



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Preparation for Worship

*Living Word and shining Sun of God, in your presence we see the face of holiness.
Overshadow us with your power and grace,
so that we may keep your commandments and speak your truth with courage and love;
all for the dazzling glory of your holy name. Amen.*

Voluntary

Versets on *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*

Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

Greeting

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

Introit

The Eternal Gates Lift Up Their Heads

Christopher Tye
(c. 1505-1573)

The eternal gates lift up their heads,
the doors are opened wide;
the King of Glory is gone up
unto his Father's side.

And ever on our earthy path
a gleam of glory lies;
a light still breaks behind the cloud
that veils thee from our eyes.

— Text by Cecil Frances Alexander

✠ Opening Sentences

Blessed is the Lord our God,
who has spoken through the prophets.
**Blessed is the Lord our God,
who came to us in Jesus Christ.**
The one who spoke and called light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts.
**We have seen the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**
The Lord our God is holy!
Let us worship God!

✦ Prayer of Confession

God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ, you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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 *(sung twice)*



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✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

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

Bell Voluntary

Exultation

Matthew Compton
(b. 1944)

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

N.T. pg. 44

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

Sermon

Always More

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 193 [\(see page 12\)](#)

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

✠ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that the church must together
 come to know the height and the breadth
 and the depth of the love of Christ.
 We believe that together we are built up
 to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.
 We believe that we must together
 know and bear one another's burdens,
 thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.
 We believe that we are called
 to admonish and comfort one another;
 to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
 to pray together;
 and together serve God in this world. Amen.

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

Offertory

I Will Arise

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus,
 He will embrace me in His arms.
 In the arms of my dear Saviour,
 Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
 Streams of mercy never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet
 Sung by flaming tongues above,
 Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
 Mount of Thy redeeming love.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
 He will embrace me in His arms.
 In the arms of my dear Saviour,
 Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

— Traditional, as adapted from a text of Joseph Hart

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

O Lord our God,
 in the solitude of a mountain height
 you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ
 even as he faced his crucifixion.

We thank you for this glimpse of the mystery of our redemption.

**Transfigure us by your Spirit,
 and let your love shine in all we do and say
 that all the world may see the radiant light of God,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 666 ([see page 13](#))

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Introduction of New Members

Congregational Meeting

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Closing Voluntary

Final verset on *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*

J.G. Walther

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Selena Brinegar

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Matthew Dirst, organist and interim choir director | Bell Canto | Jane Malczewskyj, director

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Jim and Nancy Lomax to the glory of God and in memory of their parents.

WORSHIP NOTES

At the Transfiguration of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The transfiguration looks back to Jesus' incarnation and baptism, as God again claims him as a beloved child. This event also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- 2 Kings 2:1-12 — *After crossing the Jordan, Elijah ascends to heaven in a chariot.*
- Psalm 50:1-6 — *From the storm and fire, God calls: Gather up my faithful ones.*
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 — *We know the glory of God through the face of Jesus Christ.*
- Mark 9:2-9 — *On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.*

MUSIC NOTES

Today's organ **voluntaries** come from a set of versets (verses) on the venerable German chorale tune *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr* ("All Glory Be to God on High"). Both tune and text, a German versification of the Latin *Gloria in excelsis*, appeared in Luther's own day and likely at his behest, as a vernacular version of what had formerly been a standard item in the Latin mass. Two hundred years later, Johann Gottfried Walther set this tune to several organ versets, varying the scoring in each to maximize the resources of the colorful central German organs he knew so well.

This morning's **introit** is an unusual combination: music by a sixteenth-century English composer with a text by a nineteenth-century poet. Adapting a short work from Christopher Tye's *Acts of the Apostles* (1553), the Irish poet Cecil Frances Alexander set her own words to Tye's notes. Among this accomplished hymnwriter's other lyrics are those for "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and "Once in David's Royal City."

Replacing our usual choral **anthem** today, Bell Canto offers *Exultation*: an original composition by Matthew Compton, who has been composing, arranging, and conducting for handbells since 2007, when he was in the eighth grade. In this piece martellato lifts—in which ringers strike bells on padded table then lift immediately—and mallets add extra texture to a very dance-like theme. Contrast is provided with beautiful lyric interludes.

At the **offertory**, the St Philip Choir sings a hymn text that sometimes appears under the title "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy." Its author, Joseph Hart, was an early eighteenth-century poet and clergyman. As set to a tune from *Southern Harmony*, a shape-note hymn book compiled by William Walker in 1835, this arrangement by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw provides a quintessentially American-sounding choral setting for these familiar words.

—Matthew Dirst and Jane Malczewskyj

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sheri Dees and family upon the death of her father in Louisiana.

St. Philippians and their families — Mary Bratton; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Helen Deleon; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Kelley, Grant, Christine, Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Samantha and Keith Taylor – family of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Alice Woodall-Chisholm – cousin of Mary McGuire; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound — Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians — Paul Feagan – friend of Jacqui Colton; Annette Coby – friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Adeline Meyers, Stephen Wedemeyer, Mary Watters, and Ron Landers – friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Magdalena Rustomji – friend of Mickey & Ken Meyers; Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Tom Barnett – friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez – friends of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ST. PHILIP

SWEET TREATS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE—St. Philip's Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee is offering the chocolate bars you love – and more – for personal purchase after worship in the Gathering Area.

WELCOME JUSTIN LANGHAM—Please join us in the Gathering Area after worship on **February 18**, to welcome Saint Philip's new Director of Music Justin Langham! There will be a cake reception and an opportunity to meet Justin. We hope you will stop by for cake and to give a warm welcome to Justin.

ST PHILIP MO-RANCH RETREAT—It's time to sign up for the 2024 Mo-Ranch retreat. Whether it's your first time or your thirtieth, the St. Philip retreat at Mo-Ranch is a great chance to connect and learn with other St. Philipians. Bring your family and join your St. Philip friends in worship, workshops, and outdoor exploration including enjoying the river and rapids. This year's four days of fun for all ages starts on Thursday, **May 30th** and ends with worship on the hill on **June 2nd**. Registration is open online at the St. Philip Web site or by calling the church office. See you in the Hill Country! Join your St. Philip family for worship, fellowship and fun by the Guadalupe River in the Texas Hill Country. Registration will be live on the St. Philip website by Friday or sign up in the Gathering Area **today** or **February 18** or **25**.

LENT AT ST. PHILIP—The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on **February 14**. We will have worship that day at 12 noon and 6:30 pm. Lunch will be available in the Gathering Area after the noon service. For the next five Wednesdays, **February 21-March 20**, we will continue our practice of midweek noon worship with guest preachers leading us. The services will be followed by lunch for those who can stay.

Again this Lent, John Wurster will offer daily e-votions. These brief biblical reflections are sent by e-mail each morning. To join the e-votions list, send a note to john@sainthphilip.net. Those subscribed for last year continue on the list for 2024.

LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP—The ancient desert mystics believed that scripture was like a love letter written to us by God, and the meditative scriptural reflection known as *Lectio Divina* ("divine reading") assumes that God speaks to us intimately, God is already praying in us, and we'll experience a profound encounter with the heart of God, rather than an intellectual study of scripture. Beginning **February 19**, Keatan will guide the group through the four cycles of Lectio (read, reflect, respond, rest) every Monday morning at 9:00-9:20 a.m. for the season of Lent. To receive the Zoom link sent early Monday mornings, email Keatan at: keatan@saintphilip.net

GUIDED TOUR OF ST. PHILIP—We probably all know where the Sanctuary is, but do you know where the Choir Room is? Or the Children's Chapel Room? Or the Pastors' Offices? The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites anyone interested – and especially those who may be newer to the St. Philip community – to join us in a short walking tour of the St. Philip campus, beginning at 9:45 a.m. on **February 25** in the Gathering Area. We'll visit the key spaces where we worship, serve, learn, and share fellowship. You'll also hear a bit about some of the activities of our congregation, like the Men's Fellowship and the Mission Committee. Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to St. Philip or not. You'll get to know your church home better, and there will be breakfast!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email: welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints – 2nd Mon. of each month @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle – 3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m. **Note they will meet February 25 for this month.**

Thursday Evening Circle – 1st Thurs. of each month @ 7:00 p.m.

PRIMETIMERS SAVE THE DATE—March 12—details coming for our first outing of 2024.

CCSC FOOD FAIR FEBRUARY CHURCHWIDE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—The St. Philip congregation is invited to volunteer at the CCSC Food Fair on Saturday, **February 24** from 9: a.m. to 12:00 pm at the CCSC Southwest Food Pantry at the Gethsemane Campus of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The address is 6856 Bellaire Blvd. We need at least 10 to 15 volunteers. Volunteers are needed to greet and guide clients, organize and pass out the nutritious fruits and vegetables, and more. Please note that nearly all volunteer jobs will occur outdoors and require light to moderate lifting. Wear comfortable clothing/shoes, hats and sunscreen. Water will be supplied. Please leave your valuable items/purses at home.

Sign up in the Gathering Area at the Mission Committee table on **today** or **February 18**, in **MyStPhilip**—under Serving tab, or email St. Philip Mission Committee Chairwoman Angelina Fonseca-Grewal at mission@saintphilip.net to RSVP your attendance. Angelina can drive 4 additional church members if you need a ride.

EASTER 2024 DONATION DRIVE AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—Join the St. Philip March 2024 Easter mission project by donating items to fill Easter boxes benefiting The Women's Home residents. St. Philip members can also make a monetary donation (please choose the fund Designated Gifts online and put *The Women's Home Supplies* in the memo) and the Mission Committee will purchase the items still needed at the end of the collection period to fill the boxes. Drop off your donated items in the Gathering Area collection boxes on Sundays between **February 18** and **March 17**.

All members are also invited to assemble the 60 boxes on Saturday, **March 23** at 10:00 a.m. in the Arts & Crafts Studio. This is a fun service project for all ages and an opportunity for the St. Philip community to come together in service during the Easter holiday! Sign up for the Easter box assembly in the Gathering Area on Sundays, in MyStPhilip, or email mission@saintphilip.net.

Shampoo	Razors	Journals
Conditioner	Lotion	Day Planners/Calendars
Body Wash	Lip Balm	Note Cards
Toothbrush	Tissue Packs	Umbrellas
Tooth Paste	Socks	Mini Writing Tablets
Dental Floss	Reading Glasses	Pens/Pencils
Deodorant	Costume Jewelry	Individual Miniature packages
Mouthwash	Scarves	of Easter candies
Nail Files	Small make-up samples or "free gift"	Packets of Herbal Tea (Caffeine Free)
Nail Polish	type items	
Hair Ties/Elastics	Playing Cards	

YOUNG ADULT AND YOUNG FAMILY BIG GAME PARTY HOSTED BY WALKER AND JESSIE FAIR—Today at 5 p.m. -Whether you're a fan of football, commercials, or game day food, join us for our annual Big Game Watch Party. Bring food and drinks to share as you cheer on your team. **Kids and babies are welcome!** RSVP Keatan King at keatan@saintphilip.net or see Keatan or the Fairs after worship today.

Duerr Lecture Series

2024

When the Fullness of History Inspires & Infuriates Us:

Settler Colonialism, Slavery, & Christianity in the United States

Scan
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Dr. William Yoo
Associate Professor of American Religious
and Cultural History at Columbia
Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA.

FEBRUARY 25, 26 & 27

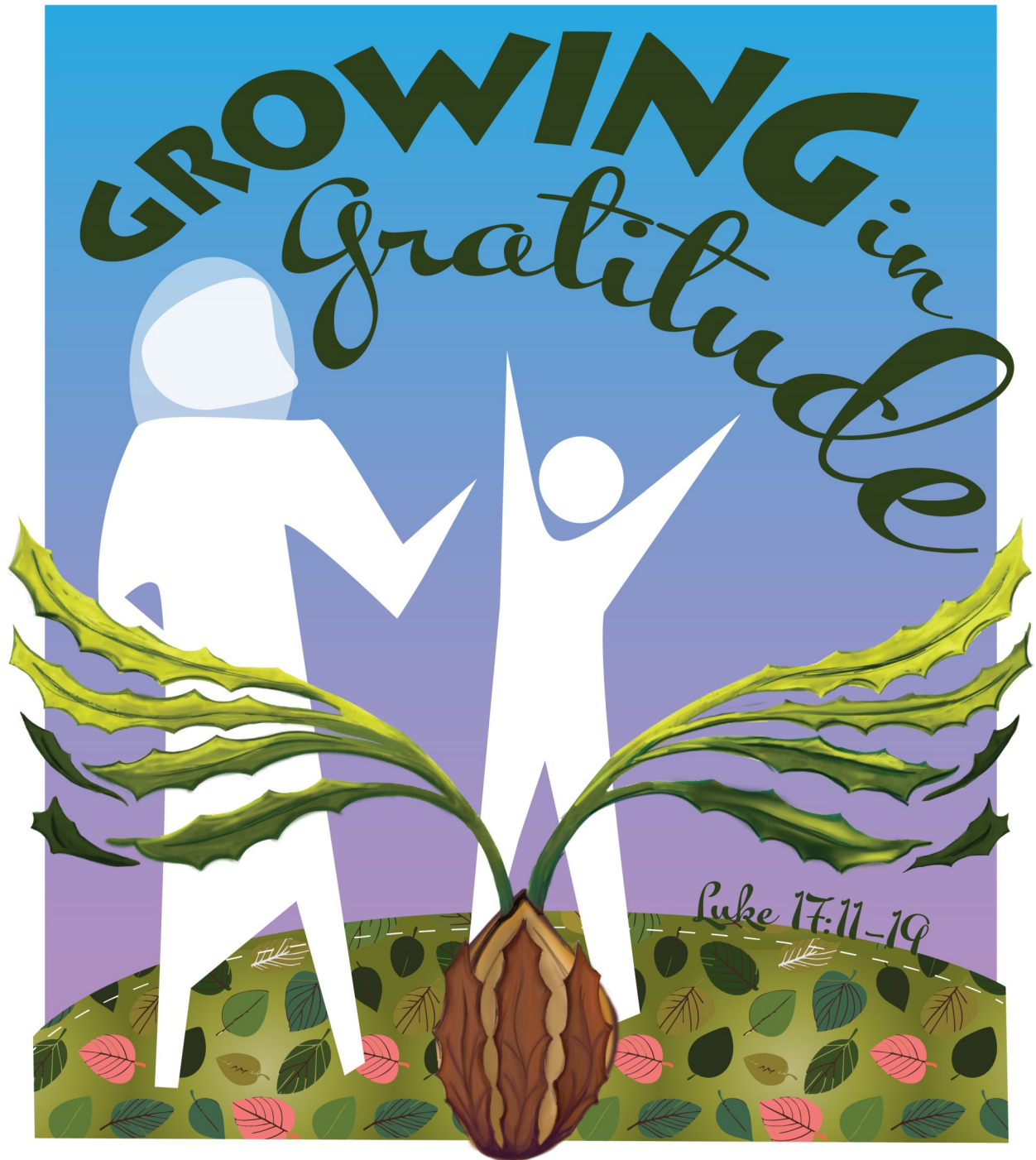
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REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED: SAINTPHILIP.NET

DUERR LECTURE SERIES BROWN BAG LUNCH—Join Dr. William Yoo for the informal Brown Bag Lunch on Monday, **February 26**, at Noon in the Dining Room. This is a great opportunity to get to know the speaker and ask questions about any subject. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. The tables will be arranged in a large open square so there can be comfortable conversation. The lunch concludes at 1:00 p.m.

ST. PHILIP VBS ~ LENT 2024



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ALL CHILDREN AGES 3 - 5TH GRADE ARE WELCOMED > **THERE IS NO COST**

ST. PHILIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 4807 SAN FELIPE - EDUCATION BLDG.



FEBRUARY

SATURDAY

9 AM - 2 PM

24!

MORE INFO | REGISTER: **SAINTPHILIP.NET**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY – Ages 3 – Kindergarten – Room 104

ELEMENTARY – Grades 1-5 – Room 105

YOUTH – Grades 6-12 – Room 205

FAITH & LIFE – Room 200 – An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – We are beginning our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY – Room 201 – Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Feb. 18** - *The joy of the Lord is our strength! Nehemiah 8:10* - Neighbors helping neighbors create a safe haven in which children are motivated, inspired and equipped to realize their God-given potential. The Nehemiah Center's mission is to provide assistance to low-income families who are invested in seeking a better future for their children through education, emotional wellness, and spiritual enrichment. Nehemiah Center serves and follows children as toddlers through their college years by engaging and retaining family participation year after year, creating the opportunity to build trust and a sense of community through relationships. Nehemiah Center is a recipient of the Central Mission Endowment Fund. Presented by Christina Luna - Development Director for Nehemiah Center. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – TODAY – We will have Children's Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Conversation with Children*. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

LAMBETH STUDY – Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at:

keatan@saintphilip.net.

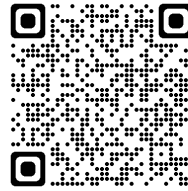
SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP – This group meets on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m., by zoom, to discuss social justice issues of our day. The next meeting on Monday, March 4, will begin a study of Christian Nationalism with the book by Kaitlyn Schiess, *The Ballot and the Bible; how Scripture has been used and abused in American politics....* Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson (sjj10223@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Mar. 14** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Gunfight: My Battle Against the Industry That Radicalized America* by Ryan Busse. So watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP – Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that he has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

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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.**

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.

Are you interested in donating flowers to decorate the chancel on a Sunday morning? The 2024 flower calendar is available online at saintphilip.net, go to the calendar and look for the icon you see here or click [here](#). We have several open dates in February and March — and beyond.

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.

Hymn 189

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS



1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high



of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,



which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise



where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

TEXT: Latin, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
 MUSIC: "The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415; harm. *The Hymnal*, 1933

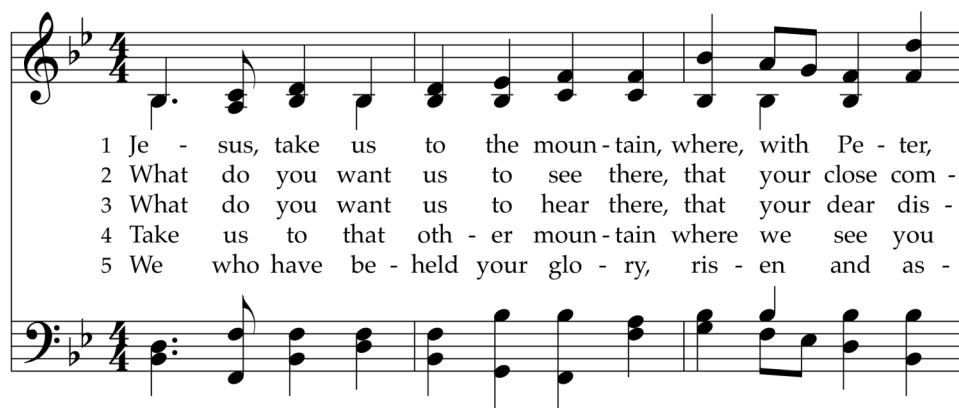
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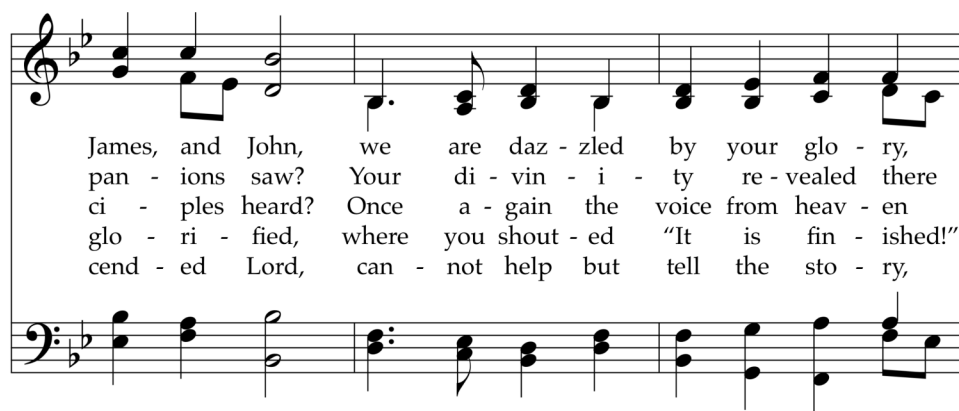
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Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

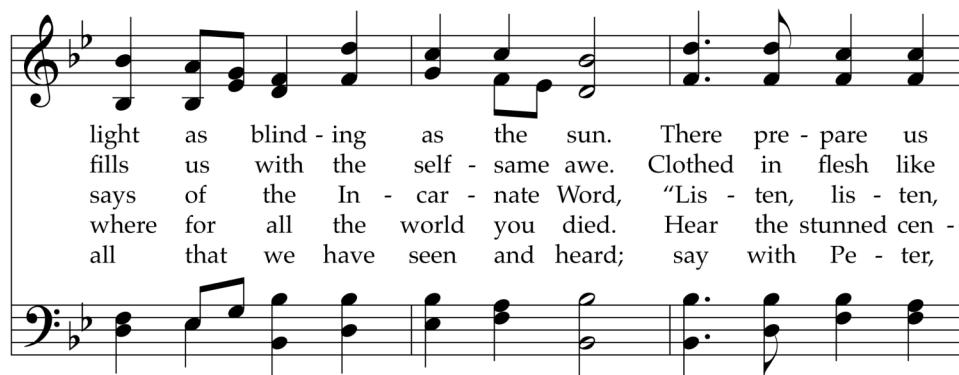
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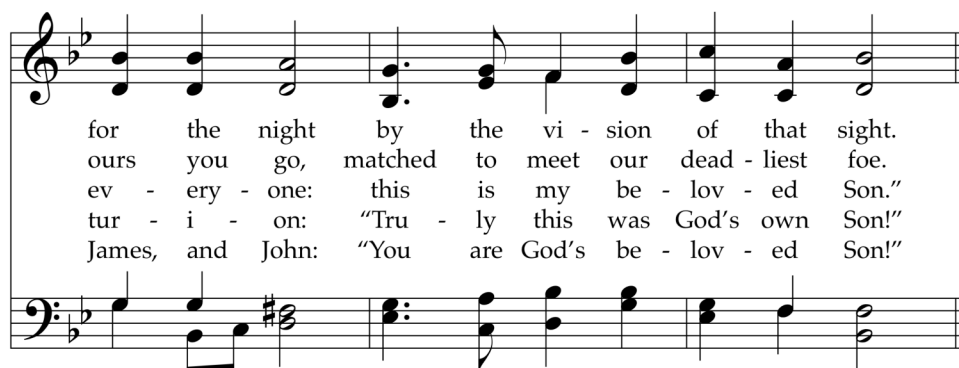
1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,



for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–9 / Mark 9:2–9 / Luke 9:28–36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

Hymn 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

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1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
 2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your
 3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as
 4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age



ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's
 ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
 clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide
 to our heart is born; O may we ev - er



liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing;
 hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
 shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.
 clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

This morning hymn is based on a Latin text attributed to a 4th-century bishop. It weaves various images of Christ as Light with light-based descriptions of each day's passing. It is set to a dance-like tune from at least the 15th century that enhances the energy in the text.

TEXT: Ambrose of Milan, c. 374; trans. composite
 MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

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