



Preparation for Worship

*Who is wise and understanding among you?
Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.*

—James 3:13

Voluntary

Petite fugue sur le Chromhorne & Duo sur les Tierces
(from *Mass for the Parishes*)

François Couperin
(1668–1733)

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 307 [\(see page 8\)](#)

God of Grace and God of Glory

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✦ Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
in your profound love you gave us yourself on the cross.
But in arrogance, we strive for superiority rather than sacrifice.
In self-importance, we put ourselves first rather than last.
O God, did you invite us here to behold your cross?

Gracious God, show it to us once more,
and forgive our foolish craving for authority.
Show us a different cost of living,
where status won't be gained
by the money we spend on ourselves,
but by the way we spend ourselves for others.
Show us a different kind of world,
where freedom will not be achieved
by the power we exercise over others,
but by the power of lifting up the littlest among us.

silent prayer

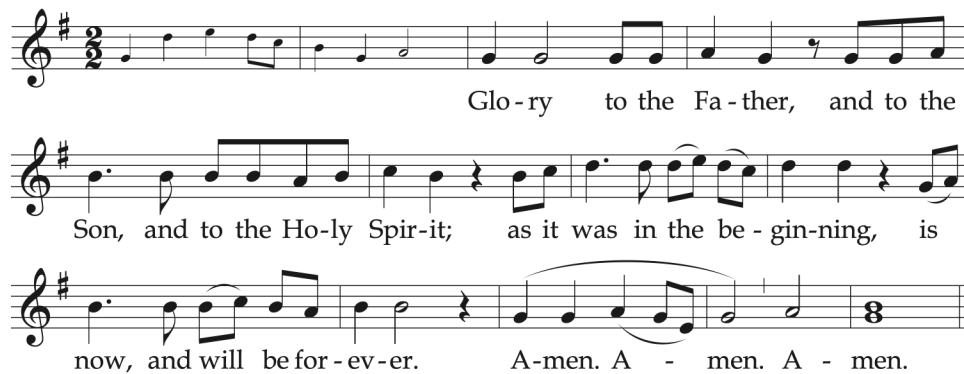
Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✦ Response

John Weaver
(1937-2021)



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

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

Anthem

Stir Up Thy Power, O Lord

James Biery
(b. 1956)

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us.
And because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

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

Sermon

Keatan King

✦ Hymn 711 [\(see page 9\)](#)

Lord of All Good

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✦ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem

Day by Day

Thomas Keesecker
(b. 1956)

Day by day, dear Lord, of you three things I pray:
to see you more clearly, love you more dearly,
follow you more nearly, day by day.

Day by day, dear Lord, close by me always stay:
from death you have freed me, in mercy you lead me,
with heaven's bread you feed me day by day.

Day by day, dear Lord, walk with me on the way:
In truth ever guide me, from wrong ever hide me,
your faithfulness beside me day by day.

— words by Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)
and Alan Hommerding (b. 1956)

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.

✠ **Hymn 748** ([see page 10](#))
(sung twice, second time in canon)

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Dialogue sur les Trompettes
(from *Mass for the Parishes*)

François Couperin

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Omar Rouchon and John Wurster

Musicians

Emily Jenkins, Thomas Lewis O'Neill and Kirby Traylor – choral trio
Matthew Dirst – organist | Randall Swanson – music director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's lectionary readings:

- Jeremiah 11:18–20 – *Jeremiah laments: I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.*
- Psalm 54 – *Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me against my enemies.*
- James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a – *Wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle; draw near to God.*
- Mark 9:30–37 – *Jesus foretells his dying and rising; then he welcomes a little child.*

FLOWERS

Flowers are given by Jane Malczewskyj to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

This morning's organ pieces come from a single source: the *Mass for the Parishes* by François Couperin, longtime organist at St Gervais in Paris and harpsichordist to Louis XIV. The tradition of the "organ mass" began about a century before Couperin's day, as organists began to play polyphonic versets on Gregorian chant melodies in alternation with sung chant. In France this practice obliged leading organists of the 17th and 18th centuries to publish collections of such pieces, principally to share with colleagues in other churches. From Couperin's "Parish" mass we hear today three excerpts from the "Gloria in excelsis" section: a short fugue and a sprightly duo plus a joyous dialogue on the reed stops.

– Matthew Dirst

Choral Music

Alice Parker's *A Universal Blessing*—this morning's **introit**—was composed in 2013 for two-part choir and organ, and features vocal lines gently moving in canon (one part following the other) over a soft harmonic cushion played on the organ. Parker began her musical career following organ, composition and conducting studies at Smith College and The Juilliard School. It was at Juilliard that she began her long association with conductor Robert Shaw, subsequently becoming the primary arranger for the Robert Shaw Chorale for some 20 years. In 1985 Parker founded the professional chorus Melodious Accord, which to date has recorded 16 albums featuring Parker's own compositions and arrangements. In addition

to a large catalogue of vocal and choral compositions, as an influential and indefatigable advocate for congregational song, Parker has written several books on the subject of corporate singing, including *Creative Hymn Singing* and *Good Singing in Church*.

Today's **first anthem** was composed by James Biery, who is minister of music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (PC-USA). Biery was educated at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in organ performance. The anthem *Stir Up Thy Power, O Lord* was published in 2003 and features a traditional prayer text set for mostly unison voices with organ accompaniment.

This morning's **second anthem** was composed in 2019 by Thomas Keeseker, who studied at Berklee College in Boston and Catholic University School of Music in Washington, DC. Keeseker retired from a 40-year career in church music in 2019, and now focuses on writing piano collections and performing informal recitals which incorporate hymn singing, readings and poetry. A gentle but joyful musical setting for two-part choir and organ, his *Day by Day* features a traditional 13th-century English prayer text attributed to Richard of Chichester with additional poetic verses written by current day American hymn writer Alan Hommerding.

– Randall Swanson

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Joyce Fugit; Sondra Sullivan; Orlean Anderson; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Roderick James; Deb Burks; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Dave Berry – husband of Sam Fisher; Dale McAllen – brother of Orlean Anderson; Alma Fonseca – mother of Angelina Fonseca; Bill Polk – brother-in-law of Sharon Webb; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Gretchen Everhart – Niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Mac & Beverly Wilson – parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family – daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family – cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron – sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe – mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound – Walter Baker; 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 English; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton – friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff – friend of Jo Helland; Rob Bond, Lavon Thomas, and Jackson Tavel – friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III – friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email:

deacons@saintphilip.net.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

[Our website](#) has information about **opportunities on Zoom** for fellowship and spiritual formation.

CHURCH & SOCIETY - Today - 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. *Children in Crisis - Human Trafficking* - Judge Bonnie Hellums & Carel Stith. **September 26** - Rachel Carson and Glimpses of God - A discussion of an article by Bruce Yaeger - this presentation will show how religious, spiritual, and literary influences became integrated with scientific knowledge in the life of Rachel Carson. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER – A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday has returned with Zoom sessions Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@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 (Today) 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.

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE—Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. This service is live-streamed from the Sanctuary and also available for later viewing on our website. If you’d like to attend the midweek service in-person contact the church office.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE—The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services are open for in-person attendance in the Sanctuary and masks are required. The Sunday 11:00 a.m. will continue to be live-streamed.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

Hymn 748

Go with Us Lord

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and
ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it
strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**May be sung as a canon.*

This very accessible sung prayer was created by the director of children's ministry at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, for use by their children's choir, but it is suitable for people of all ages. The familiar tune makes it easy to learn and to memorize.

TEXT: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986
MUSIC: Thomas Tallis; adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c. 1561
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