



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP  
 AT WORSHIP  
 MARCH 24, 2019  
 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**Preparation for Worship**

*Glory to you, O God, whom we worship in awe and wonder.  
 You are the author of all beginnings and all that is pronounced good.  
 In you both day and night have purpose,  
 both calm and storm have meaning.  
 Open the eyes of our imagination that we may be ready  
 to receive your gifts and discern your activity in our midst. Amen.*

**Tolling of the Hour—II**

**Greeting**

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

**Voluntary**

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| I  | <i>Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ</i><br>(I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ) BWV 639 | Johann Sebastian Bach<br>(1685-1750) |
| II | <i>Aria</i>                                                                           | Jehan Alain<br>(1911-1940)           |

**Introit—II**

*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.

## ✦ Call to Worship

## ✦ Hymn 666

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

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## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Great God,  
you beckon us to move beyond where we are,  
yet we are often afraid to accept your invitation.  
You promise to be with us,  
yet we struggle to summon the faith to trust you.  
You offer us new and abundant life,  
yet we prefer to wallow in the same old life.

Forgive our sins, strengthen our spirits, and encourage our hearts,  
that we may follow where you lead,  
confident that your mercy and grace  
are more than enough to sustain us along the way.

*(silent prayer)*

## ✦ Response

*Lord, Have Mercy* | Kyrie

John Weaver (b. 1937)

Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✦ Response

*Glory to the Father* | Gloria Patri

John Weaver

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

## ✦ 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

O.T. pgs. 685-686

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

### Anthem—II

*Like as the Hart*

Herbert Howells  
(1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God;  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night,  
while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?"

— Psalm 42:1-3

### Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

N.T. pg. 76

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

### Sermon

Knee-Shaking Faith

John W. Wurster

*Silence and stillness*

### ✦ Hymn 688

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

MORECAMBE

### ✦ 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.**

## 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](http://www.saintphilip.net)  
or text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

### Offertory Solo

*My Spirit Longs for Thee*

Philip Godfrey  
2006

My Spirit longs for thee  
within my troubled breast,  
though I unworthy be  
Of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest  
unworthy though I be,  
yet has my heart no rest  
unless it come from thee.

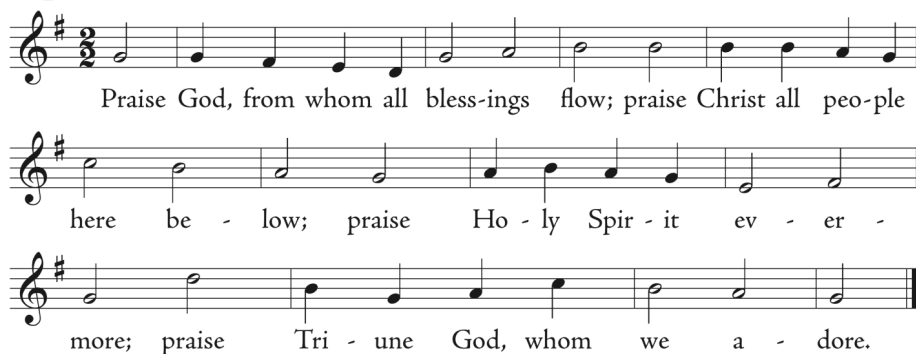
Unless it come from thee,  
in vain I look around;  
in all that I can see  
no rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found  
but in thy blessed love:  
O let my wish be crowned,  
and send it from above.

— words by John Byrom (1692–1763)

### ✦ Response

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ all peo-ple  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -  
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

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MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
LM

### ✦ 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 gathering us together in your church,  
and uniting us with your people in every time and place.  
**Strengthen our witness, increase our faith,  
and inspire our mission, as we seek to follow Jesus. Amen.**

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

✦ Closing Voluntary

|    |                                                                                  |                                 |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| I  | <i>O Lamm Gottes unschuldig</i><br>(O Lamb of God, most holy) P 393              | Johann Pachelbel<br>(1653–1706) |
| II | <i>Christus, der uns selig macht</i><br>(Christ, by whose blessed light) BWV 620 | 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

Jeromy Murphy

CHANCEL GUILD

Orlean Anderson

GREETERS

Education Committee

MUSICIANS

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

PASTORS

John W. Wurster

Keatan King

Omar Rouchon

 FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Omi and Robert Ford to the Glory of God and in the celebration of Isabella’s birthday and in thanksgiving for our St. Philip family.

 WORSHIP NOTES

Today’s readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

- 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

**11:00 a.m. organ music** — Jehan Alain's *Aria*, today's **opening voluntary**, is an episodic and enigmatic work. Its web of hypnotic ideas reveal the composer's affinity for jazz and music of the Far East and for assimilation of various styles: its ending, for example, is an Eastern melody presented in the manner of a Gregorian chant. Alain's idiosyncratic music and tragically short life have inspired legions of devotees (including his sister Marie-Claire Alain), who have ensured his art's survival through multiple editions and recordings. • Our **closing voluntary** features the chorale melody "Christus, der un selig macht" (Christ, by whose blessed light) in canon between the outer parts. Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book) includes a number of short settings that treat hymn melodies in this artful way, with strict imitation of the tune in at least two parts. One of Bach's favorite Lenten hymns, verses from this chorale appear in two places in his *St John Passion*.

**11:00 a.m. choral music** — This morning's **anthem** "Like as the Hart" was composed by Herbert Howells in January 1941. It is one of four anthems in a set called *In Time of War*, written while the city of London was under German air bombardment in World War II. With its text from Psalm 42, and its beautiful rhapsodic musical qualities, it is among Howells' most beloved and often-performed works.

—Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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