



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 24, 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Preparation for Worship

*Lift high the cross, the love of God proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

—Hymn 826

Tolling of the Hour—II

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Voluntary

Prelude in G Major
BWV 541/1

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Introit—II

I Put My Trust in Your Mercy, O Lord

Chant

I put my trust in your mercy, O LORD;
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
I will sing to you, Lord, for you have dealt with me richly.
How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
how long will you hide your face from me?

— Psalm 13:5-6a, 1

✦ **Call to Worship**

✦ **Hymn 23**

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

✠ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
you have called us into the church to do great things:
to proclaim the gospel, to nurture one another,
to worship you, to remember what is true,
to promote righteousness in the world,
and to be a demonstration of your coming reign.

But in many ways we have failed to do these things.
We have neglected your work
in favor of personal interests and short term satisfactions.
We haven't made time for you or your people or your purposes.
Forgive our waywardness and have mercy on our sins.
Restore us and return us to your ways,
to the work you would have us do,
to the people you would have us be,
as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent prayer)

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

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✠ Response

GLORIA (Taizé)



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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✠ The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Signs of peace and reconciliation may be exchanged.

Conversation with Children

*Afterwards, children may stay with their parents, or infant to age 4
may go to child care in Room 106.*

*At this point during the 11:00 service,
children pre-k through first grade may go to Children's Chapel.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Micah 6:6-8

O.T. pg. 866

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

Anthem—II

Rejoice in Hope

C. Alexander Peloquin
(1918-1997)

How good, how delightful it is for all to live together.
How good, how delightful it is to live like brothers and sisters.
Rejoice in hope! Alleluia!

<i>Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.</i>	Where there is charity and love, God is there.
<i>Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor:</i>	The love of Christ has brought us together as one;
<i>exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.</i>	let us rejoice and take delight in it.
<i>Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum,</i>	Let us fear and love the living God,
<i>et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.</i>	and with a sincere heart let us love one another.

How good, how delightful it is for all to live together.
How good, how delightful it is to live like brothers and sisters.
Rejoice in hope! Alleluia! Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

N.T. pg. 34

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

Sermon

The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind

Clifton Kirkpatrick

Silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

✦ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered
the powers of sin and death,
and that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church
to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life
for society and the 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

*Gifts may be given anytime at www.saintphilip.net
or text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

Offertory Solo

At the River

HANSON PLACE • Robert Lowry (1826–1899)
arranged by Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels' feet have trod.
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

✦ Offertory Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise
God, all crea - tures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Praise God in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre -
a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Eternal God,
we thank you for the gifts you have given us in Jesus Christ.
**Strengthen us by your Spirit
so that we may use what we have received
to the glory of your name
and for the work of your kingdom. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

✦ Charge and Blessing

Kindly remain in silence during the closing voluntary, or depart very quietly.

✦ Closing Voluntary

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| I | <i>Agnus Dei—Dialogue sur les grands jeux</i>
(from <i>Messe pour les Couvents</i>) | François Couperin
(1668-1733) |
| II | <i>Wir glauben all' an einen Gott</i>
(We all believe in one true God) BWV 680 | J.S. Bach |

✦ Indicates worshipers are invited to stand in either body or spirit.
Words in bold type are to be read or sung together.

I - 8:30 a.m. II - 11:00 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

LITURGIST

Elizabeth Duerr

CHANCEL GUILD

Jane larkin

GREETERS

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MUSICIANS

Thomas Lewis O'Neill, soloist (I/II)
St. Philip Choir
Matthew Dirst, organist (II)
Randall Swanson, organist (I) and
conductor (II)

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Elizabeth Duerr, Lisa Duerr, and Douglas Duerr to the glory of God in memory of Chris Duerr, and in honor of Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, speaker for the 2019 Duerr Lecture Series.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

- Genesis 45:3–11, 15—*Joseph tells his brothers, "God sent me before you to preserve life."*
- Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40—*Trust in the Lord and do good; you will live in the land and be secure.*
- 1 Corinthians 15:35–38—*How are the dead raised? There is a spiritual body, raised in glory.*
- Luke 6:27–38—*Jesus says, "Love your enemies. Be merciful. Do not judge, but forgive."*

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 ABOUT TODAY'S 11:00 A.M. MUSIC

Organ music — Sebastian Bach's *Prelude in G Major*, BWV 541/1, is one of his most exuberant essays. Today's **opening voluntary**, combines the toccata figuration of the North German *stylus phantasticus* with the rhythmic drive of a Vivaldian ritornello, all in the service of Bach's relentless creativity. The **closing voluntary** comes from Bach's most sumptuous collection of chorale preludes: the so-called "organ mass," published in 1739. It is the third part of his *Clavier-Übung* ("Keyboard Exercise") series. "Wir glauben all' an einen Gott" is Luther's paraphrase of the Latin Credo, a universal statement of belief.

Choral and vocal music — This morning's **anthem** by C. Alexander Peloquin was composed in January 1972, and uses a simple choral refrain in English as bookends on either side of a central verse in Latin. The verse comes from the well-known chant hymn *Ubi caritas*, here set over a dreamy, gentle organ accompaniment. Peloquin was organist and director of music at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence, RI from 1950 until his retirement in 1991. • Today's **solo** was arranged in the early 1950s by the great American composer Aaron Copland as one of the selections in his two sets of *Old American Songs*. Copland sets Robert Lowry's famous American hymn HANSON PLACE in a distinctly new "Coplandesque" style, heard in the setting's unique accompaniment.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson