



Preparation for Worship

Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing.

—Frederick Buechner

Voluntary

Offertoire pour le Jour de Pâques O FILII ET FILIAE
(O Sons and Daughters)

Jean-François Dandrieu
(1664–1733)

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

✦ Opening Sentences

✦ Hymn 245 ([see page 10](#))

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

✦ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We close our doors to those in need.
We close our ears to the cries of the oppressed.
We close our hands to those who are different from us.
We close our minds,
locking ourselves in echo chambers,
and refusing to embrace the fullness and complexity
of the world you lived for and died to save.

Open us, Risen Christ. Open us!
Open our hearts to forgiveness,
change our lives with your grace,
and make all things new by your Spirit
that we may know the joy of life abundant in you, our Lord and Savior.

silent prayer...

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Fintan O'Carroll



MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981 ©

✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

*Afterwards, children ages 1-4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.
Older children are invited to worship in the Children's Chapel in Room 203.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

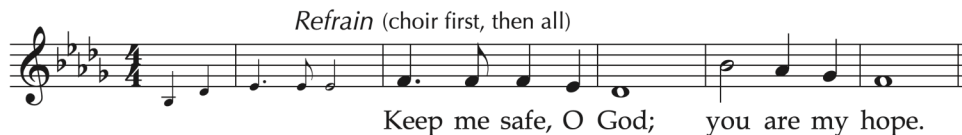
Acts 2:14a, 22-32

N.T. pgs 119-120

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Gordon Johnston



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people. *Refrain – all*

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. *Refrain – all*

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit. *Refrain – all*

— Psalm 16:1-2, 7-10

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

N.T. pg. 115

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
(from *Messiah* – No. 45)

George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

— Job 19:25-26 | 1 Corinthians 15:20

Sermon

Traveling Thomas
silence and stillness

Keatan King

✦ Hymn 231 [\(see page 11\)](#)

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GÂN

✦ Affirmation of Faith

Hispanic Creed

Creemos en Dios Padre todopoderoso,
Creator of the heavens and the earth;
Creator of the all peoples and all cultures;
Creator of all tongues and races.

Creemos en Jesucristo, su Hijo, nuestro Señor,
God made flesh in a person for all humanity,
God made flesh in an age for all the ages,
God made flesh in one culture for all cultures,
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo,
Through whom God incarnate in Jesus Christ
Makes his presence known in our peoples and our cultures;
Through whom, God, Creator of all that exists,
Gives us power to become new creatures;
Whose infinite gifts make us one people: the body of Christ.

Creemos en la Iglesia, que es universal,
because it is a sign of God's Reign,
Whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues
Where all the colors paint a single landscape,
Where all tongues sing the same praise.

Creemos en el reino venidero —
the day of the Great Fiesta —
When all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow,
When all peoples will join in joyful banquet,
When all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.

Y porque creemos, nos comprometemos
To believe for those who do not believe,
To love for those who do not love,
To dream for those who do not dream,
Until the day when hope becomes reality. 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.

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

This Joyful Eastertide

Dutch folk tune VRUECHTEN
 arr. Charles Wood (1866–1926)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
 My love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
 Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
 Till trump' from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
 Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

— words by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

We give you thanks, Great God,
 for the hope we have in Jesus,
 who died but is risen and rules over all.
**We praise you for your presence among us
 and for the promise that nothing past,
 present, or yet to come
 can separate us from your great love
 made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠ Hymn 817 ([page 12](#))

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

✠ Charge and Blessing

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

Closing Voluntary

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn
 Today God's Son Triumphs | BWV 630

Johann Sebastian Bach
 (1685–1750)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

John Wurster | Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Liturgist

Cohen Carlin

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Cecilia Duarte — cantor | Thomas O'Neill — soloist | Matthew Dirst — organist & director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Acts 2:14a, 22-32 — *Peter addresses the people: Jesus is risen, and we are witnesses.*
- Psalm 16 — *You protect me from death, O God, and show me the path of life.*
- 1 Peter 1:3-9 — *We have a new birth into a living hope through Jesus' resurrection.*
- John 20:19-31 — *Jesus shares the Holy Spirit; a week later, he appears to Thomas.*

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by Ben & Cindy Dees to the glory of God and in celebration of their 13th wedding anniversary.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Today's **opening voluntary** is a Baroque setting of the late medieval Easter hymn "O Sons and Daughters." The hymn tune and text come from a Franciscan monk by the name of Tisserand, while the organ versets are the work of eighteenth-century Parisian organist Jean-François Dandrieu, who published them as an *Offertoire* for Easter Day. Like his popular Noëls, this is essentially a series of variations that explore the characteristic sounds of the Classic French organ.

Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (*Little Organ Book*) contains settings of a number of Easter chorale melodies, including the exuberant setting of "Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn" ("Today God's Son Triumphs") offered as today's closing voluntary. Like many *Orgelbüchlein* chorale preludes, this particular example features its sturdy chorale tune in long notes in the top voice, while busy figuration beneath suggests the excitement of the Easter season.

Vocal and Choral Music

This morning's **solo** comes from Part III of Handel's monumental oratorio *Messiah*, composed in 1741, with texts compiled by Charles Jennens from the King James Bible and the Coverdale Psalter found in the *Anglican Book of Common Prayer*.

Today's **offertory anthem** is a setting of the 17th-century Dutch folk tune VRUECHTEN, which was originally paired with the text of a secular love song. The melody features a particularly effective melismatic rising figure for the word "arisen" at the end of each refrain. The setting is by Irish composer and music teacher Charles Wood, who was a classmate of Charles Villiers Stanford and Charles Hubert Hastings Parry at the Royal College of Music in London. Wood later taught at both the Royal College and at Cambridge, and his students included Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cover art by Micah Meyers.

The Affirmation of Faith is the Hispanic Creed published in the United Methodist Spanish Hymnal, *Mil Voces para Celebrar*, pg. 70, by Justo Gonzalez.

Reprints and online streaming by permission under OneLicense.net account A-720890.

THE **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** & **EARTH CARE TEAM**
INVITES YOU TO...

THE ST. PHILIP

BBQ PICNIC

**&
EARTH DAY
CELEBRATION**



ON THE LAWN

SUNDAY - APRIL 23

{ starts at noon }

**BEEF BRISKET, RIBS & SAUSAGE
WILL BE PROVIDED.**

PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE FOR 8 PEOPLE

*Last names
that begin with...*

A-M: SIDE DISH OR SALAD N-Z: DESSERT

QUESTIONS? CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (713-622-4807)
OR SEND AN EMAIL TO: welcome@saintphilip.net

INTERGENERATIONAL

FEEL FREE TO WEAR CASUAL OUTDOOR ATTIRE.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Butch Wilson and family upon the death of his father, Mac Wilson on April 9.

William Rowe and family upon the death of his father, Alan Rowe on April 7.

Betsy Flowers and Tyler Richard, daughter and son-in-law of Beth and Fort Flowers welcomed Leonardo "Leo" Knowles Richard to the family on April 11.

St. Philippians and their families — Kathryn Harwood; Robin & Gary Willis; CJ Miller; Jennifer Wilson; Jane Malczewsky; Jan Fox; Beverly Baker; Peg Palisin; 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; 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; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

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

Friends of St. Philippians – Rosebud Wiese Kirby – friend of Tina Bryan; 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

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.

CHURCH PHOTOS

**GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN
FOR THE NEW ST. PHILIP
CHURCH DIRECTORY!**

**STOP IN THE LIBRARY
ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**

LAST DAY!

**YOU CAN UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT INFORMATION ON
"MY STPHILIP"
VISIT: SAINTPHILIP.NET**

**YOU LOOK
BEAUTIFUL!**

**GO HAVE YOUR
PICTURE TAKEN FOR
THE CHURCH
DIRECTORY.**

MY ST. PHILIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

GODLY PLAY (Age 3-Kindergarden) – 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. **April 23** - God's Provision to Address the Climate Crisis: Sun, Wind, Wisdom - God has provided solar energy beyond our most ambitious needs. Will we make the major commitments, financially, technically, politically and bureaucratically to capture and transmit solar energy along with wind and other sources to all the places it is needed to satisfy our growing appetites? What is happening to bring about this huge contribution from solar? Presented by St. Philipians John Hartman, former owner of a manufacturing and engineering business serving the petrochemical industry and now a small business owner working with churches to facilitate solar installations, and Walker Fair - Houston Solar Energy Company. 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 *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (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. Usually the Children's Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday during the 11 o'clock service, but due to Easter activities we will hold children's chapel **today**.

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@saintphilip.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 welcomes@saintphilip.net.

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The session has voted to continue with a single service on Sundays at 11 a.m., at least through the summer.



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.**

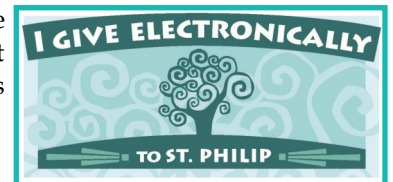
Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to lorrie@saintphilip.net.

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.

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.



Hymn 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press


LLANFAIR
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

[Return to page 1](#)



Hymn 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers



SUO GÂN





1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change


as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre - a - tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1988
 MUSIC: Welsh melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
 Text © 1988 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)
 Music Arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

SUO GÂN
 8.7.8.7.D

[Return to page 3](#)

Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
 MUSIC: Samuel McFarland, c. 1814; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986
 Music Harm. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

DUNLAP'S CREEK
 CM

[Return to page 4](#)