

11:00 A.M. MARCH 26, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

# **Preparation for Worship**

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 3:13-14

Voluntary

Passacaglia in D minor BuxWV 161

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

- Opening Sentences
- **† Hymn 681** (see page 10)

*This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made* 

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET HER'

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. We too often focus on our own desires

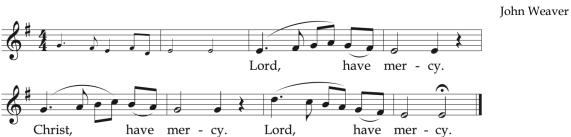
and forget the needs of our neighbors.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,

that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of grace and love, as we seek healing and wholeness for all your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silent prayer

# **†** Response



# **†** Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## **†** Response

John Weaver



#### † The Peace

Peace be with you. Peace be with all.

#### Conversation with Children

# **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading** 

Romans 8:6-11

N.T. pgs. 157-158

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130



The Lord shall re - deem us from all our sins.

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. *Refrain – all* 

If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared. Refrain – all

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits for you;

in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord

more than those who keep watch await the morning. Refrain – all

O Israel, wait for the LORD,

for with the LORD there is mercy;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption,

and the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins. Refrain – all

**Gospel Reading** 

John 11:1-45

N.T. pgs. 104-105

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon Spirit Check Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness

**† Hymn 366** (see page 11)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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#### **†** Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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**

Almighty and Everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- words from 1549 Book of Common Prayer

# **†** Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

We offer these gifts to you, O God, that in our giving and sharing we may honor you. Use these gifts, we pray, to strengthen creation, to care for the world, and to lift up all of your people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

# **†** Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary Canzonetta in A minor Dieterich Buxtehude
BuxWV 225

#### **SERVING TODAY**

#### **Pastors**

Omar Rouchon, Keatan King

#### Liturgist

Walker Fair

#### Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Sarah Bertrand & Thomas O'Neill, cantors | Randall Swanson, director of music & organist

#### **FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given by William Howard in honor of Ada J. Marshall, his mother's birthday today and the pastors and staff of St. Philip.

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

#### **Today's Lectionary readings:**

- Ezekiel 37:1-14—In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for Israel.
- Psalm 130 Out of the depths I cry; the Lord has power to forgive and redeem.
- Romans 8:6-11 Set your mind on the Spirit, not the flesh; God will give you life.
- John 11:1-45 Jesus, the resurrection and the life, raises Lazarus from the dead.

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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. Laureen Suba, pastor at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Houston, is the preacher for **March 29**. The featured hymn is *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*. 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: <a href="keatan@saintphilip.net">keatan@saintphilip.net</a>. This concludes on Apr. 3.

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

#### **Organ Music**

This morning's **opening voluntary** is considered by scholars to be a relatively late work by the North German composer Dieterich Buxtehude, who, from 1668 until his death in 1707, was organist at the Marienkirche in Lübeck. The *Passacaglia in D minor* survives in a single source compiled by Johann Christoph Bach (1671–1721), Johann Sebastian's older brother. It is widely acknowledged to be among Buxtehude's most important works, and it was clearly an influence on J. S. Bach's own Passacaglia in C minor (BWV 582). The work is in 3/2 time built above an ostinato dance pattern played in the pedal:



Unlike Bach's later Passacaglia, which, through 21 variations (including an extended fugue) remains firmly in the key of C minor, Buxtehude's Passacaglia is unique in its use of three key centers: D minor, F major, and A minor, returning to D minor in its fourth section (modulation was rarely employed in such works at the time). Buxtehude's lifelong interest in numerology is exhibited in the Passacaglia's intricate structure — the numbers 4 and 7 are the foundation of the entire piece. The ostinato pattern is composed of 7 notes in 4 bars, and it appears 28 times  $(4 \times 7 = 28)$ . There are 4 sections, each 28 bars long, and each section contains seven variations on the seven-note ostinato. In addition to all this, the Passacaglia is one of Buxtehude's most beautiful and moving works.

Today's **closing voluntary** is a short work by Buxtehude for hands alone which could have been played on a variety of keyboard instruments including the organ, harpsichord and clavichord. The *Canzonetta in A minor* is based on an all-sixteenth-note theme heard at the beginning and repeated in tonic and dominant (A minor and E minor) iterations over different ranges of the keyboard, before giving way to freer material and a little cadenza-like passage at the end.

#### **Choral Music**

This morning's **offertory anthem** comes from the pen of seventeenth-century composer and organist Orlando Gibbons, who was a member of the British Chapel Royal, and eventually also served as organist of Westminster Abbey. While Gibbon's output of choral music was relatively modest in quantity, its quality is such that his influence on the further development of the English choral anthem was quite substantial. *Almighty and Everlasting God* is a fine example of his ability to take to new heights the anthem style of his predecessors Tallis, Mundy, and Sheppard, who were active a generation or two before him.

- Randall Swanson

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families — William Rowe; Jennifer Wilson; Jane Malczewskyj; Jan Fox; 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 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: <a href="mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net">deacons@saintphilip.net</a>

#### Holy Week and Easter at St. Philip

## Palm Sunday April 2

Worship at 11:00 a.m. with a palm procession for children and communion for all.

#### Maundy Thursday April 6

Worship at 7:00 p.m. with the St. Philip Choir. The service concludes with the symbolic stripping of the church.

## Good Friday April 7

12 noon – a brief service remembering the death of Jesus in scripture and song 8:00 p.m. – a dramatic Tenebrae service of light and shadows with the St. Philp Choir.

#### **Holy Saturday April 8**

5:00 p.m. – a musical meditation for Holy Saturday with Matthew Dirst.

#### Easter Sunday April 9

Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Festival Service of Easter with the St. Philip Choir.

10:00 a.m. — Christian Education invites you to breakfast.
10:15 a.m. they will have an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn for children.
Bring fresh flowers from your yard or the store to decorate the flower cross.
Get your picture taken for the new church directory.





We continue our longstanding support of the Brookwood Community by decorating the chancel for Holy Week with Easter lilies.

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 (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 **Apr. 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	of any amount
I/we would like to mak	e a donation to	purchase lilies to a	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.	

#### 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. Apr. 2 - Palm Sunday - Join us for a preview of the Holy Saturday Musical Meditation "Pilgrimage and Sacrifice" featuring Cecy Duarte, Thomas O'Neil and Matthew Dirst. Presented by Dr. Matthew Dirst, St. Philip organist and Professor of Music at the Moores School of Music, University of Houston. Matthew is the Founder and Artistic Director of Ars Lyrica Houston, a Grammy-nominated ensemble specializing in Baroque chamber and dramatic works. 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. There will be no Children's Chapel today but it returns 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 <a href="mailto:john@saintphlip.net">john@saintphlip.net</a>. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 5 - SUMMER LECTURE SERIES -** Please plan to join us on Saturday, **Aug. 5** for St. Philip's annual Summer Lecture Series. This year's speaker will be the Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network and author of the recently-published book, *Following Jesus in a Warming World -a Christian Call to Climate Action*. More details to come. Please contact Omar Rouchon with any questions.

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

GUIDED TOUR OF ST. PHILIP—We probably all know where the Sanctuary is, but do you know where the Choir Room is? Or the Children's Chapel Room? Or the Pastors' Offices? The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites anyone interested—and especially those who may be newer to the St. Philip community—to join us in a short walking tour of the St. Philip campus, beginning at 9:30 on Apr. 23. We'll visit the key spaces where we worship, serve, learn, and share fellowship. You'll also hear a bit about some of the activities of our congregation, like our community gardening, Arts & Crafts Studio, or where the Presbyterian Women meet? Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to St. Philip or not. You'll get to know your church home better, and there will be yummy treats to enjoy!

When: 9:30 am, Sunday, Apr. 23

Where: Meet in the Gathering Area, the open space with

tables near the Sanctuary.

MY NAME IS...Everyone has problems sometimes remembering names. It is so nice to see name tags to jog the memory. If you do not have a St. Philip name tag, please email the church at <a href="welcome@saintphilip.net">welcome@saintphilip.net</a> or call the office (713-622-4807) to request one. Also, please check the boards in the narthex to see if you have one and didn't know it. They are alphabetical with the last name.

Financial Update through February 28

Total Revenue: \$264,392 Total Expenses: \$292,805 Pledge payments received: \$185,083 Pledge payments budgeted: \$188,281



# 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.

# **Hymn 681**

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'



These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24–29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. MUSIC: Johann Crüger, c. 1647 NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'



Hymn 793 O Christ, the Healer ERHALT UNS, HERR



This prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit considers not only the infirmities of individuals but also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshiping communities are called to continue Christ's healing work in the world.





#### 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.

