

11:00 A.M. FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 19, 2023

# **Preparation for Worship**

The question that counts is not "How did it happen?" When it comes to transformation, when it comes to healing, when it comes to changing the condition of your life, the question is not how. How is a question that demands an explanation, but this kind of change, this kind of healing, this kind of transformation defies explanation.

-John Wurster

Voluntary

Præludium in D minor BuxWV 140 Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Greeting

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

- **†** Opening Sentences
- **†** Hymn 183 (see page 8)

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

# **†** Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

We confess that we don't know how to confess for we have admitted sins we haven't committed, prayed prayers so broad and vague, they've covered everything and blushed at nothing.

We have felt guilty about the wrong things and innocent about real wrong we have done or real good we have not done.

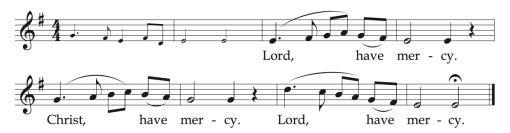
When we have asked your forgiveness for real sins, we must admit that we have no desire to give them up because we're so fond of them or so used to them we wouldn't know how to live without them.

Do not forgive us for wondering why our unrepentant confessions have left us unhealed. Do forgive what each of us can honestly bring to you that is real, and really grieved, and willing to die.

silent prayer

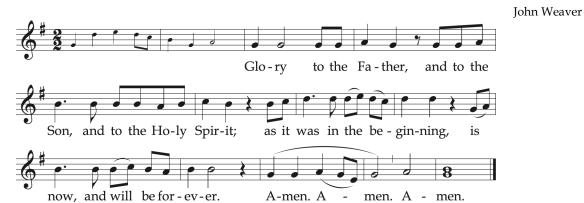
**†** Response

John Weaver



# **†** Declaration of Forgiveness

**†** Response



# † The Peace

Peace be with you. Peace be with all.

# Conversation with Children

# **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading** 

1 Samuel 16:1-13

O.T. pgs. 259-260

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
You make me lie down in green pastures;
you lead me beside still waters,
and you revive my soul.

Refrain – all

You guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Refrain – all

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Refrain – all

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever and ever.

Refrain – all

# **Gospel Reading**

John 9:1-25

N.T. pgs. 102-103

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

**Anthem** *My eyes for beauty pine* 

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for God's grace, No other care nor hope is mine, To heav'n I turn my face.

One splendor thence is shed From all the stars above: 'Tis namèd when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heav'nly Love.

And every gentle heart
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

- words by Robert Bridges (1844-1940)

Sermon Ketan King

silence and stillness

**†** Hymn 797 (see page 9)

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

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## **†** Affirmation of Faith

from The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Hide Not Thou Thy Face from Us, O Lord

Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness.

For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Eternal God, we praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world. We give ourselves to you faithfully in grateful response to your unending love and powerful mercy. Receive our humble praise this day and forevermore. Amen. **†** Hymn 649 (see page 10)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

**NEW BRITAIN** 

# **†** Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen BuxWV 221

Dieterich Buxtehude

#### **SERVING TODAY**

#### **Pastors**

John Wurster, Keatan King, Omar Rouchon

## Liturgist

Sadie Fair

#### Musicians

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

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

# Today's Lectionary readings:

- 1 Samuel 16:1–13 Samuel anoints David, the youngest son of Jesse, to be king.
- Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I will live in the house of God always.
- Ephesians 5:8-14 *Live as children of light; awake and rise, Christ will shine on you.*
- John 9:1-41 Jesus heals a man born blind; the Pharisees question him about sin.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGING

Continuing at least through the season of Lent, there will be a <u>single</u> 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 22, our preacher is Our guest preacher for **March 22** is Jeannie Corbitt Cardona, the Director of Church Relations at Austin Seminary. The featured hymn is "Take My Life." Lunch will be available after the service in the Gathering Area for \$10.

### 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 organ voluntaries both come from the great North German master Dieterich Buxtehude, organist for many years at the Marienkirche in Lübeck. His Praeludium in D minor, BuxWV 140, comprises multiple sections of strongly contrasting material. An energetic opening, with vigorous writing in imitation of string playing in the Italian concerto, leads to a short fugue that moves fairly quickly into a rhapsodic series of highly embellished harmonies. This section eventually yields to a second fugue, which uses the same subject as the first but in a new meter. This fugue eventually devolves into virtuosic flourishes, including pedal solos, as the piece moves toward a powerful conclusion. Buxtehude's setting of Von Gott will ich nicht lassen (From God I shall not stray), BuxWV 121, sets this venerable Lutheran chorale melody with considerable ingenuity, with its melody occasionally discernible in long notes at either the top or bottom of the texture. The constantly evolving keyboard figuration, derived from phrases of the same tune, may serve to illustrate the hymn text, which notes that "whenever I go astray, God reaches out to guide me."

#### **Choral Music**

This morning's **anthem** — *My eyes for beauty pine* by Herbert Howells — was first published in 1928, and sets a fine text by British poet Robert Bridges. Howells, known today primarily for his vast contributions to sacred music for the Anglican Church, began his musical studies as a young boy at Gloucester Cathedral, later moving to London to study at the Royal College of Music, eventually joining the faculty and serving there for nearly 60 years.

This morning's **offertory anthem** is by 16th-century English cathedral musician and composer Richard Farrant, who sang in the choir of the Chapel Royal during the reigns of Edward VI, Mary I, and Elizabeth I until 1564, when he assumed new duties as Master of the Choristers at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. *Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord* is a favorite heard throughout the English-speaking world during the season of Lent especially, but at other times during the church year as well.

-Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families — Jane Malcewskyj; Jan Fox; Bill Taylor; Beverly Baker; Peg Palisin; 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; Willow Polk — niece of Sharon Webb; Truxillo family — Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; 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; Alan Rowe — father of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio — granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

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

Friends of St. Philippians — Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; 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-Kindgergarden) — 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. March 26 - St. Philip Mission Partner - Restorative Justice - Bridges to Life - Healing crime victims. Rehabilitating offenders. Making our communities safer. Presented by John Sage, founder and CEO of Bridges to Life and John and Gay van Osdall - St. Philip volunteers at Bridges to Life. 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 <u>Ancient Israel</u>, <u>The Former Prophets</u> (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—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. Today and every 2nd and 4th Sunday during the 11 o'clock service children will be able to participate in this.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (ages 6 and up) - Sanctuary — meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and continues through **Apr. 2**. They will sing the Introit at our 11:00 a.m. worship service on Palm Sunday. Come join this fun group and bring your friends! Our new director, Miss Eliza Nicholson, is full of surprises!!

# 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@saintphlip.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 **Apr. 13** we will discuss *The Maid* by Nita Prose. 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 <a href="welcome@saintphilip.net">welcome@saintphilip.net</a>.

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.

## PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE-

is very excited to announce the birth of Tina Melende, Mariam her mother was at the recent reception after worship. We are gathering gently used clothes for the precious newborn baby girl of our Congolese family. Articles of clothing should be sized one month and older and are greatly appreciat-



ed. Diapers are needed too. Boxes have been placed in the Gathering Area and in the Office. Thank you so much for your kindness.

# **Hymn 183**

# Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN



- 1 "Come to me, O wea ry trav-eler; come to me with your dis-tress;
- not fear, my yoke is eas y; do not fear, my bur-den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou-bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea-ry trav-eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav-y bur-dened; come to me and find your rest." do not fear the path be-fore you; do not run from me in fright." Take my yoke, I am be-side you; take and learn hu-mil - i - ty." Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28-30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991 © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992 © 1993 Selah Publishing Co., Inc. AUSTIN

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This 20th-century text from the Iona Community grapples with the realities of illness and pain, not only as they afflict the body but even more as they lay waste to mind and soul. The traditional folk melody helps to convey the sort of communal experience assumed in the last stanza.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1989

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As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

# A Day at Austin Seminary

April 18, 2023

oin us for an up-close and personal experience of this beloved community which for more than a century has educated and formed leaders for Christ's church. We will depart from New Hope Presbyterian Church in Katy at 8:00 a.m. and depart for Houston at 3:30 p.m. Highlights of the trip include:

- Worship with the Seminary community, including the debut of a new hymn by Dr. Mary Louise Bringle who will be present in worship
- · Lunch with Austin Seminary students
- Faculty lecture with Professor Ángel Gallardo
- Conversation with President Irizarry



To sign up or receive more information about the trip, contact Omar Rouchon at omar@saintphilip.net Last day to sign up to attend campus visit is April 3, 2023.



In order to continue our longstanding support of the Brookwood Community, we have kept in place our customary order for Easter lilies. They will be delivered to St. Philip to adorn our Sanctuary for our Easter service.

We invite you to contribute to our flower fund and dedicate a lily to someone this Easter. Donations may be made for any amount either through our website—<u>saintphilip.net</u>, choosing the Flowers/Holiday fund option from the menu; or by sending a check to the Church Office. If donating online where the memo line is limited in the number of characters, please e-mail Lorrie Castle (<u>lorrie@saintphilip.net</u>) with the details of your dedication, including your name and the person(s) being honored and/or remembered. Similar information should be included with mailed checks. Mailed dedications should arrive by **April 3**. Thanks for your help in continuing this holiday tradition!

The list of donors and memorials/honors will appear in the bulletin and the Philip-Eye following Easter.

| EASTER LILIES  |                        |         |                  | Donation of any amount |
|--|------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------|
| I/we would like to make a donation to purchase lilies to adorn our chancel during this Easter season.  |                        |         |                  |                        |
| Donor – your name(s)   | (Please print legibly) |         |                  |                        |
| In honor of:   |                        |         |                  |                        |
| In memory of:  |                        |         |                  |                        |
| Please place envelope in the offering plate or return it with your <b>payment</b> to the church office by April 3. Use additional space below if needed. |                        |         |                  |                        |
| I have included a  | _check,                | cash or | will pay online. |                        |





## Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphlip.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 <u>saintphilip.net</u> 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.

