



FEBRUARY 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Opening Voluntary

Sonata in A minor: Allegro assai

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
(1714-1788)

Introit

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

Gaelic traditional melody
arranged by The Iona Community (Scotland)

Jesus calls us here to meet him, as through word and song and prayer
we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to his table rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body; share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners hosted by our Lord and King.

— words by John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 297 ([see page 6](#))

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we come before you with heavy burdens and unbalanced lives.
Sometimes, we have tried to do too much;
Other times, we have not done enough.
Sometimes, we have failed to speak.
Other time, we have neglected to listen.
We become so focused on our way,
that we forget to consider your way.

Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone.
Cleanse our hearts and reshape our priorities,
so that our deeds and words might reflect
the gracious love you have shown us in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Response (*sung twice*)

GLORIA (Taizé)

Canon—4 voices

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
2. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
4. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jacques Berthier, © 1979, 1988, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

The PeacePeace be with you. **Peace be with all.****Prayer of Illumination****First Reading**

Isaiah 40:21-31

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.****Solo***How Can I Keep from Singing?*Robert Lowry
arranged by Alan Bullard
(b. 1947)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation;
I hear the clear though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It find an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I know my Savior liveth,
Although the darkness binds me close, deep in the night sweet songs he liveth.
His inner peace makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.****Sermon**

Searching for Jesus

John W. Wurster

Hymn 506 ([see page 7](#))*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

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Trustee Installation

Bob Ardell

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**Invitation to the 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.

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.

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

Communion Solo

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual
 arranged by Moses Hogan
 (1957-2003)

Let us break bread together on our knees,
 let us break bread together on our knees.
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
 let us drink wine together on our knees.
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
 let us praise God together on our knees.
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn 536 [\(see page 8\)](#)

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

Charge and Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Sonata in A minor: Allegro

C. P. E. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

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.*

Our February communion offering traditionally goes to a hunger-focused organization. This year, donations to the communion offering will support the Meals on Wheels Program of Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, a long-time mission partner of St. Philip. This program provides home-delivered meals to approximately 4,900 homebound seniors and disabled adults in Houston as well as surrounding counties in our metro area. Meals on Wheels also provides additional food to about a quarter of their most frail and isolated clients. The nutritional support provided by Meals on Wheels helps people stay independent and in their own homes, something that has been especially important in this pandemic year. You can find more information on the Meals on Wheels Program at IMGH at <https://www.imgh.org/meals-wheels-greater-houston/>. You can give securely to the February Communion Offering through the [MyStPhilip](#) link, or send a check to the church office, with "February Communion Offering" in the memo line.

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Keatan King | Kallie Pitcock | Omar Rouchon

Musicians

Thomas Lewis O'Neill, cantor & soloist | Matthew Dirst, organist | Randall Swanson, pianist

MUSIC NOTES

Organ music – Today's organ voluntaries both come from a sonata by Johann Sebastian Bach's second and arguably most successful son. Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach's long service to Frederick the Great involved mostly chamber playing and the occasional commission for the king's ensemble. While at the Prussian court, Emanuel Bach also composed for other members of the royal family, including Frederick's gifted sister Anna Amalia. His collection of organ sonatas, written for this organ-playing princess, include six works in three movements, from which we hear today the first and last movements of a tempestuous and unpredictable sonata in A minor that is full of echo effects and harmonic surprises.

Vocal music – Music for this morning's **introit** uses a traditional Gaelic melody arranged by John Bell and others at the Iona Community in Scotland. Its lilting triple meter underpins the comfort of Christ's call to a life of loving presence and belonging. "John Lamberton Bell is a Scottish hymn writer and ordained minister in the [Church of Scotland](#). He is a member of the [Iona Community](#), a broadcaster, and former student activist. He works throughout the world, lecturing in theological colleges in the UK, Canada and the United States, but is primarily concerned with the renewal of congregational worship at the grass roots level."*

This morning's **first solo** is an arrangement of Robert Lowry's American folk hymn *How can I keep from singing* by British composer Alan Bullard, who was a student of Herbert Howells. Bullard taught from 1975

to 2005 at what is now the Colchester Institute in the English Essex countryside, and it was there that he began to find his voice as a composer. In addition to chamber music and works for winds, Bullard has written a substantial body of choral music for the church, and serves in a number of capacities as a music educator, including composing *Joining the Dots*, an ongoing British series developed to teach musical sight-reading.

Today's **communion solo** features the well-loved African American spiritual *Let us break bread together* in an arrangement by Moses Hogan, who was an American composer, conductor, pianist and arranger of international renown. Hogan was in the first graduating class of 1975 at New Orleans Center for Creative Arts High School, and was awarded a full scholarship to [Oberlin Conservatory of Music](#), where he studied piano performance and received his Bachelor of Music degree in 1979. In 1980 Hogan formed the *New World Ensemble* and began arranging choral music. And in 1981, during graduate studies at the [Juilliard School](#), he won the 28th Annual Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition in New York City. Hogan later died tragically of a brain tumor at the age of 45. His work remains in recordings and a long list of spiritual arrangements for voices and instruments, including many found in *The Oxford Book of Spirituals* (2002), for which he served as both contributor and editor.

– Matthew Dirst, Randall Swanson and *Wikiwand

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, **February 14**, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The meeting will be held via Zoom. The agenda includes the annual report for 2020, presentation of the approved budget for 2021, and a vote on changes to the pastors' terms of call.

Duerr Lecture Series

Presents

Dr. Samuel L. Adams

*Effective Speech in the
Bible and in
Our Age of Polarization*



Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 21

11:00 a.m. Worship
(Streamed at saintphilip.net)

*The Witness of Reconciliation in the Age of
Polarization*

Genesis 33:1-11
Colossians 3:12-17

7:00 p.m.
Live Webinar

*Effective Speech in the Bible and in Our Age
of Polarization*

Lecture is free and open to everyone.

Registration for the Lecture
is required.

Information found at:

http://saintphilip.net/Duerr_LectureSeries.html

Speaker for the 24th annual Duerr Lecture Series will be Dr. Samuel L. Adams, the Mary Jane and John F. McNair Chair in Biblical Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He holds a Ph.D. from Yale University, a Master of Divinity from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. (History) from Davidson College. He is an ordained Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has served churches in Chicago, New Haven, and Richmond.

His publications include a comprehensive study on wisdom literature past and present (with Matthew Goff), recently published, and a book, *Wisdom in Transition: Act and Consequence in Second Temple Instructions*, examining conceptions of retribution, death, and the afterlife in Jewish instructions. Another research area is wealth and poverty in the biblical world and today. His book, *Social and Economic Life in Second Temple Judea*, Westminster John Knox, 2014, looks at economic life in the Bible and beyond. Other interests include apocalypticism, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Bible and film, and the Bible and Christian theology in the context of American political discourse. Adams' background includes a career in politics prior to graduate school and serving as a teacher at a Church of South India college. He is editor of the seminary's journal, *Interpretation*.

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Opening Hymn 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1995
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; adapt. in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839
 Text © 1995 The Pilgrim Press

ST. DENIO
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1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
 fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

This text celebrates the radical hospitality that characterizes Christ's welcome, which transcends time and reaches in all directions (Matthew 8:11/Luke 13:29). Saints of old are, like us, people in need of forgiveness, and the response to such pardon is "thanks and praise."



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Van Rathgeber upon Van's death on January 24.

Roderick James and family upon the death of his sister-in-law Martha Zertuche on February 4.

St. Philippians and their families – Pat Lindsay; Mary Margaret Hansen; Doris Cantrell; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Jan Ostendorf; Vicki McKay; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Mezgebe Gebray; Brad Davis – nephew of Sam Fisher; Kenneth Allan Henick – father of Anne Marie Benard; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; Betty Grant – sister-in-law of Eleanor Grant; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher – sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Bessie Johnson – mother of Pat Lindsay; Mac & Beverly Wilson – parents of Butch Wilson; 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 Malczewskyj – father-in-law of Jane Malczewskyj; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Jimmy Reagan – father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe – mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound – Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Mary Sinderson; Jody Tomforde; and Penny Vieau.

Friends of St. Philippians – Jack Burrell – friend of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff – friend of Jo Helland; Bill McDonald and Jackson Tavel – friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Cecil Trent – friend of Jane Cooper; David Shebay – friend of Greg Han; Clayton Amacker – friends 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.

Pledge payments, communion gifts 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.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

We continue to invite you to attend our daily prayer services at 11:00 a.m. (Monday-Saturday). Currently, we have a limit of five persons per day. Please enter the Sanctuary through the large wooden front doors by 10:50 a.m. You may bring your own face-mask or one will be provided. You may sit anywhere in the sanctuary, appropriately distanced from others. The service will conclude by 11:15.

Our website has information a current list of **opportunities on Zoom** for fellowship and spiritual formation.

CHURCH & SOCIETY - 9:30 a.m. – February 14 - Mission Sunday - Living Waters For the World - Living Waters for the World empowers everyday people to change lives through clean water. Presented by David & Joyce Fox, Janet & Ed Hess, and Kip Frautschi (La Famille). Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes – mmcgm63@gmail.com.

FAITH OF A CHILD—Join with fellow St. Philippians in a season of discipleship: Kallie Pitcock is facilitating a twice weekly zoom group Sunday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. You can attend the Sunday or the Wednesday session as your schedule permits. Lessons are stand alone, so you can join at any point. Email Kallie to receive more information and updates: kallie@saintphilip.net. The theme of the series is FAITH OF A CHILD: *approaching God with wonder, curiosity, and imagination*. Each week is built around a question submitted by participants or gathered by Kallie. Let us draw together and closer to God asking: how, why, who, when, so what?!

Save the date for the 2021 Mission Day Drive-thru on **February 13** from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. More details available in the February 2 Philip-eye.