



11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Voluntary

Prelude in C minor
BWV 546/1

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting

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

✦ Opening Sentences

Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
In Jesus Christ we see the fullness of God.
Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.
If Christ is for us, who can be against us?

✦ Hymn 165 [\(see page 10\)](#)

The Glory of These Forty Days

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✦ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.

silent prayer

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

Conversation with Children

Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

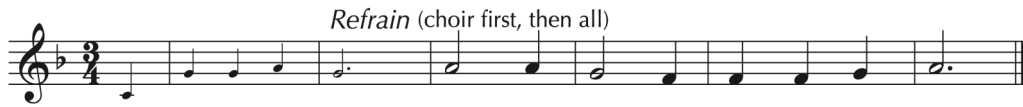
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

O.T. pgs. 2-3

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

Psalm 32

Gordon Johnston



Lord, for - give the wrong I have done.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt.
and in whose spirit there is no guile! *Refrain – all*

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my strength was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Refrain – all

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. *Refrain – all*

– Psalm 32:1-6

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-30

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

Anthem

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Derek Healey
(b. 1936)

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earth-born passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe oppressed,
let me Thy loving servant be,
and taste Thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me
amid the battle's strife;
in all my pain and misery
be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heav'nly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me
when flows the tempest high:
when on doth rush the enemy,
O Savior, be thou nigh.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

– words by Synesius of Cyrene (375–430)
translated by Allen William Chatfield (1808–1896)

Sermon

Who Do You Say that I Am?

Rachel Beard

silence and stillness

✠ Hymn 182 [\(see page 11\)](#)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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✦ 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 Anthem

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant
 (c. 1525–1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
 but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
 to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
 that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Holy God, we thank you
 for the majesty of your work,
 the wisdom of your word,
 and the generosity of your grace.
**Let the gifts of our lives bear witness
 to your goodness and mercy,
 your faithfulness and justice,
 and your steadfast love for all. Amen.**

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Chorale Fantasie: *Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort*
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Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

SERVING TODAY**Pastors**

Rachel Baard, John Wurster, Keatan King, Omar Rouchon

Liturgist

Douglas Duerr

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Thomas O'Neill, cantor | Matthew Dirst, organist | Randall Swanson, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Elizabeth Duerr and Douglas Duerr to the glory of God in memory of Chris Duerr and in honor of Dr. Rachel Baard, speaker for the 2023 Duerr Lecture Series.

WORSHIP NOTES

DUERR LECTURE SERIES—Preaching this morning and speaker for the series, Dr. Rachel Baard is Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics and Director of the Master of Arts in Public Theology Program at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA. She is a graduate of The University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (B.A., B.Th., and M.Th.) and Princeton Theological Seminary (Ph.D.), and she is in the ordination track with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Her first book *Sexism and Sin-Talk: Feminist Conversations on the Human Condition* (Westminster John Knox, 2019), which examines various perspectives on the doctrine of sin, was awarded the Andrew Murray/Desmond Tutu Book Prize. In demand as a speaker and teacher, Dr. Baard has given numerous scholarly presentations at Princeton Theological Seminary, for the American Academy of Religion, and in South Africa for various academic and spiritual organizations.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 – *The man and woman disobey God, eating forbidden fruit.*
- Psalm 32 – *My sin tormented me; but when I confessed, God forgave me.*
- Romans 5:12-19 – *Sin and death came from Adam; grace and life come from Christ.*
- Matthew 4:1-11 – *Jesus spends forty days in the wilderness and is tested by the devil.*

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGING

Continuing at least through the season of Lent, there will be a single Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m. During these weeks, as the Session considers the longer term viability of the 9:00 a.m. service, your comments are welcome and appreciated.

LENT AT ST. PHILIP

For all the Wednesdays in March, we will have midweek services at 12 noon, in-person and live-streamed. Guest preachers from across the area will lead us in worship. This year's theme is "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Each preacher is selecting a favorite hymn, connecting it to a scripture passage, and then preparing a sermon. On March 1, our preacher is Jon Burnham, pastor at St John's Presbyterian Church in Houston. The featured hymn is "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley." Lunch will be available after the service in the Gathering Area.

Presents



Dr. Rachel Baard

*"Who Is Jesus Christ For Us Today?"***February 26, 27 & 28, 2023****Lectures will be presented live and live-streamed.****Schedule of Events**

Lectures are free and open to everyone.

Sunday, February 26

7:00 p.m.

**Who Was Jesus Christ?
The Church's Historical Confession
of Jesus Christ**

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Monday, February 27

7:00 p.m.

Who is Jesus Christ?**Challenges to the Confession of Jesus Christ**

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 p.m.

Who will Jesus Christ Be?**The Emerging Confession of Jesus Christ**

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Worship service and lectures online at:

www.saintphilip.net

Registration for in-person attendance is recommended.

Registration for live-stream attendance is required.

Information found at:

[http://www.saintphilip.net/](http://www.saintphilip.net/Duerr_LectureSeries.html)[Duerr_LectureSeries.html](http://www.saintphilip.net/Duerr_LectureSeries.html)**The Duerr Lecture Series**

Statement of Purpose

The Duerr Lecture Series was established in memory of W. Chris Duerr, member and elder of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston. As part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Reformed Tradition, the lectures focus upon speakers and subjects that will enhance Christian faith in light of that tradition. Challenging speakers are chosen from the fields of theology, Bible and preaching to inspire and equip congregants for deeper faith and service.

BROWN BAG LUNCH—In conjunction with the Duerr Lecture Series join Dr. Rachel Baard for an informal Brown Bag Lunch on Monday, **Feb. 27**, 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.

LENT AT ST. PHILIP

Again this Lent, John Wurster is offering daily e-votions. These brief biblical reflections are sent each morning via e-mail. If you have received e-votions in the past, you are already subscribed for this year. If you'd like to join the e-votions list, send an e-mail to john@saintphilip.net.

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. Keatan will guide the group through the four cycles of Lectio (read, reflect, respond, rest) every Monday morning at 9:00-9:20am for the season of Lent. To receive the Zoom link sent early Monday mornings, email Keatan at:

keatan@saintphilip.net

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Today's **opening voluntary** is one of Bach's most grandiose organ preludes, set in the majestic key of C minor. Its powerful opening, with thick chord progressions alternating between the hands, yields eventually to a more flowing secondary idea. Over the course of the piece, Bach shows how both themes can be combined with each other in myriad ways.

Our **closing voluntary** treats the tune of today's opening hymn to an *organo pleno* fantasy, in which the tune appears in long notes at the bottom of the texture (in the pedal), with quicker figuration above, derived from each phrase of the melody. Its composer Johann Pachelbel set an example for generations of organists, including the young Sebastian Bach, in his skillful elaborations on Lutheran chorales.

Choral Music

This morning's **anthem** is by English composer, organist and music educator Derek Edward Healey, who retired from teaching in 1996 and settled in Brooklyn,

New York. In addition to an opera written in 1977, Healey continues to compose orchestral and chamber pieces, organ music, and choral works, including a large-scale *Requiem* for soprano soloist, chorus and orchestra completed in 2021. The anthem *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* was composed in 2011 in American shape-note style for four-part choir with organ accompaniment.

Today's **offertory anthem** — *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* — is a perennial favorite for the season of Lent in the United States, Canada, and the UK. Composer Richard Farrant was a member of the English Chapel Royal during a particularly tumultuous time in British history, and during his years he experienced the funeral of Edward VI, the coronation of Mary I, the funeral of Mary I, and the coronation of Elizabeth I. Though only a tiny number of his works still exist, he composed sacred music using both English and Latin texts, depending on who was on the British throne.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

GOT KIDS THAT LOVE MUSIC?




Introducing the 2023 St. Philip 
Children's Choir

All children ages 6 and above are welcome!

The place for fun activities, games, music,
and lots of surprises with Ms. Eliza Nicholson!

SUNDAYS 9:00—9:40 a.m.
Admin Building ROOM 201

Children's Choir will practice on Sunday
mornings in Lent, then lead the Introit in
worship on **Palm Sunday, April 2.** 

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pat Lindsay and family upon the death of her mother Bessie Johnson on February 22.

Anne Wilson and family upon the death of her mother Marion Takehara on February 4. A memorial service is scheduled for March 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

St. Philippians and their families – Beverly Baker; Gary Whitney; Peg Palisin; Dan Cleveland; CJ Miller; Beverly Hudson; Susan Huffman; Mary Sinderson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Lane Fletcher; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; John Murphy, Sr. – cousin of Gary Gardner; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Warren Cash – brother of Kay Cash; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Donna Harris – sister of Joyce Fugit; Alma Fonseca – mother of Angelina Fonseca; 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 Wilson – father of Butch Wilson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Alan Rowe – father of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; George Helland; Ellen MacDonald; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Sondra Sullivan; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians – Brad McWilliams; Carol Gilliland - friend of Orlean Anderson; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

GODLY PLAY (Age 3-Kindergarden) – Room 104

ELEMENTARY (Grades 1-5) – Room 105

YOUTH (Grades 6-12) – Room 205

SPa (St. Philip Adults) – Room 200 – All adults of any age are welcome to participate - grab some coffee and join us. There is no need to prepare or purchase materials for class, so come as you are able.

CHURCH & SOCIETY – Room 201 – This class meets from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Mar. 5** - Healthy Marriage - Healthy Families - Healthy Communities - We will look at the ways counseling for couples to have a healthy relationship can have a positive affect toward nurturing healthy families and even extend to building healthy communities, in which everyone is treated with respect and kindness. - Presented by Judge Bonnie Hellums - Serving as a visiting judge working with the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission on Children, Youth and Families as a Commissioner. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – We are continuing our study of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 2 Kings with the story of Elisha and the fate of Jezebel in Dr. Robert Alter's [Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets](#) (2013). 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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – TODAY – In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing 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. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday during the 11 o'clock service children will be able to participate in this.

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.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets at 9:30 a.m. 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.

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. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Mar. 9** we will

discuss *South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of A Nation* by Imani Perry. 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 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.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—On our next regular meeting date, **Mar. 7** (the first Tuesday) we conclude our discussion of Kerry Connelly's book *Good White Racism?* From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., we will consider chapters 9, "The consumption of bodies (Or, 'Step away from the hair')," 10, "Shiny happy people (Or, 'When good white racists go to church')," and 11, "In full color (Or, 'Where we go from here')." We meet by Zoom. (To join us, just email welcome@saintphilip.net with PSJ in the subject line.)

PW RETREAT—All women of the church are invited to attend the **Annual Presbyterian Women's Retreat** (no need to be in a circle to come!) the weekend of **Mar. 24-26 in Houston** at the Fairfield Inn in the Memorial City area. Our retreat speaker is our own beloved pastoral resident, the Rev. Kallie Pitcock, who will lead us deeper into the promises of Psalm 32 through our theme. Information on pricing, meals, and further details are the website saintphilip.net. For assistance registering online, please email welcome@saintphilip.net or call the church office during regular office hours 713-622-4807.

MO-RANCH—Registration for the annual Mo-Ranch Retreat on June 1-4 is available online at saintphilip.net

PRIMETIMERS—Join the Primetimers on **Thursday, March 30**, for a visit to the George HW Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station for a tour of *Mandela: The Official Exhibition*. From the museum website: *Mandela: The Official Exhibition is the major new global exhibition that explores the life of one of the world's most famous freedom fighters and political leaders. The epic story of Nelson Mandela is told in a series of experiential galleries from his rural childhood home through years of turbulent struggle against the apartheid regime, to his eventual vindication and final years as South Africa's first democratically elected president. We will depart from the church parking lot at 8:30* and will be back by 3:30 p.m. After visiting the museum, we'll have lunch at Stella Southern Cafe. The cost is \$8/person and lunch will be on your own. **Please RSVP by Monday, Mar. 6** to secure your spot. You may contact Omar (omar@saintphilip.net) with any questions.

Join Caroline Vestal for her Girl Scout Gold Award Event

PUT AN END TO PERIOD POVERTY AND STIGMA


SPREAD AWARENESS

- Sew reusable pads for girls in the Congo
- Lunch will be provided!
- Make awareness bracelets
- Everyone is welcome (YES guys too!)

LEARN HOW TO HELP

Sat. March 4th, 11 am-1 pm

THE DINING ROOM @
ST. PHILIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4807 San Felipe St, Houston, TX 77056 Scan to register: 

Period poverty refers to inadequate access to menstrual education and menstrual hygiene products. The cost of sanitary products as well as access to affordable products leads to exclusion for girls from activities ranging from playing sports to attending school (this occurs in many areas of our country as well as undeveloped countries). Through education and advocacy, Caroline is hoping to help improve access to hygiene products and decrease shame surrounding menstruation. The event will include opportunities to sew reusable pads, cut fabric to prepare DIY sew packs to make reusable pads at home, watch a short film about this global issue, and enjoy light snacks and drinks! All are welcome! (Yes, guys too!) Pre-teen and teen girls are highly encouraged to attend.

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
 summed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

TEXT: Gregory the Great, 6th cent.; trans. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.
 MUSIC: Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

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Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

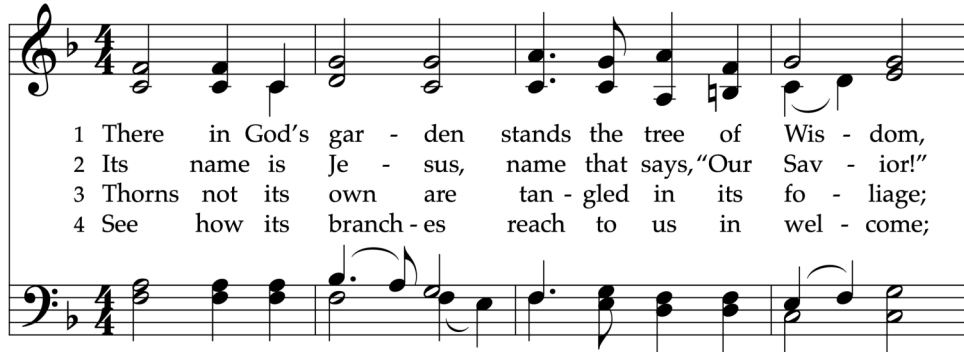
found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

TEXT: Horatius Bonar, 1846, alt.
 MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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1 There in God's gar - den stands the tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;
our greed has starved it; our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"



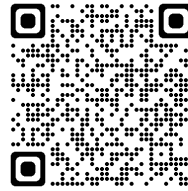
tree of all knowl - edge, tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness; give me all your



pas - sion, tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row; I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending;
this, my resurrection;
into your hands,
Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heaven is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it; take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!



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.

I Give Electronically—in response to parents’ hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.

