



THE COMMUNITY OF ST PHILIP  
AT WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 18, 2021

**Opening Voluntary**

*Prelude in G major*  
BWV 541/1

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

**Introit**

*Risen Lord*

Barry Rose  
(b. 1934)

Risen Lord, Risen Lord: Give us a heart for simple things –  
love, laughter, bread, wine, and dreams. Fill us with green growing hope!  
Risen Lord, Risen Lord: Make us a people whose song is Alleluia,  
whose sign is peace, and whose name is love!  
Risen Lord, Risen Lord: Give us a heart for simple things and to sing Alleluia.

**Opening Sentences**

**Hymn** ([see page 5](#))

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
you created a garden and set us in it  
to care for all you made.  
Yet we turned away from you,  
in pride and haughtiness,  
and neglected the earth entrusted to our care.  
By both carelessness and design,  
we pollute air, land, and waters.  
In our greed, we use more resources than we need.  
We exploit the labor of the poor in our pillaging of the natural world.

Forgive us, we pray,  
and restore in us respect for creation  
and respect for you, the Creator.  
Make us worthy stewards of Earth's gifts and glories,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
in whom all things are new.

*silent prayer*

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

## Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below each staff.

MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981 ©

## The Peace

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

## Anthem

*Most High, Omnipotent, Good Lord*

LUKKASON

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,  
to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,  
and blessing without measure.  
From thee alone all creatures came;  
no one is worthy thee to name.

My Lord be praised by brother sun  
who through the skies his course doth run,  
and shines in brilliant splendor;  
with brightness he doth fill the day,  
and signifies thy boundless sway.

My Lord be praised by sister moon  
and all the stars, that with her soon  
will point the glittering heavens.  
Let wind and air and cloud and calm  
and weathers all, repeat the psalm.

By sister water be thou blessed,  
most humble, useful, precious, chaste;  
be praised by brother fire;  
jocund is he, robust and bright,  
and strong to lighten all the night.

By mother earth my Lord be praised;  
governed by thee she hath upraised  
what for our life is needful.  
Sustained by thee, through every hour,  
she bringeth forth fruit, herb, and flower.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord,  
to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,  
and blessing without measure.  
Let creatures all give thanks to thee,  
and serve in great humility.

— words by St. Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)  
translated by Howard Chandler Robbins (1876–1952)

**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading**

Daniel 5:13-28

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

Keatan King

**Hymn 249** ([see page 6](#))*Because You Live, O Christ*

VRUECHTEN

**Affirmation of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
 the firstborn of all creation;  
 in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
 things visible and invisible.  
 All things have been created through him and for him.  
 He himself is before all things,  
 and in him all things hold together.  
 He is the head of the body, the church;  
 he is the beginning,  
 the firstborn of the dead,  
 so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
 and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
 whether on earth or in heaven,  
 by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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.

**Hymn 650** ([page 7](#))*O Beauty Ever Ancient*

ANCIENT BEAUTY

**Charge and Blessing****Closing Voluntary**

*Fugue in G major*  
 BWV 541/2

J.S. Bach

## SERVING TODAY

### Liturgists

Kallie Pitcock, John Wurster

### Musicians

Cecilia Duarte, Thomas Lewis O'Neill and Nicholas Rathgeb – choral trio  
Matthew Dirst – organist | Randall Swanson – conductor

## WORSHIP NOTES

- Acts 3:12–19 – *Peter speaks of Jesus' rejection and calls the people to repent.*
- Psalm 4 – *Answer me when I call, O God; in you I will find joy and peace.*
- 1 John 3:1–7 – *See what love the Father has given us; we are children of God.*
- Luke 24:36b–48 – *The risen Lord eats with the disciples and interprets the Scriptures.*

## MUSIC NOTES

### Organ Music

The *Prelude in G major* (BWV 541/1), today's **opening voluntary**, is one of Bach's most exuberant free-form works. In his inimitable way, Bach combines here the toccata figuration of the North German *stylus phantasticus* with the rhythmic drive of the Vivaldian concerto. The active pedal line especially—proof of Bach's formidable technique at the organ—sets this prelude apart from his other works in the genre. The companion fugue (BWV 541/2), today's **closing voluntary**, features a standard repeated-note theme that Bach manipulates in his distinctive and highly discursive manner.

### Choral Music

Today's **introit** *Risen Lord* was composed by English choir trainer and organist Barry Rose in 1997, during his final year as Master of the Music at the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban in Hertfordshire. Rose had previously served in cathedral music posts at Canterbury and St. Paul's London. *Risen Lord* is an

anthem originally composed for young treble voices, with a text exhibiting the simple joys and innocence of a youthful celebration of the Easter season coinciding with the budding of creation in springtime.

Today's **anthem** was composed as a hymn in the mid-1970s by New York City composer Calvin Hampton, considered among the twentieth century's finest composers of new hymnody. Indeed, Hampton's hymns are masterpieces of form, melody and harmony, all in perfect synthesis with the essence of their texts. *Most High, Omnipotent, Good Lord* is no exception in this regard in its setting of the famous *Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon* by St. Francis of Assisi, sung this morning in anticipation of Earth Day later this week.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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## Opening Hymn

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What  
 2. He lives to bless me with his love; He  
 3. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He  
 4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name; He



joy this blest as - sur - ance gives! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lives to plead for me a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lives, and I shall con - quer death; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lives, my Sav - ior, still the same; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! He lives, he lives who once was  
 Al - le - lu - ia! He lives my hun - gry soul to  
 Al - le - lu - ia! He lives my man - sion to pre -  
 Al - le - lu - ia! What joy this blest as - sur - ance



dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!  
 feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
 gives; I know that my Re - deem - er lives!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Samuel Medley (1738–1799)  
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
 LM with alleluias

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1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to  
 2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for  
 3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your  
 fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us  
 a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

*Refrain*

res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.  
 closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -  
 kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

## Closing Hymn 650

*O Beauty Ever Ancient*

ANCIENT BEAUTY



1 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,  
 2 O beau - ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,  
 3 O beau - ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,  
 4 O beau - ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,  
 O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,  
 O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,  
 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i - tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

Both Psalms 29:2b and 96:6a encourage us to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” yet celebrating the beauty of the holy God is not an end in itself but involves a call to oppose unjust ugliness. The beauty that draws us to God also urges us to work for mercy and justice.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 2000 © 2000 Hope Publishing Company  
 MUSIC: Alfred V. Fedak, 2007 © 2009 Selah Publishing Company, Inc.

ANCIENT BEAUTY  
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philipians and their families* – Shirley Coffman; Travis Calhoun; Kay Cash; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Mezgebe Gebray; Erin Thackston – niece of Jacquie Colton; Warren & Gretchen Cash– brother and sister-in-law of Kay Cash; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Dixie Hahn – sister of Mary Sinderson; Brad Davis – nephew of Sam Fisher; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; Betty Grant – sister-in-law of Eleanor Grant; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher – sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Bessie Johnson – mother of Pat Lindsay; 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* – Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; Mary Sinderson; George and Lorraine Scott; and Jody Tomforde.

*Friends of St. Philipians* – Karen Stewart – friend of Roderick James; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff – friend of Jo Helland; Judith Tomaino, Bill McDonald 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](mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net).

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE – Wednesdays at 11 am.** 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** – We will offer outdoor worship opportunities on the church campus on a week-to-week basis. Worship services will begin at 9:00 am. Worshipers are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets. We will also have chairs available at the church for those who need them. Worshipers will be spaced on the lawn at appropriate distances. The lawn service will last about thirty minutes. Registration is required and will open the Monday before the service; link can be found in pastoral email updates or through MyStPhilip. If the event has reached capacity, the event sign-up closes, contact Lorrie Castle at 832-262-1244. [Register for lawn service.](#)

[Our website](#) has information a current list of **opportunities on Zoom** for fellowship and spiritual formation.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY - 9:30 a.m. – April 25 - Air Quality Issues** - How energy use impacts the atmosphere, and how air pollution, in turn, impacts human health. Presented by Dr. Daniel Cohan Associate Professor of Civil Environmental Engineering at Rice University. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: [churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).