



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2020

Voluntary

Impromptu

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

Opening Sentences

Opening Hymn 702 (see page 6)

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.**

silent prayer

Holy One, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Response

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
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WE ARE FORGIVEN
10.8.10.8

Words of Peace

In Christ, God is reconciling the whole world,
and God is entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ. God's appeal is being made through us.
Peace be with you. Peace be with all.

Response

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you. Sa -
 As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. Sa -
 laam, sa - laam. Peace of God be with you.
 laam, sa - laam. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum.

Both being Semitic languages, Arabic and Hebrew have many similar words, as can be heard here in *Salaam*, which sounds much like *Shalom*. This setting uses the same words and music in all but one phrase, making this brief song easy to learn in either English or Arabic.

TEXT: Arabic greeting
MUSIC: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004
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AS-SALAAMU LAKUM
6.6.4.6

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

Solo

There Is a Hope

Stuart Townend and Mark Edwards, 2007

There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for every passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part, yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n; and Christ in me, the Hope of heav'n!
My highest calling and my deepest joy, to make his will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair,
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit, I find the Savior there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear, he whispers "courage" in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms, and they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine when I behold his face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die, and every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, for I am truly home.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-25

Sermon

Just Wait

John W. Wurster

Hymn 89 (see page 7)

My Soul in Stillness Waits

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

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.**

Closing Hymn (see page 8)

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE

Charge and Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in D minor

Claude-Bénigne Balbastre
(1724-1799)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Keatan King, Omar Rouchon, and Randall Swanson

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | Cecilia Duarte, vocalist | Randall Swanson, pianist

WORSHIP NOTES

Lectionary Readings

- Genesis 28:10–19a Jacob dreams of a ladder and hears the promise of the Lord.
- Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24 O Lord, you have searched me; if I ascend to heaven you are there.
- Romans 8:12–25 The whole creation waits for redemption with the children of God.
- Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 Another parable of the kingdom; weeds grow among the wheat.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's **organ voluntaries** both come from musicians who served the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. Louis Vierne, the most famous organist of this beloved French landmark, left four volumes of “fantasy” pieces for organ, some of which are explicitly programmatic while others explore distinct tone colors of the instrument. His *Impromptu*, one of the latter type, fits within a humble genre popular since at least the time of Beethoven: as its name suggests, an “impromptu” is a spontaneous kind of piece, suitable for practically any occasion. This particular impromptu plays with the flute and reed stops of the organ to colorful effect. Claude-Bénigne Balbastre was born and raised in Dijon but relocated to Paris in 1750. His musical *savoir-faire* came in handy late in life: he adapted to the organ songs made popular during the Revolution, saving several important Parisian instruments from destruction during the desecration of its churches.

This morning's **solo** is a worship song by Stuart Townend and Mark Edwards reflective of today's scripture passage from Romans. Stuart Townend grew up in West Yorkshire, England, the youngest son of an Anglican vicar. He started learning piano at a young age, and began writing music at age 22. Some of his better-known songs include “How Deep the Father's Love,” “The King of Love,” and “The Power of the Cross.” Townend serves as worship leader at Church of Christ the King in Brighton, England.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Lorrie Castle and family upon the death of her uncle Barney Haley who died on Wednesday, July 15 in Indiana.

The family of A.C. Lewis, custodial manager at the former Central Presbyterian Church of Houston who died on July 12.

Jon Martin and family upon the death of his father Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin who died on July 9.

William Howard and family upon the death of his stepfather Leon Marshall on June 15.

St. Philippians and their families— Sondra Sullivan; Steve Carmichael; Mary Sinderson; Marion Takehara; Peg Palisin; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Jeanne West; Greg Moore; CJ Miller; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; Vera Moore—mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family—daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family—cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron—sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Nikolaus Malczewskij—father-in-law of Jane Malczewskij; David Block—brother-in-law of Nancy Lomax; John Beck—brother of Nancy Young; Margie Foster—mother of Mark Young; Dorothy McMillan—mother of Nancy Higgs; Barbara Wilson—sister-in-law of Connie Mayfield; Jack & Pauline Kindig—brother/sister-in-law of Ginny Camfield; Shirley and Weldon Boggus, Sr.—grandparents of Omi Ford; Jimmy Reagan—father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Ann Morgan—sister of Dorothy Blackwell.

Homebound: Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; Jane English; Barbara German; George Helland; Arlette Keene; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Toto McGehee; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; Penny Vieau; and Ruth Weber.

Friends of St. Philippians: Roger Henderson—friend of Mickey Meyers; David Shebay—friend of Greg Han; Kathleen Davies and family—friend of Chuck Johnson; Craig and Jamie Slein—friends of Steve Carmichael; Melissa and Sela Calvert—friends of Kay Cash; Betty Rhodes and family—friend of Jan Meyer; Dave Olson and Clayton Amacker—friends of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; and Walter "Buddy".

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

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share,
please email deacons@saintphilip.net.

Pledge payments and other gifts to support the Church can be made anytime through our website (<http://saintphilip.net/>) or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

To join the Zoom Coffee Hour following the service, e-mail Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net.

Give Blood!

Don't miss your chance to save lives!

Wednesday, 7/22/2020 (1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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**WE WANT TO ENSURE CROWD SIZES REMAIN SMALL.
PLEASE SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

The Blood Center is now requiring that donors wear a mask or face covering when at a blood drive. In the case that you do not have one, the staff will offer you one. The safety of donors and staff are important to us. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Opening Hymn 702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN



1. Christ be be - side me, Christ be be - fore me,
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
3. Christ be in all hearts Think - ing a - bout me;



Christ be be - hind me, King of my heart.
Christ all a - round me, Shield in the strife.
Christ be on all tongues Tell - ing of me.



Christ be with - in me, Christ be be - low me,
Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,
Christ be the vis - ion In eyes that see me;



Christ be a - bove me, Nev - er to part.
Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
In ears that hear me, Christ ev - er be.

Text: Ascribed to St. Patrick; James Quinn, SJ, 1919–2010, © 1969, James Quinn, SJ. Published by OCP.
Tune: BUNESSAN, 5 5 5 4 D; Gaelic melody.

Hymn 89

My Soul in Stillness Waits

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness
waits; tru - ly my hope is in you.

Verses

1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the

glo - ry, your ra - diance shines in all who look to
spir - its; our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to
pil - grim - age; we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -
made us; let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the
heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun - tains and the

you; come, light the hearts of all in dark and
Word; come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in
main; o - pen to us the path - way of your
Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his
seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us

shad - ow.
hearts.
ris - ing.
peace.
hand.
now.

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Closing Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child-like, no cares could de - stroy,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Tune: SLANE, 10 11 11 12; Irish melody; harm. by Erik Routley, 1917–1982