

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 Chorale Trio on *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr* Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 664 (1685–1750)

Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Bell Introit A Festive Intrada Cynthia Dobrinski (1950-2021)

† Opening Sentences

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

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.

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
The Lord our God is holy!
Let us worship Cod!

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

LAUDA ANIMA



† The Peace

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

Anthem

O Light of Light, Love Given Birth

ELMHURST • Cary Ratcliff (b. 1953)

O Light of Light, Love given birth: Jesus, Redeemer of the earth: More bright than day your face did show, your raiment whiter than the snow.

Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found company; the heavens above your glory named, your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.

> original Latin hymn O nata lux de lumine (10th century) translated by Laurence Housman (1865-1959)

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-36 N.T. pgs. 69-70

Holy wisdom, holy word. Thanks be to God.

Sermon Face Up John Wurster

† Hymn 193 (see page 10) *Iesus, 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.

Bell Meditation

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON • arr. Jason Krug

(b. 1953)

Prayers of the People

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 Anthem

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Allan Robert Petker (b. 1955)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see, 'Til they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, Radiancy Divine, scatter all my unbelief. More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

- words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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 guiding all creation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Hymn 733 (see page 11)

We All Are One in Mission

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† Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

J.S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Gianna D'Agostino, Keatan King and Omar Rouchon

Musicians

Cecilia Duarte, Emily Hobson, Thomas O'Neill, Nicholas Rathgeb and Kirby Traylor — choral ensemble Bell Canto—handbell choir & ensemble | Jane Malczewskyj, handbell leader Matthew Dirst—organist and conductor | Randall Swanson, music director & pianist

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Jan Meyer to the glory of God and in loving memory of her 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.

Our communion offering in March will benefit Living Waters for the World, a ministry of the Synod of Living Waters, PCUSA. This offering will be collected in worship on Sunday, March 6th. You can find out more about Living Waters for the World at https://livingwatersfortheworld.org/.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Exodus 34:29–35 Moses returns from Sinai with the law, and his face is shining.
- Psalm 99 The Lord is holy, a lover of justice; worship at God's mountain.
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2-With unveiled faces, we see the glory of the Lord reflected.
- Luke 9:28–36 (37–43a) On a mountaintop, Jesus is transfigured; God says: This is my Son.

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MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Today's **organ voluntaries** are both settings of the German chorale *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her* ("All Glory Be to God on High"), an appropriate sentiment for the Sunday when we commemorate Christ's transfiguration on the mountaintop. At the opening of our service, we hear Bach's paraphrase of the hymn melody in a whirling trio (BWV 664), with the tune finally entering in slow notes in the bass at the very end. At the close of our service, his *organo pleno* arrangement (BWV 715) presents the tune as it might accompany congregational singing, with some fancy organ interludes between phrases.

Handbell Music

This morning's bell introit is, as its title suggests, an energetic, short work which serves well to introduce today's service in celebration of the Transfiguration of Christ. A Festive Intrada was composed in 1986 by Cynthia Dobrinski, who was a prolific American handbell music composer and clinician. Dobrinski earned degrees in organ performance from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth and Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and as a Fulbright schola she pursued further studies of the organ in Germany. For 15 years she served on the faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. At the time of her death in October 2021, Dobrinski had been Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, Virginia for 20 years.

The **bell meditation** heard before this morning's Prayers of the People is an arrangement of the hymn

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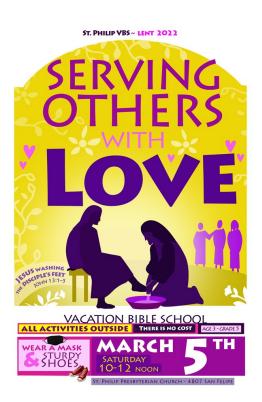
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tune RATISBON, which is often paired with the Transfiguration text by Charles Wesley, *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (No. 662 in the *Glory to God* hymnal). The arrangement for small handbell ensemble of just six ringers is by Indianapolis-based composer Jason Krug, who has written over 400 handbell compositions, as well as other works for piano, organ, choir, and string orchestra.

Choral Music

Today's **anthem** features a modern translation of the ancient Latin hymn text *O nata lux de lumine*, traditionally sung during Lauds or Morning Prayer on the Feast of the Transfiguration. The 20th-century translation — *O Light of Light, Love Given Birth* — is by English playwright Laurence Housman, who was a younger brother of the poet A. E. Housman. The music for unison voices and organ was written in 1982 by composer Cary Ratcliff of Rochester, New York. Known for compositions of choral, orchestral, chamber music, art song, and opera, Ratcliff is also keyboardist with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and Artistic Director of the Rochester-based chamber choir Madrigalia.

This morning's **offertory anthem** uses the words of Wesley's *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* set to new music in 1986 by Allan Robert Petker, who is conductor of the Consort Chorale in the San Francisco Bay area, the Santa Clarita Master Chorale, and Los Cancioneros Master Chorale in Torrence, California.





Wednesday, March 2

Services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with the imposition of ashes. Lunch available after 11 a.m. service.

Sunday Class, March 6 – April 10 "Experiencing God" Room 202 at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Worship, March 9 – April 6 Services at 11 a.m. with lunch available after.

E-votions

Biblical reflections from John Wurster Send an e-mail to john@saintphilip.net to be added to the list.

MISSION DAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

We are so happy and blessed to be back on the St. Philip campus for Mission Day! Things are still a bit complicated by Covid, but we have had the opportunity to come together to focus on Christ's call to help those in need and reach out to the world around us. We hope that you took part in at least one activity.

You can continue to get your hands dirty in the St. Philip garden by contacting Cathy Patterson—cpatters@swbell.net; or participate in quilt-making with the St. Philip Stitchers by contacting Hope Wilmarth—hlwilmarth@hotmail.com; or take donations to some of our mission partners. Here are the details of the mission partners needs:

WORK IN THE SPPC VEGETABLE GARDEN

Our garden may be small, but it is mighty; we donate hundreds of pounds of produce to the CCSC food pantry every year. For Mission Day 2022, we harvested the last of the greens, cleared out the beds, and amended the soil ahead of planting for the spring/summer garden, which will happen in March.

When you help in the garden wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty; gardening gloves are useful, but not necessary. Anybody of any age is welcome. If you want more information you can contact Cathy Patterson—cpatters@swbell.net.

LEARN ABOUT QUILTING AND THE ST. PHILIP STITCHERS MISSION

The St. Philip Arts & Crafts Studio (in the Old Classroomsis the home of the St. Philip Stitchers. They create their beautiful quilts for the House of Tiny Treasures (a certified early childhood education center for young children experiencing homelessness). The Stitchers always can you more volunteers to help their ministry of care and compassion through sewing. For the schedule of times they gather or how you can help at home contact Hope Wilmarth—hlwilmarth@hotmail.com

Donations for Our Mission Partners

Three of our mission partners have let us know about current needs, and your donations can help fulfill them. You can take donations for any of the following:

- ** Mission Partner: THE BEACON—a mission in downtown Houston serving people experiencing homelessness.
- **What you can donate:** New or gently used **medical scrubs**, which serve as a temporary change of clothes for clients. Inexpensive new scrubs can be found on Amazon, Walmart, Target, and other places, as well as shops in the Medical Center. Men's or women's S, M, or L sizes and any colors are welcome.
- ** Mission Partner: CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER (CCSC)—a mission formed by numerous Houston churches to serve people in need
- **What you can donate:** Any of the following toiletries
 - 15 oz. bottles of shampoo and/or conditioner
 - Adult and children's toothbrushes
 - Toothpaste
 - Deodorant

* Mission Partner: AUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

(*) What you can donate: Grocery gift cards (preferably HEB, which is the closest large grocery to the seminary campus, but Kroger, Target, etc., would also be welcome). Cards in any amount are fine, but the \$25 denomination may be most useful.

Mission Day Sunday, If you haven't already done so, you can drop off your donations in the Gathering Area right after 11:00 a.m. worship; there will be a Mission Committee volunteer and a designated collection bin for your donations.

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families — Susan Huffman; Jan Ostendorf; Pat Lindsay; Tom Sands; Roderick James; Lee Larkin; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Ryan Willis — son of Robin and Gary Willis; Christine and Samantha — granddaughters — Jacqueline and Bill Taylor; Trip Merklein — nephew of Elizabeth Duerr; 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; 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 – John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolf; George and Larraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians — Nancy — friend of Jacqueline and Bill Taylor; Lynda Shepherd — friend of Nancy Higgs; Bruce Witte — friend of Denis and Janet Martin; Janet Arnold — friend of Eleanor Grant; Auden McCarty — friend of Mary McGuire; Ted & Susan Hirtz — friends of Jacqueline and Bill Taylor; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton — friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield — friend of Barbara Runge; Rob Bond — 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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS – 9:30 a.m. in Room 204. We have completed the David Story in I Kings 1-2 and begun our study of Solomon and the subsequent Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in I-2 Kings, with Dr. Robert Alter's <u>Ancient Israel</u>, <u>The Former Prophets</u> (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 Dining 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 tonight, Tuesday, **Mar. 1**, 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 <u>welcome@saintphilip.net</u> 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. At our next meeting on **Mar. 10** at 7:00 p.m., we will discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson, watch your email for details of where we will be meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

EXPERIENCING GOD CLASS - Sundays during Lent (March 6—April 10) - 9:45, Room 202—The Education Committee will offer a 5 week class during Lent called "Experiencing God," an opportunity to see how the Holy Spirit connects with people in unique and personal ways in their daily life. Two or three church members will informally share one of their spiritual practices for 10-15 minutes. There will also be time for individuals to try these different ways to encounter God. The goal is to encourage and learn from one another on our journeys of faith. Middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to participate.

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





Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphlip.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 <u>saintphilip.net</u> and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to <u>lorrie@saintphilip.net</u>.

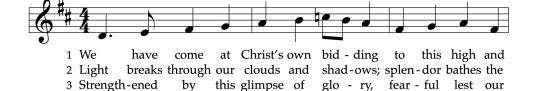
If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00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

REGISTRATION CLOSES TOMORROW! MO-RANCH: 2-5 JUNE 2022

The weekend officially begins after supper on Thursday and ends after worship on Sunday. We hope you will be able to join us there! You will find a link to the registration portal (and all the details) on the church homepage: http://www.saintphilip.net/. Call Lorrie Castle at 713-622-4807 if you have any trouble registering or have questions.





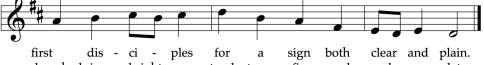
ly we wait with hope and place, where long - ing E - li - jah mar - vel flesh - joined Word; Mo ses and de - cline, like Pe - ter find faith tempt-ing we



for some to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as - as the heaven-ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with to re - main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us



sur - ance that faith is search - ing like those our not in vain, won - der how the law and proph-ets meet: Christ, with gar-ments cour - age to pro-claim what we pro-fess, that our dai - ly



first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain. drenched in bright-ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete. lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Through this Transfiguration hymn runs an implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the three disciples on that mountain and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship. This event is reported in Matthew $17:1-9/Mark\ 9:2-9/Luke\ 9:28-36$.



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."



A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.