



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Preparation for Worship

The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

— Frederick Buechner

Voluntary

Theme and Variations
(from the *Homage a Frescobaldi*)

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

Greeting

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

✠ Opening Sentences

Psalms 124:8, John 6:35

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
Those who trust in me will never hunger.

✠ Hymn 401 [\(see page 9\)](#)

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

✠ Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
you have made foolish the wisdom of the world,
teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth
and that the heaven belongs to those who suffer for justice.
But we cling to the values of this world,
pursuing things that enhance our status, but cheat our souls.
Forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly,
we disregard the poor and the vulnerable.
By your spirit, cleanse our hearts and renew our minds
so that we might follow more nearly in the way of Jesus,
acting with justice, practicing kindness,
and walking humbly with you.

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

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

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

Anthem

Of Hospitality

Jane Marshall
(1924-2019)

I saw a stranger yestreen;
I put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,
music in the listening place;
and in the sacred name of the Triune,
he blessed myself, he blessed my house,
he blessed my cattle and my dear ones.
And the lark said in her song,
Often goes Love in the stranger's guise.

—Text from an old Gaelic rune.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

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

Sermon

What Am I Doing Here?

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 509 [\(see page 10\)](#)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

Mission Update

Austin College

Offering

Offertory

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hugo Distler
(1908–1942)

Praise to the Lord! the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
Gather ye round,
Let us make music resound,
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen,
How thy hearts wishes have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

— Joachim Neader (adapted from Psalms 103 and 150)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

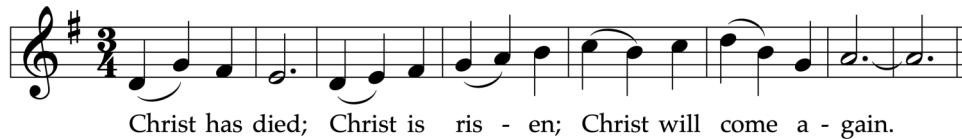
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you . . . We sing the ageless hymn of your glory

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All holy God . . . Great is the mystery of faith:



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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

Gracious God . . . now and forever.



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AMEN (Pavlechko)

As the children of God, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Communion Music

Become to Us the Living Bread

Jane Marshall

Become to us the living bread
by which the Christian life is fed,
renewed, and greatly comforted.
Alleluia!

Become the never-failing wine,
the spring of joy that shall incline
our hearts to bear the covenant sign.
Alleluia!

May Christians all with one accord
unite around the sacred board
to praise your holy name, O Lord.
Alleluia!

—Text by Miriam Drury

✠ Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have fed us with your mercy
and poured out your Spirit in this place.
**Continue to nourish and fill us each day,
that we may live as your beloved people;
through Jesus Chris our Lord. Amen.**

✦ **Hymn 757** ([see page 11](#))*Today We All Are Called to be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

Communion offering gifts may be brought to the basket in the front.✦ **Charge and Blessing***Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.***Closing Voluntary***Grand jeu (from Suite on the First Tone)*Pierre du Mage
(1674–1751)**SERVING TODAY****Pastors**

Keatan King | John Wurster

Liturgist

Cathy Patterson

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Matthew Dirst, organist and interim choir director

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Laura McWilliams in memory of her brothers Lee and John Clyburn.

WORSHIP NOTES

To receive communion today, please come forward via the center aisle and receive a piece of bread. Gluten-free bread is also available. You may dip the bread in the chalice of grape juice and receive communion by intinction or you may take from the tray a small cup of grape juice. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Those who have difficulty coming forward may receive communion in their seats by signaling the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. This month's Communion Offering supports the Religious Life Program at Austin College. The offering ensures Presbyterian students continue to attend a college committed to rigorous academics and grounding in our Presbyterian traditions, including a Tuesday evening Bible study program, a Sunday evening non-denominational Christian communion service planned by the students with dinner afterward, and the Austin College ACTivators group that plans and leads regional PC (USA) youth ministries. Learn more at their website: austincollege.edu. Gifts may be brought to the front basket during the final hymn. You may also make a secure contribution through [MyStPhilip](#) and choosing the Communion fund or by sending a check to the church office, with "Communion" in the memo line.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Isaiah 40:21–31 — *Have you not heard? The Lord strengthens those who are weak.*
- Psalm 147:1–11, 20c — *Sing praise to the Lord, who gathers, heals, and feeds us.*
- 1 Corinthians 9:16–23 — *Paul says: Everything I do is for the sake of proclaiming the gospel.*
- Mark 1:29–39 — *Jesus heals many people; in the morning he steals away to pray.*

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation will be in the Sanctuary on February 11, immediately following the 11:00 service. The meeting will include a review of 2023, presentation of the approved operating budget for 2024, and consideration of changes to the pastors' terms of call.

MO-RANCH RETREAT

Save the Dates

May 30 – June 2,

Hunt, Texas

Details to Follow

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's **opening voluntary** is an excerpt from a musical tribute by French organist Jean Langlais to a 17th-century Italian counterpart: Girolamo Frescobaldi. Cast in the form of theme and variations, Langlais' piece reveals his affection for late Renaissance dance and Frescobaldi's command of both counterpoint and rhythm. Langlais' compositional voice is equally piquant, though it relies more on humor and surprise than on learnedness.

Our **closing voluntary** comes from an earlier French composer: Pierre du Mage, who enjoyed a short career as an organist before becoming a civil servant. His sole collection of music, published in 1708, contains a single suite in the first tone (the Dorian mode). From its pages a concluding "Grand jeu" makes use of the colorful reed and mutation stops of the organ, in a piece that highlights the sound qualities of each division with various echo effects.

Today's **anthem** and **communion motet** are both works by Jane Marshall, a widely respected and beloved mem-

ber of the American church music community. She was for many years a member of the faculty at the Perkins School of Theology at SMU (and a former teacher of mine), where she taught in the graduate sacred music program. A prolific composer of choral music, she was also a gifted homilist, essayist, and hymn writer. Both works heard today illustrate her thoughtful choice of texts and her innately musical response to them.

At the **offertory**, Hugo Distler's setting "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" adorns this venerable German chorale melody (LOBE DEN HERREN) with characteristically modern rhythms and gestures. The composer, one of the leading lights of the German church music scene in the 1930s, left a small but significant output of choral and organ music. His career was tragically cut short by suicide, as he came to realize the impossibility of serving both God and the Nazi regime.

—Matthew Dirst

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families — 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, 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 — Stephen Wedemeyer 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 Rower; Magdalena Rustomji – friend of Mickey & Ken Meyers; Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Mary Watters – friend of Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Tom Barnett – friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend 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.

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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. 11** – "Second Mile Haiti" Before Second Mile Haiti, families with sick & special needs children often turned to orphanages in desperation. Second Mile Haiti addresses what can be done to give children the best possible chance to stay with their families and to thrive. The three-part process includes 1. Immediate nutritional and medical support to save the child's life. 2. Education, training, and investment in the child's caregiver to strengthen the entire family and 3. Community-wide access to family planning pre and postnatal care, and midwife-attended births. Presented by Alejandra Salinas, who serves on the board of Second Mile Haiti. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – 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, Feb. 5 will begin a study/discussion of Christian nationalism. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson (sjj10223@gmail.com) to be added to our zoom 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 **Feb. 8** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. 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.

DUERR LECTURE SERIES BROWN BAG LUNCH – Join Dr. William Yoo for the informal Brown Bag Lunch on Monday, **Feb. 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.



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.

The poster for the Duerr Lecture Series 2024 has a light blue background. On the left, the text "Duerr Lecture Series" is written in a large, elegant, dark blue script font, with "2024" in a smaller, bold, dark blue sans-serif font below it. To the right of this, the title "When the Fullness of History Inspires & Infuriates Us:" is in a bold, dark blue sans-serif font, followed by the subtitle "Settler Colonialism, Slavery, & Christianity in the United States" in a smaller, dark blue sans-serif font. Below the subtitle, the speaker's name "Dr. William Yoo" is in a bold, dark blue sans-serif font, followed by his credentials "Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA." in a smaller, dark blue sans-serif font. The dates "FEBRUARY 25, 26 & 27" are in a bold, dark blue sans-serif font, with "7 PM | IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING" below them. On the right side of the poster is a portrait of Dr. William Yoo, a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit and a light blue shirt. At the bottom of the poster, a black banner contains the text "REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED: SAINTPHILIP.NET" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and




blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,




we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.


The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



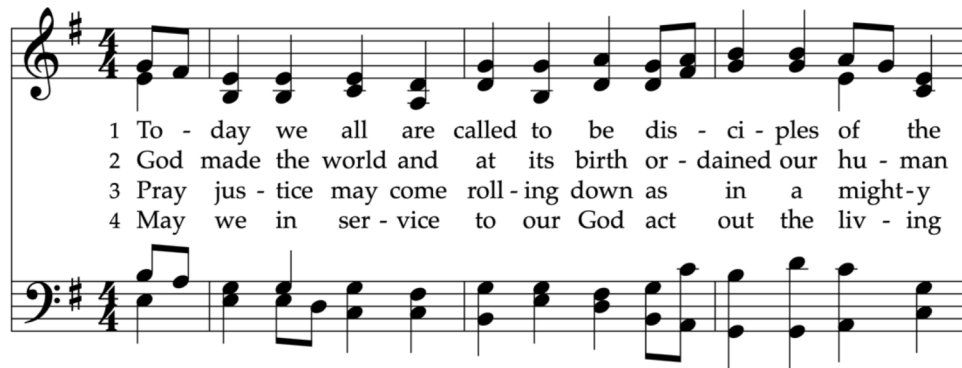
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

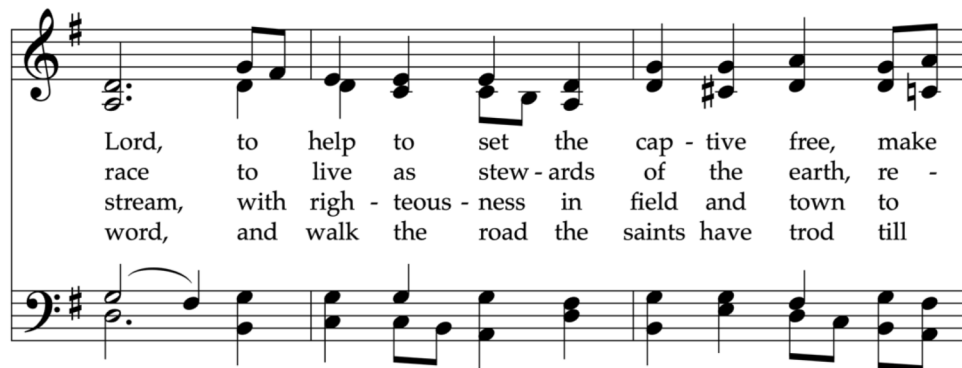
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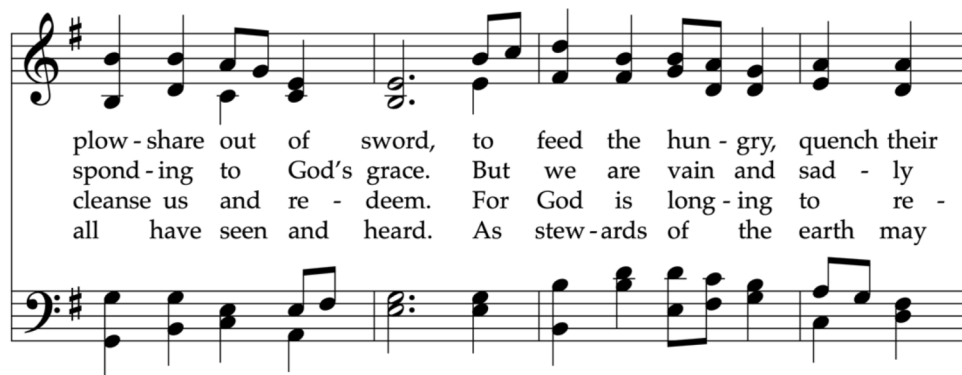
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1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might-y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

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 MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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