



Preparation for Worship

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.*

—Hymn 771

Greeting

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

Voluntary

Maestoso

Bryan Kelly
(b. 1934)

Opening Sentences

God makes a way out of no way.
God sees our tears and turns them into joy.
God makes the impossible possible
and sees the desperate needs of all people.
Come close, healing Lord, and receive our worship.

✦ Hymn 320 ([see page 10](#))

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

✦ Prayer of Confession

God of the ages,
God of the old, old story,
we hear of our ancestors
and are astounded by their faith.
They trusted you,
but we waver.
They believed your promise,
but we cling to our own ideas.

Forgive us and free us from our fear,
that we may follow with joy
wherever you may lead;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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)*

God is here to - day; as cer - tain
as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

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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Irregular

✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

Sermon

Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 515 [\(see page 11\)](#)

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

SHOUT ON from *The Sacred Harp*, 1859
arr. Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

I know that my Redeemer lives — glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives — glory, hallelujah!
He lives to bless me with his love — glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead my cause above — glory, hallelujah!

He lives to crush the fiends of hell — glory, hallelujah!
He lives and doth within me dwell — glory, hallelujah!
He lives, all glory to his name — glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same — glory, hallelujah!

I know that my Redeemer lives — glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives — glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground — glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found — glory, hallelujah!

— words by Samuel Medley (1738-1799)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God . . . Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

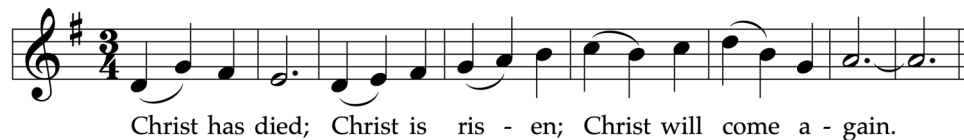


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006
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SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior . . .
We offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . .
We bless you, God of glory, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
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AMEN (Pavlechko)

As the children of God, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell
 (1905–1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
 two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
 then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
 Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
 that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Prayer after Communion

✠ **Hymn 536** ([see page 12](#))

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

✠ **Charge and Blessing**

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

Voluntary

Sonata No. 2 – Allegro maestoso e vivace
 Op. 65, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn
 (1809–1847)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist

Selena Brinegar

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Randall Swanson — director of music & organist

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by Joyce Fox to the glory of God and in celebration of David's birthday on August 10.

WORSHIP NOTES

Communion today is received by intinction. Please come forward via the center aisle, receive a piece of bread, and take a small cup of grape juice. Gluten-free bread is also available. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Those with difficulty coming forward may receive communion in their seats by signaling the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. Gifts brought forward during today's offering will benefit United Campus Ministry of Greater Houston, a program that is initiated in the local college and university communities and which brings the love of God expressed through Jesus Christ to those who are in need of spiritual guidance, education or fellowship. UCMGH offers a faith that reflects to others that each person is a beloved child of God. You can find out more about UCMGH at www.ucmhouston.com. You may also make a secure contribution through [MyStPhilip](#) or by sending a check to the church office, with "Communion Offering" in the memo line.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Isaiah 1:1, 10-20—*Wash yourselves clean; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice.*
- Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23—*God speaks and summons the earth: Gather to me my faithful ones!*
- Genesis 15:1-6—*God promises Abram many descendants; Abram believes the Lord.*
- Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16—*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for; Abraham is an example.*
- Luke 12:32-40—*Where your treasure is, there is your heart also; be alert and ready.*

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families—Joan Boelens; Dick Howard; Austin Lippincott; Don Davis; Richard Johnson; Sid Wells; Amye Webster; Tom Sands; Mary Sinderson; Jan Ostendorf; Lee Larkin; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Yvonne Hayes—mother of Lorrie Castle; 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; Vera Moore—mother of Chuck Johnson; Shirley Boggus—grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona & Alan Rowe—mother and 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; Bill Dixon - friend of Tina Bryan; 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

STAFF

John Wurster is on vacation and returns to the office **August 17**. Keatan King is on sabbatical until **November 1**. Contact Omar Rouchon for any pastoral needs.

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP

2022 SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

Presenting recent winners of the highly prestigious Canadian International Organ Competition

3:00 p.m. on the **3rd Sundays** of **July, August and September**
FREE (contributions welcome) – with free ice cream afterwards!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Bryan Anderson • Houston, Texas

SUNDAY | **AUGUST 21, 2022** | 3:00 p.m.

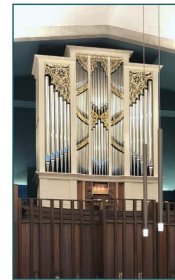
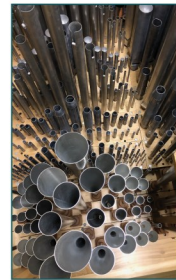
Director of Music at **St. Thomas' Episcopal Church and School** in Houston, Bryan Anderson maintains an active solo performance and competition career, in 2021 taking Third Prize and Robilliard Prize at the **Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC)**, and in 2019 winning Second Prize at the **Longwood Gardens Organ Competition**. He holds degrees in organ from **Rice University** and the **Curtis Institute of Music**.



Aaron Tan • Rochester, New York

SUNDAY | **SEPTEMBER 18, 2022** | 3:00 p.m.

"Despite many faultless performances from other finalists, winner Aaron Tan seemed to place himself in another league." (*Choir & Organ* magazine) Winner of the **2021 Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC)** and the **2018 AGO 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!



Paul Fritts Organ, Op. 29 (2010) 3m/48s
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Aug. 11** and will be a social. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

SECOND SUNDAYS AT ST. PHILIP~a time for learning and fellowship~**Aug. 14 - Summertime Book Swap**—Do you have a favorite book you've enjoyed reading this summer? Looking for your book club's next great read? Come share and explore books old and new -of any genre- with your friends at St. Philip during an old-fashioned book swap. The Education Committee invites you to join in the Gathering Area on **Sunday, Aug. 14** from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for a time of fellowship and sharing. All ages invited and encouraged to attend! All you have to do is bring a book you're willing to share or lend. Breakfast tacos will be served. We hope to see you there!

REFUGEE UPDATE—Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee reports that we are sponsoring a family of nine from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (see map to left)—two parents and seven children aged 10 to 22. We are using the remaining funds collected earlier this year to provide rent assistance for the family and to assist them in obtaining a car. In addition, we are collecting Walmart cards for the family to purchase clothes and other necessities. You can drop cards off between the worship services on **Aug. 7** or **14** or bring them to the Church Office by **Aug. 14**. You may also designate a gift for the "Refugee Family" by check or choose the Refugee Family Fund from the online drop down menu. If anyone has connections in the used car community or a working car to donate, contact Jon Martin at jonutvols@gmail.com.

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 welcome@saintphilip.net and typing in PSJ Study Group in the subject line. For our next year's study, 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).

#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.

CHURCH & SOCIETY SUMMER FOURTH TUESDAYS—Tuesday, **Aug. 9**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom - *The Role of The Beacon in Solving Houston Homelessness* New York Times, June 24, 2022 story "How Houston Moved 25,000 People From the Streets Into Homes of Their Own." Learn how the good work of St. Philip Mission Partner The Beacon has enabled Houston's remarkable progress that suggests a way forward in the nation's homeless crisis. Presented by Becky Landes, CEO of The Beacon. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of St. Philip are hosting the only in-person overview of the Horizon Study Book for the Presbytery of New Covenant. This year's book is *Celebrating Sabbath. Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. Patti Nanney will be the presenter on Saturday, **Aug. 13** in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until noon. All women are invited. Please call or email Jan Meyer (jismeyer9990@gmail.com or 713-561-5650) to RSVP. If you aren't able to attend the in-person meeting, Patti will be presenting a Zoom meeting the following Saturday, **August 20** from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Email Carol Davis (caroldavis@entouch.net) for the link.



If you haven't gotten your edition of the 22-23 Horizon Study Book they are available in the Gathering on Sundays or contact Jan Meyer to make other arrangements. The PW kick-off luncheon will be **Sept. 25** after worship service. Regular print books are \$10 and large print are \$15. You can pay online, by check or cash.

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



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.**

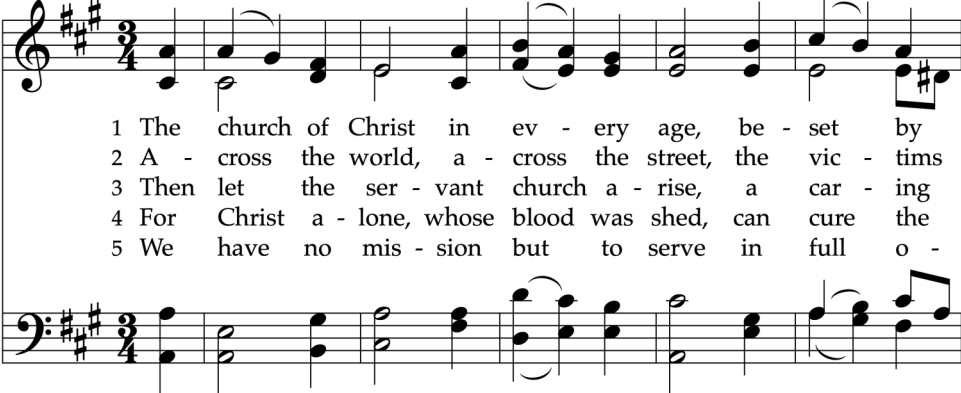
Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

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 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

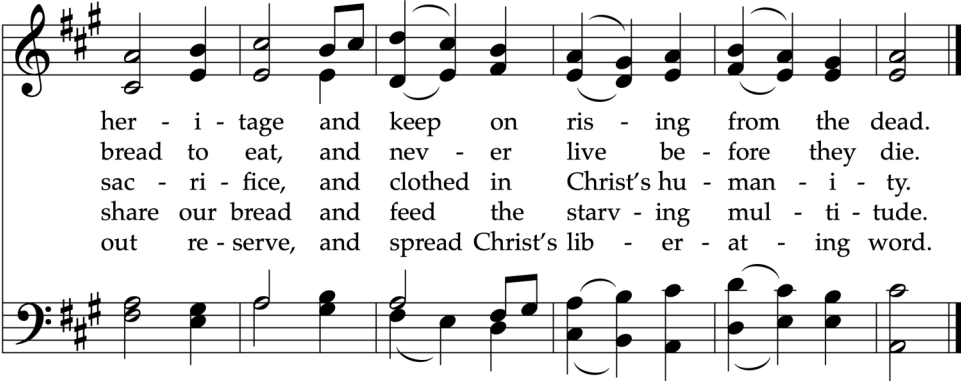
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1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1969
 MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738
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WAREHAM
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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
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DOVE OF PEACE
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Hymn 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

TEXT: Susan Palo Cherwien, 1997 | © 1997 Susan Palo Cherwien, administered by Augsburg Fortress
 MUSIC: Timothy J. Strand, 1997 | © 1997 Augsburg Fortress

SURGE ECCLESIA
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