

THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP FEBRUARY 3, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER, EPIPHANY

Preparation for Worship

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance for peace that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your gospel. Amen.

Tolling of the Hour—II

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Voluntary

I Chorale Prelude on *Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich*(This day, it is so full of joy)

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

II Concerto in A Major: Overture—A tempo ordinario
Op. 7, No. 2 George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Introit—II

Let the Heart of Them Rejoice

Chant

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face evermore. O give thanks unto the LORD and call upon his Name; Tell the people what things he hath done.

— Psalm 105:3, 4, 1

† Hymn 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

in Jesus Christ you have shown us a more excellent way, a way of love that is greater than all other ways.

We confess that we have neglected love.

We have failed to receive it,

and we have failed to extend it.

We tie it up with conditions.

We make it conform to our terms.

We cannot accept that it is boundless.

Forgive our timid responses to your great gift.

Open us to love's possibilities

and expand our view of what love can accomplish, even in us.

We pray in the name of the one

who is love made flesh, Jesus Christ.

(silent prayer)

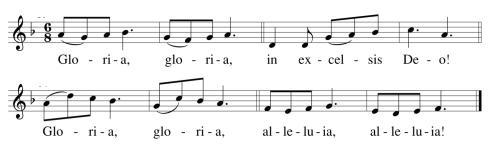
Holy One, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

† Response

GLORIA (Taizé)



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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 ages 1-4 may go to child care in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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

Anthem—II

God Be in My Head

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing;

— words from the Sarum Primer (1514)

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

Sermon When You Already Know

J. Herbert Nelson

Silence and stillness

† Hymn 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

† Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Solo *My Good Lord's Done Been Here*

Traditional Spiritual arranged by Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul, and gone away. My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul, and gone. Never did I think that he was so nigh, blest my soul and gone; he spoke and he made me laugh and cry, blest my soul and gone. Sinner better mind how you walk on the cross, blest my soul and gone; your foot might slip and your soul get lost, blest my soul and gone.

The Sacrament of 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...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Cantor or Choir:

Holy, holy, Holy Lord God of power and might. **REFRAIN** (all) Heaven and earth are full of your glory. **REFRAIN** (all) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **REFRAIN** (all)

Praise to you . . . the mystery of faith:



O God of resurrection . . . now and forever.



As the children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught:

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 Voluntary

I improvisation

II Versets on Auf meinen lieben Gott Dietrich Buxtehude
Bux WV 179 (c1637-1707)

Mission Opportunity

† Hymn 309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Communion offering gifts may be brought to the basket in the front. The coins collected each month in the jar support our hunger ministries.

† Charge and Blessing

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

† Closing Voluntary

 ${f I}$ Praeludium in F Major

Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)

II Concerto in A Major: Allegro Op. 7, No. 2

G.F. Handel

†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.



CHANCEL GUILD
Orlean Anderson

GREETERS

St. Philip Youth

MUSICIANS

Cecilia Duarte, soloist (I/II)
Saint Philip Choir (II)
Matthew Dirst, organist (II)
Randall Swanson, organist (I)
and conductor (II)

PASTORS

John W. Wurster Keatan King Omar Rouchon



The flowers are given today by Mary Ann Thomas and Shelley Smith to the glory of God and in loving memory of Shelley's mother Shirley and her brother Stevan.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Our preacher today is Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly is meeting at St. Philip February 4-6.

Communion at 8:30 is received by intinction. Please come forward via the center aisle, take a piece of bread, and dip it into the chalice of grape juice. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. All the bread used is gluten-free bread. At 11:00, the elders will pass trays of bread and juice through the pews. 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. Gifts brought forward during today's final hymn support Interfaith Ministries.

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

- Jeremiah 1:4–10—The Lord knew and called the prophet Jeremiah before he was born.
- Psalm 71:1-6—Be my refuge, O God; I have trusted in you since my birth.
- 1 Corinthians 13:1–13—*Without love, I have nothing; the greatest gift is love.*
- Luke 4:21–30—A prophet is not welcome at home; a crowd tries to attack Jesus.

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

Organ music — Handel composed his A-major organ concerto (Op. 7, No. 2) for the premiere of his oratorio Samson in 1743. Its outer movements serve as this morning's opening and closing voluntaries. Within this work Handel provides opportunities for improvised display at various open-ended cadences in its opening movement especially. The last movement borrows heavily from a suite movement by Gottlieb Muffat. Like many a Baroque concerto, the work adapts itself nicely to different circumstances, with or without an accompanying ensemble. • Dietrich Buxtehude's chorale settings treat hymn melodies of the early Lutheran church within a variety of different formal schemes. His versets on "Auf meinen lieben Gott" ("In my beloved God"), today's communion music, are cast as a dance suite comprising an allemande with its "double" (a written-out embellishment), a courante, a sarabande, and a gigue.

Choral and vocal music — This morning's anthem is by British composer Philip Wilby, who is Professor Emeritus in the School of Music at the University of Leeds, where he taught composition and conducting, and directed the Leeds University Liturgical Choir. His setting of God Be in My Head was published in 1989, and is rather unique in that it can be sung by virtually any combination of voices, with or without accompaniment. It is presented this morning in its traditional SATB choir version with organ. • Today's offertory solo is the rousing African American spiritual My Good Lord's Done Been Here in an arrangement by Moses Hogan, who was an American composer and arranger of international reknown. Hogan was the editor of, and a contributor to, The Oxford Book of Spirituals (2002), a highly influential choral collection used by choirs throughout the world.

- Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

