



Preparation for Worship

*It is not the religious act
that makes the Christian,
but participation in the suffering of God
in the life of the world.*

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Voluntary

Prelude in C minor
BWV 546/1

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Greeting

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

Introit

My Eyes Are Ever Looking to the Lord

Chant

My eyes are ever looking to the LORD,
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn to me and have pity on me,
for I am left alone and in misery.
To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

— Psalm 25:14-15, 1

✦ Opening Sentences

Thirsty, our hearts crave living water.
Hungry, our souls ache to be satisfied.
Weary, our minds are tired by thoughts that do not come from God.
Thirsty, hungry, and weary,
let us worship the God of love.

✦ Hymn 415 [\(see page 10\)](#)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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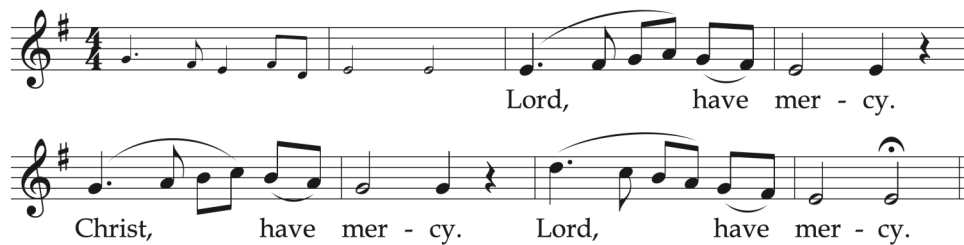
✦ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
 though you lovingly tend us,
 we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit.
 Our consumption poisons the earth.
 Our violence threatens our neighbors.
 Our greed exploits the poor.
 We must seem a waste of time,
 but you don't give up on us, O God.
 In your power to abundantly pardon,
 forgive us for the sake of Christ,
 and imbue us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness.

silent prayer

✦ Response

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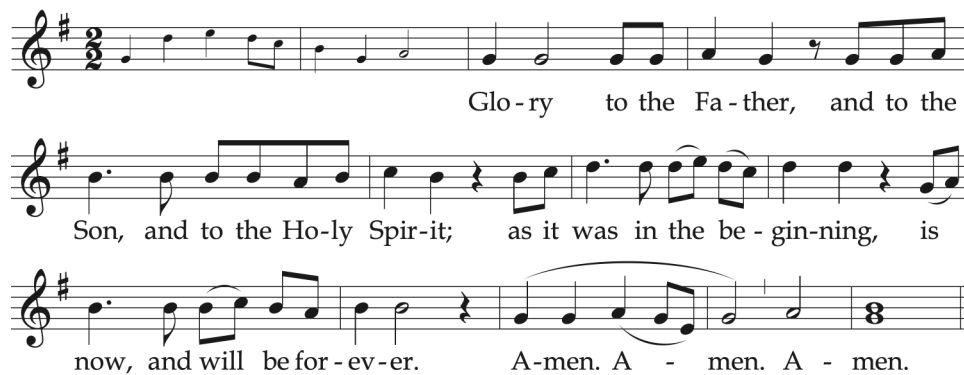


✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response

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✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

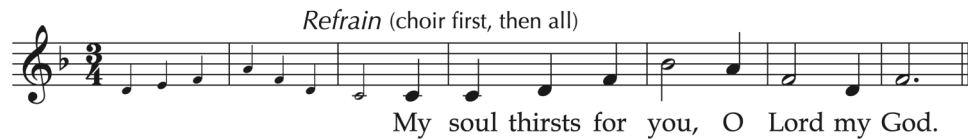
Isaiah 55:1-9

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 63

Gordon Johnston



O God, you are my God, I seek you,
 my soul thirsts for you;
 my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. *Refrain – all*

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
 beholding your power and glory.
 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
 my lips will praise you. *Refrain – all*

So I will bless you as long as I live;
 I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. *Refrain – all*

For you have been my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand upholds me. *Refrain – all*

– Psalm 63 1-5, 7-8

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Keatan King

Silence and stillness✦ Hymn 418 ([see page 11](#))*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

✦ Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth,
 true humanity was realized once and for all.
 Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people
 and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.
 He expressed the love of God in word and deed
 and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people.
 But his complete obedience
 led him into conflict with people.
 His life and teaching judged their goodness,
 religious aspirations, and national hopes.
 Many rejected him and demanded his death.
 In giving himself freely,
 he took upon himself the judgment
 under which everyone stands convicted.
 God raised him from the dead,
 vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
 The victim of sin became the victor,
 and won the victory over sin and death for all.

Anthem*Call to Remembrance, O Lord*Richard Farrant
(c. 1525–1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness,
which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth,
but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

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***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*Calvin Hampton
(1938–1984)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word,
And our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

— words by Frederick W. Faber (1814–1863), alt.

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Gracious God,
We praise you for your goodness that created us,
your grace that sustains us,
and your glory that inspires us.
**We give ourselves to you in joyful service
and with the church through all the ages
we thank you for your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠ **Hymn 694** ([see page 12](#))

Great God of Every Blessing

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✠ **Charge and Blessing**

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

Voluntary

Chaconne in G minor

Louis Couperin
(c. 1626–1661)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Sadie Fair, Omar Rouchon, and John Wurster

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Matthew Dirst, organist | Randall Swanson — music director

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Stephen Paine to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Fox.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Isaiah 55:1–9 — *Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; listen to me and live.*
- Psalm 63:1–8 — *O God, you are my God, I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.*
- 1 Corinthians 10:1–13 — *Our ancestors crossed the sea; they drank from Christ, the rock.*
- Luke 13:1–9 — *Lessons from a tower and a fig tree; repent or you will perish.*

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MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

This morning's **opening voluntary** is one of Bach's most grandiose organ preludes. Its powerful opening, with big chordal progressions that alternate between the hands, yield eventually to a more flowing secondary theme. Over the course of the piece, Bach shows how both ideas can be combined with each other in myriad ways.

The **closing voluntary** is a piece written for harpsichord but easily adaptable to the organ. Formally a chaconne, this kind of piece relies on a repeating refrain. Its composer Louis Couperin served Louis XIV of France as court harpsichordist and as organist at the Church of St. Gervais in central Paris.

Choral Music

Today's **first anthem** is by sixteenth-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. Though Farrant is an important figure in the history of English church music, he

does not appear to have written a great deal of music for the church, and only a tiny number of his compositions remain. *Call to Remembrance* is a favorite anthem heard throughout the English-speaking world during the season of Lent.

This morning's **offertory anthem** is one of the many brilliant hymn tunes written by Calvin Hampton, who was a New York City-based composer and organist, known especially for his innovative, challenging sacred music. Erik Routley, perhaps the 20th century's most noted authority on church music, at the time called Hampton "the greatest living composer of hymn tunes." Hampton also composed a number of works for both solo and duo organs, as well as transcribing several notable orchestral works by other composers into versions for solo organ. Heard this morning, his setting of *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* completely transforms this well-known text and raises it to the level of true greatness.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

Upcoming Dates at St. Philip

March 23, 30, and April 6

Lenten services on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
(lunch available afterwards)

April 14 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. service

April 15 – Good Friday

services at 12 noon and 8:00 p.m.

April 17 – Easter Sunday

services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

April 24

Spring Potluck Picnic

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. The zoom link will be sent early Monday mornings to the congregation through Constant Contact.

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP SPRING PROGRAMS

Child Piano Prodigies

SUNDAY | **MARCH 27, 2022** | 3:00 p.m.



Celebrating children in the arts, we are excited to present the winners of Houston Tuesday Musical Club's **2022 Rochelle Liebling Kahan Memorial Fund Competition for Child Piano Prodigies**, open to Houston area children between the ages of six and nine. Featuring St. Philip's magnificent **Steinway D** concert grand piano. Come prepared to be dazzled! **Free ice cream for all afterward!**

Run time about one hour • no intermission

FREE

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philipians and their families—Mary Sinderson; Susan Huffman; Jan Ostendorf; Pat Lindsay; Roderick James; Lee Larkin; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Stone Simmons – grandson of Jenilee Simmons; Lynn Boddington – mother of Laura Burgess; Hunter – grandson of Michael Alexander; Ryan Willis – son of Robin and Gary Willis; Trip Merklein – nephew of Elizabeth Duerr; 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 & Beverly Wilson – parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Sarah – cousin of Sam Fisher; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe – mother and his father - William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound – John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philipians – Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton – friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Nancy Bond family upon the death of her husband, Rob – friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those who watch and wait.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email:

deacons@saintphilip.net

CHURCH & SOCIETY—9:40 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. by Zoom— **Mar. 27** - "Gun Safety Legislation" - including HB 1927 - permit-less or constitutional carry, HB 2622 - prohibits state and local governments from enforcing new federal gun rules, HB 1500 - prevents government entities from banning the sale or transportation of firearms and ammo during declared disaster or emergency, HB 957 exempts firearm suppressors that are made and remain in Texas from federal laws and regulations. Presented by Aimee Turney - City of Houston Mayor's Commission Against Gun Violence, Gun Safety Chair for the League of Women Voters and member of Moms Demand Action. Email Mickey Meyers at churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net if you would like to join any of the classes.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS - Room 204—9:30 a.m. We have completed the "David Story" in 1 Kings 1-2 and have begun our study of Solomon and the subsequent Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 1-2 Kings, with Dr. Robert Alter's *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us for more discoveries in Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are 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 in person each Friday in the Dining Room from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are currently studying the book *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Also, while there is an in person meeting, that meeting is carried live via Zoom for those who want to join the meeting but are either out of town or prefer to meet from a distance. Please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com if you would like to be a part of this interesting group.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP will have its next meeting Tuesday, **Apr. 5**, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The study book is *Race in America; Christians respond to the crisis*, edited by David Maxwell and Laura Cheifetz. Persons interested in joining the group can send an email to welcomer@saintphilip.net and type PSJ Study Group in the subject line.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. At our next meeting on **Apr. 14** at 7:00 p.m., this will be a social; watch your email for details of where we will be meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

EXPERIENCING GOD CLASS - Sundays during Lent (**through Apr. 3**) - 9:45, Room 202—The Education Committee will offer a five-week class during Lent called "Experiencing God," an opportunity to see how the Holy Spirit connects with people in unique and personal ways in their daily life. Two or three church members will informally share one of their spiritual practices for 10-15 minutes. There will also be time for individuals to try these different ways to encounter God. The goal is to encourage and learn from one another on our journeys of faith. Middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to participate.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday continues with a Zoom session Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net.

EASTER LILIES

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 online 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—saintphilip.net, 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 (lorrie@saintphilip.net) 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 12**. Thanks for your help in continuing this holiday tradition!

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

You can go online and make a donation of any amount. Please include: *in honor of* or *in memory of* and the name(s) you wish to recognize, as well as how you would like your name to appear. If you have multiple recognitions, please email Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net.

CASH/CHECK DONATION

(circle one) **I / we** would like to make a donation to purchase Easter Lilies to adorn the sanctuary this Easter Season, to be given (circle one) **in honor of / memory of:**

Donor—Your Name(s) PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Please place in an envelope in the offering plate or return it with your payment to the church office by **April 12**.



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.

Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

full of pit - y, love, and power.
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
 you will nev - er come at all.
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).

Hymn 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11–32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

TEXT and MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1880

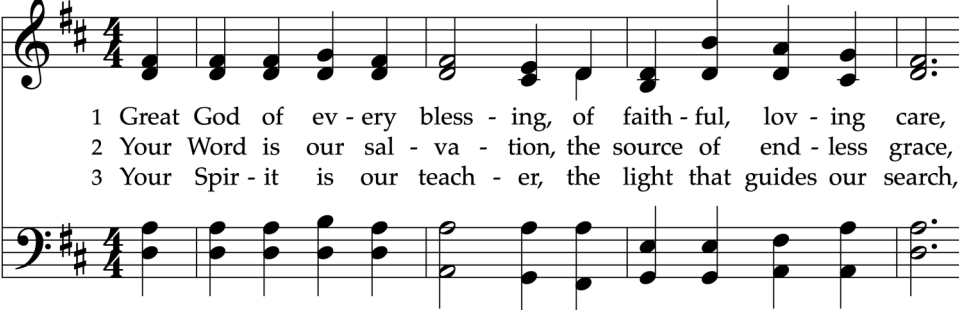
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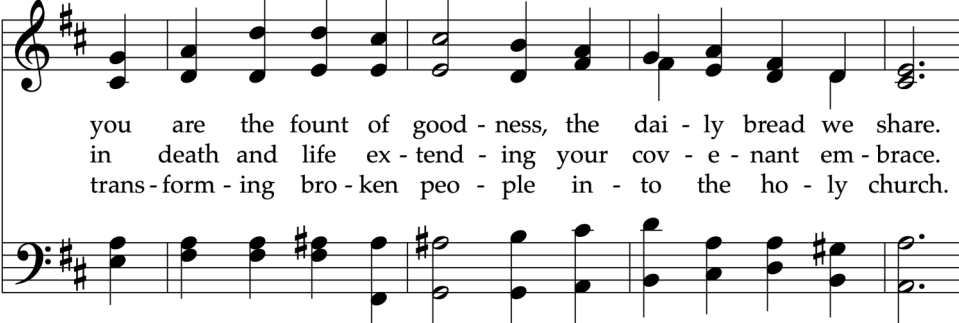
Hymn 694

Great God of Every Blessing

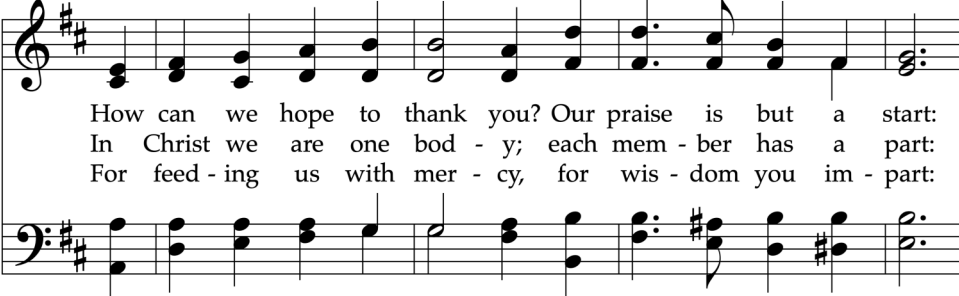
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1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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