



Preparation for Worship

A prophet's quarrel with the world is deep down a lover's quarrel. If they didn't love the world, they probably wouldn't bother to tell it that it's going to hell. They'd just let it go. Their quarrel is God's quarrel.

— Frederick Buechner

Voluntary

Toccata VII
(Il primo Libro | 1615)

Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583–1643)

Greeting

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

Introit

A Universal Blessing

Alice Parker
(b. 1925)

May love so dwell in our hearts,
May compassion so flow from our hands,
May peace so encompass our lives
that justice and mercy abound in this world.
Sing love, sing compassion, sing peace.

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 81 [\(see page 9\)](#)

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

✠ Prayer of Confession

Psalm 103

God of perfect love,
you continually bring forth life,
transforming sadness to joy,
and despair to hope.
We are weak, but you are strong.
Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true.
We are seldom right, but you are never wrong.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.
Take away the sin that burdens us,
and restore us to the people you would have us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

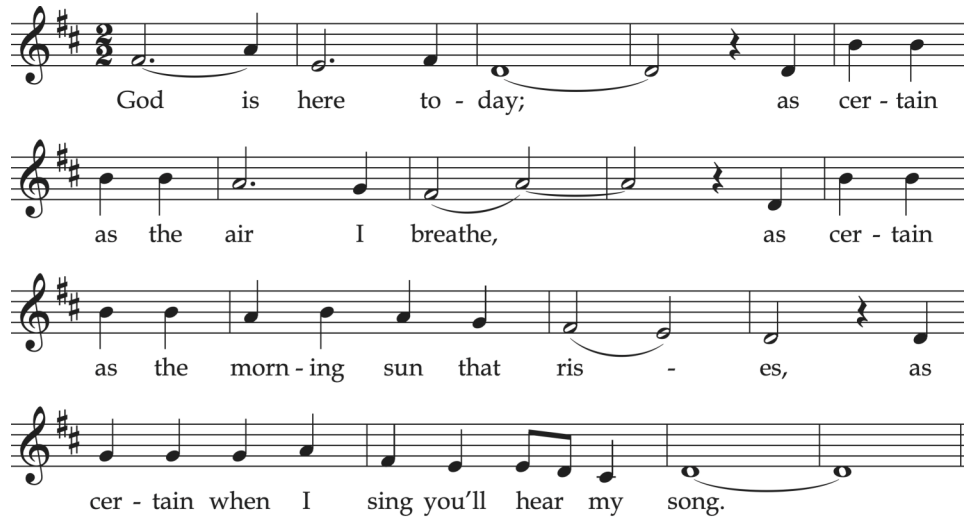
silent prayer

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response *(sung twice)*



TEXT: Raúl Galeano, 1976; English trans. C. Michael Hawn, 1998
MUSIC: Raúl Galeano, 1976; arr. C. Michael Hawn and Arturo González, 1999
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✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

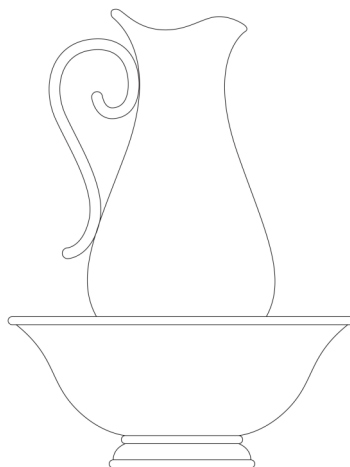
Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

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



Anthem

*Blessed, How Blessed*FLOWERS OF THE FOREST | Scottish
arr. David Cherwien
(b. 1957)

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who thirst for goodness,
open and hoping for God's righteous rain:
God sends forth rivers to water the desert;
God's love lasts ever; how blessèd are they.

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who sigh in sorrow,
Furrowed and harrowed by sadness and pain:
God walks beside them and enters their absence;
God's voice gives solace; how blessèd are they.

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who live in mercy,
giving, receiving from God's warming grace:
God's sunlight blesses all those who love kindness;
love never ceases; how blessèd are they.

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who work for concord,
nation and neighbor abandon the blade:
sword turns to plowshare, and fortress to forest;
all in God's Oneness; how blessèd are they.

Here God is reigning, here God's love sustaining,
where all the blessèd see God's dawning day:
wounded and grounded, by mercy surrounded,
foretaste and harvest; how blessèd are they.

— words by Susan Palo Cherwien (1953–2021)

Sermon

There Couldn't Be, Could There?

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness✠ Hymn 479 ([see page 10](#))*Ho, All Who Thirst*

JACOB'S WELL

✠ Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
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

Offertory Anthem

Prayer for Peace

David Cherwien

O God of love, O King of peace,
 Make wars throughout the world to cease;
 The wrath of nations now restrain.
 Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, thy works of old,
 The wonders that thy people told;
 Remember not our sin's dark stain.
 Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?
 Where rest but on thy faithful word?
 None ever called on thee in vain.
 Give peace, O God, give peace again!

— words by Henry W. Baker (1821–1877)

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Generous God,
 we thank you for your abundant grace and endless love.
Help us to use well all that we have received
as we seek to follow faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✦ Hymn 440 ([see page 11](#))

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Toccata I
(Livre de 1656)

Johann Jakob Froberger
 (1616–1667)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Linda Ewing and Omar Rouchon

Musicians

Alexandria Gorman, Arianna Perroots, Cecilia Duarte,
Nicholas Rathgeb and Kirby Traylor — choral ensemble
Randall Swanson — director of music | Matthew Dirst — organist

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today by William Rowe to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother Dona Rowe.

The flowers in the Gathering Area are given today by Wayne and Sandra Truxillo to the glory of God and in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Jeremiah 2:4-13 — *The people are cracked cisterns; they forsake the fountain of life.*
- Psalm 81:1, 10-16 — *God laments: I deliver and feed you, but you do not listen to me.*
- Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 — *Show hospitality and share what you have; praise God through Jesus.*
- Luke 14:1, 7-14 — *Jesus teaches lessons at a banquet: the humble will be exalted.*

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families — Renee Wright; Celia Morgan; Dick Howard; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Sid Wells; Amye Webster; Mary Sinderson; Jan Ostendorf; Lee Larkin; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Yvonne Hayes — mother of Lorrie Castle; Gene Moore — brother-in-law of Bonnie Moore; Donna Harris — sister of Joyce Fugit; Ryan Willis — son of Robin and Gary Willis; 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; Shirley Boggus — grandmother of Omi Ford; Alan Rowe — father of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio — granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Warner Fassnidge — Brian Webster's stepfather.

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. Philippians — Paul Faegan — friend of Jacquie Colton; 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH & SOCIETY - SUMMER ZOOM TUESDAYS

- 7:00 p.m. by Zoom - **Aug. 30** - "Everything You Wanted to Ask Dr. Dan Cohan, But Did Not Have Time to Do So." - Dr. Cohan, author of Confronting Climate Gridlock - How Diplomacy, Technology, & Policy Can Unlock a Clean Energy Future visited C & S last spring but we were unable to have time to pursue our questions. Zoom in Tuesday, Aug. 30 to learn the answers to the many questions from the C & S class members. Dr. Cohan is the associate professor of environmental engineering at Rice University. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

GOOD WHITE RACIST? Yes, that's the title of the next book to be read and discussed by the Social Justice Study Group, which will begin its new study year in September. The group meets by zoom on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Persons interested in joining our group can do so by sending an email to wel-come@saintphilip.net and typing in *PSJ Study Group* in the subject line. Beginning Tuesday, **Sept. 6**, we will continue the anti-racism theme with a book by Kerry Connelly, *Good White Racist; Confronting your Role in Racial Injustice?* The book, published by Westminster John Knox Press can be ordered from the PC(USA) bookstore or from Amazon or from Bookshop.org (a book supply service supporting local book stores).

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Sept. 8** and we will discuss *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

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 10:00 a.m. on **Sept. 18**. 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 the Men's Fellowship and the Mission Committee. 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 breakfast!

When: 10:00 am, Sunday, **Sept. 18**

Where: Meet in the Gathering Area, the open space with tables near the Sanctuary.

#TRUSTBLACKWOMEN—On Tuesday, **Sept. 27** at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee is hosting a one-hour discussion of the April 25th Presbyterian Outlook #TrustBlackWomen issue. This issue was funded by a grant from St. Philip's Central Endowment Fund. The program will consist of a prayer in the issue, highlights of three articles, a conversation about other celebrations we might like to host, and a poem in the issue. All are invited. The meeting invitation is available by going to <https://bit.ly/StPhilipTBW> or contacting Judith Hiott at Judith.Hiott@outlook.com. A limited number of copies are available by contacting the Church Office. We hope to see you there.

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 welcome@saintphilip.net.

The first meeting of the year will be an all circle study on Sunday, **Sept. 25** after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday Morning Saints

Second Monday of each month—10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle

3rd Sunday of each month—12:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Circle

1st Thursday of each month—7:00 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING LEARNING/DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITIES ARE ON A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER:

- Midweek Bible Study with John Wurster
- Presbyterian Men's Weekly Fellowship
- Social Justice Study Group
- Adult Bible Study Class
- Presbyterian Women Circles
- Children's Sunday School Classes

Education Committee is gearing up for Rally Day on September 11. Come join us!

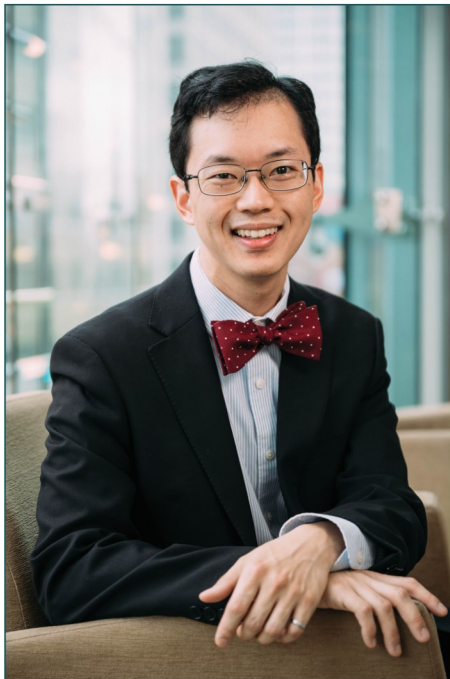
MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

2022 SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

Presenting recent winners of the highly prestigious Canadian International Organ Competition

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Aaron Tan • Philippines / Canada
SUNDAY | **SEPTEMBER 18, 2022** | 3:00 p.m.



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Choir & Organ magazine | February 2022

“Despite many faultless performances from other finalists, winner Aaron Tan seemed to place himself in another league.” (Choir & Organ magazine) Winner of both the **2021 Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC)** and the **2018 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP)**, Aaron is truly in a league of his own. One of the world’s leading young artists — **not to be missed!**

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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 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken


AUSTRIAN HYMN




1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

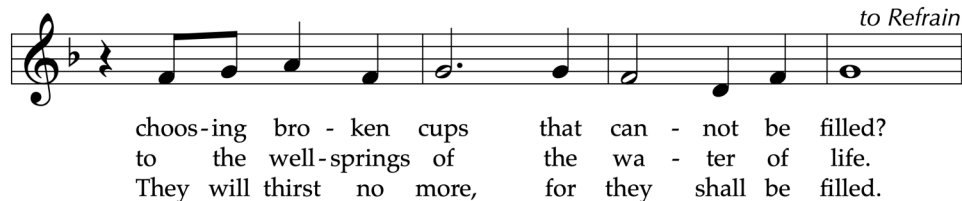
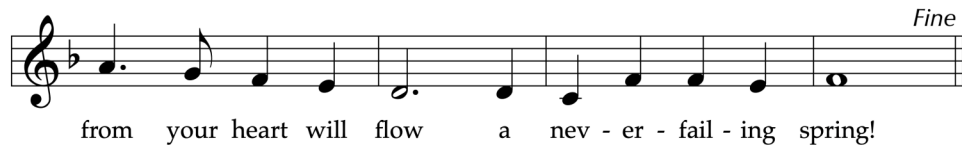
AUSTRIAN HYMN
 8.7.8.7.D

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Hymn 479

Ho, All Who Thirst

JACOB'S WELL



This song brings together many biblical references that help to enlarge an appreciation of the water of baptism. The refrain is based on Isaiah 55:1, stanza one adapts Jeremiah 2:13, stanza two draws on Revelation 7:17, and the third stanza condenses the imagery of John 4:10–14.

TEXT and MUSIC: Alexander M. Peters, 1997
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JACOB'S WELL
5.7.5.5 with refrain

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Hymn 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Originally titled "In Temptation," these four stanzas (of five) call to mind how a spiritual and emotional tempest can move from turmoil to tranquility. This tune was first used with this text in a cantata by the composer in 1910, and since then has become the standard one.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740
 MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876

ABERYSTWYTH
 7.7.7.7.D

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