program Our mission is to help raise a healthy generation of Haitian children, who can, in turn, raise Haiti from poverty. www.cnphaiti.org

Have Shears Will Travel is a non-profit hair care ministry organized to serve the local community with special needs that restrict their ability to obtain these services due to physical impairment, lack of transportation or financial means. www.haveshearswilltravel.org

Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, in partnership with the U.S. State Department and Episcopal Migration Ministries, has been welcoming refugees from around the globe for more than 30 years. "Welcoming the stranger" is a shared belief of all faith traditions and a shared human value. Refugee Services has quickly prepared to welcome 1,000 Afghan refugees. We launched the [One Thousand Neighbors One Thousand Reasons](#) campaign to raise \$1 million to help these families. Funds will be used to cover rent, utilities, groceries, clothing, household supplies and more. www.imgh.org/donate/refugees

Liberty High School Angel Fund—Liberty High School is a school for recent immigrant teens and young adults. St. Philip partners to provide support and encouragement to the students, who are all English language learners. www.houstonisd.org/liberty

Living Waters for the World is a Christian ministry that provides sustainable clean water, fostering long-term, mutually beneficial relationships between volunteers and communities in need. www.livingwatersfortheworld.org

Since 1963, the **Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF)** has worked to provide hope and healing to those most in need. Working with our international church partners, MBF supports healing ministries in more than 100 hospitals and clinics through the world. MBF seeks to provide medical services to the poorest of the poor in the name of Jesus. MBF has been the officially validated medical mission support organization for the Presbyterian Church (USA) for over 45 years. MBF's work includes funding, medical supplies, community development and awareness. www.mbfoundation.org

Newspring is a Christ-centered ministry focused on economic development in Spring Branch. Founded in 2006, Newspring focuses on children, youth and young adults, helping them to see themselves as entrepreneurs of their future, and giving them the tools and encouragement to rise out of poverty. We operate a multi-faceted visual arts program, aiming our students toward careers in the visual arts, including graphic design, photography, interior design, architecture and more. College scholarships are awarded to those who otherwise have no hope of college, and Newspring sells student artwork, with 100% of the proceeds going to the at-risk students we serve. In addition, Newspring works with local small business owners/entrepreneurs, mentoring their businesses, fostering growth and job creation. www.newspringcenter.org

Plant it Forward Farms: Urban farms for Houston, small businesses for refugees Plant it Forward provides Houston with fresh, local produce by helping refugees grow their own urban farm businesses. Each farmer is trained to use organic methods and sells their produce through farmers markets, farm stands, restaurants, and a farm share (CSA) program. In 2018, St. Philip Presbyterian Church sponsored two refugee trainees as they progressed through an 8-month urban farming training program. More info and volunteer opportunities at the website. www.plant-it-forward.org

Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services provides a variety of Christ-centered services to children in need and their families served abused, abandoned and neglected children in a number of ways: residential care in group homes supervised by resident parents; child and family services, including counseling for troubled family relationships; foster care; adoption; single parent family programs which include transitional housing, counseling and job training. www.pchas.org

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts. www.pda.pcusa.org

Project C.U.R.E. (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment) identifies, solicits, collects, sorts and distributes medical supplies and services according to the imperative needs of the world. Project C.U.R.E. is the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries around the world. www.projectcure.org

The **St. Philip Stitchers | Quilters** This remarkable organization lovingly creates youth quilts for House of Tiny Treasures. The House of Tiny Treasure is Houston's first nationally accredited early childhood development center dedicated to serving homeless children and families. Its mission is to provide comprehensive early care, education and therapeutic services to build stable, functional lives.

Other mission partners may benefit from auction items or goods from the St. Philip Crafters. The Presbyterian Giving Catalog is a great source to pick up additional gifts with big impact. www.presbyteriangifts.org

If you would like to support one of these agencies through the Alternative Market, you can do online at saintphilip.net. Choose **Make a Contribution**. For fund select **Alternative Gift Mkt**. In the **optional memo** box let us know which agency you wish the gift to go to.

Thank you!



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.**

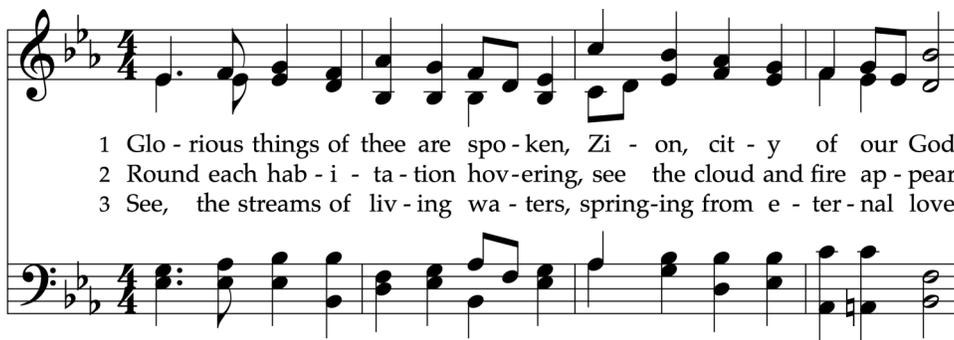
Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

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.

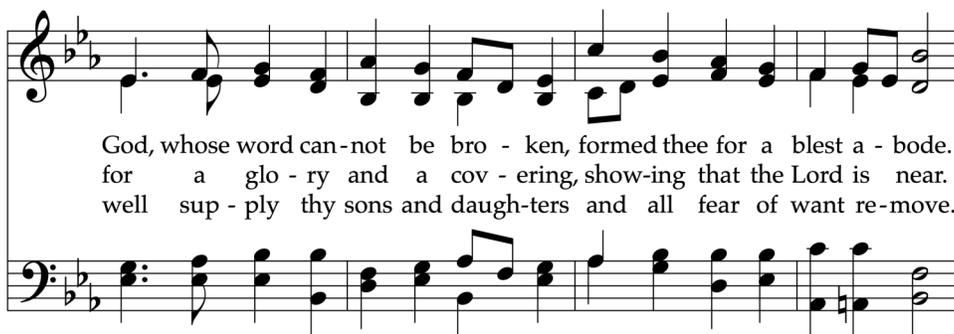
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE—The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services are open for in-person attendance in the Sanctuary and masks are required. The Sunday 11:00 a.m. will continue to be live-streamed.

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE—Wednesdays at 11:00 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.

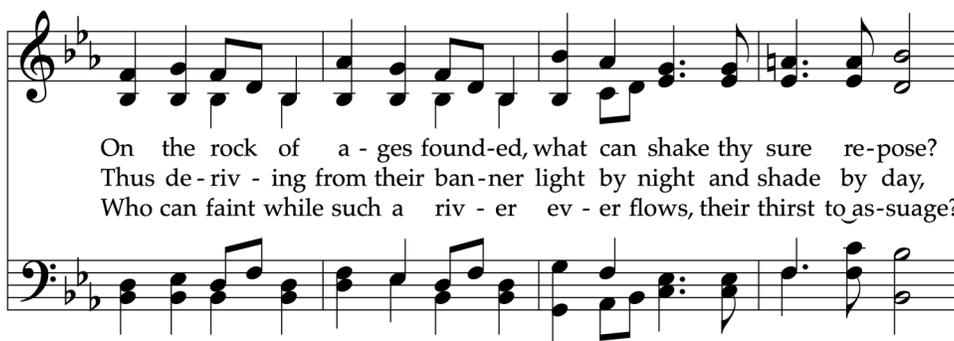
MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday has returned with Zoom sessions Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net.



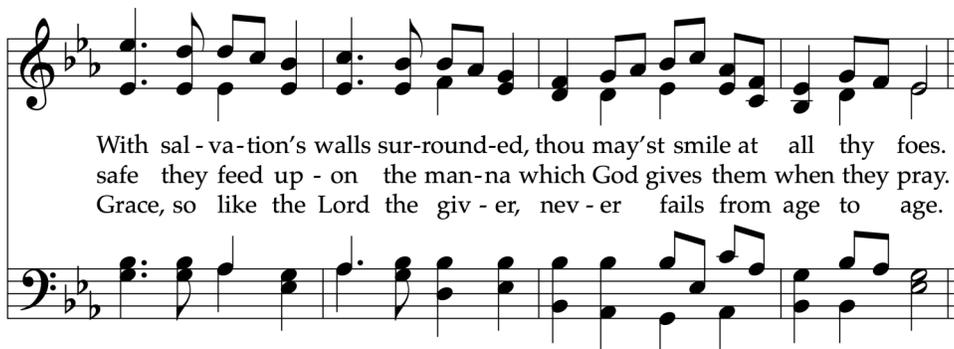
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

AUSTRIAN HYMN
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Refrain



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

Verses



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,
 2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,
 3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last

when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.
 when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.
 the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.

My righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land
 Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,
 Then righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land

and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.
 for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.
 and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14–16 and Matthew 24:29–36/Mark 13:24–32/Luke 21:25–36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Mollant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
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