



Preparation for Worship

*Just as a mother feels the child grow in her and is not surprised on the day of the birth,
but joyfully receives the one she learned to know during her waiting,
so Jesus can be born in my life slowly and steadily
and be received as the one I learned to know while waiting.*

— Henri Nouwen

Voluntary

Variations on *Veni, Emmanuel*

Daniel Pinkham
(1923-2006)

Greeting

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

Introit

Advent Message

Martin How
(1931-2022)

Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,
Amen, come Lord Jesus.
O come quickly, come Lord Jesus,
O come quickly, come Lord come.

The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.

Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,
Amen, come Lord come.

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

✠ Hymn 104 ([see page 11](#))

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

✠ Prayer of Confession

Patient God,
 We hear the voice of the prophet,
 testifying to the light that all might believe.
 But we listen with tolerance to the lies of oppressors.
 We hear the song of Mary,
 lauding the lowly and humble.
 But we listen to a culture that values pride, possessions, and power.
 We hear the eternal promise of your gospel,
 proclaiming the salvation of the world.
 But we listen to the endless news cycle reporting the desolation of the world.

Open our ears, O Gracious God,
 to listen with reverence to your Word.
 Forgive our skepticism
 and soften our hearts to the promises of your kingdom
 until our ears hear and our hearts trust your gospel alone.

silent prayer

✠ Response

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

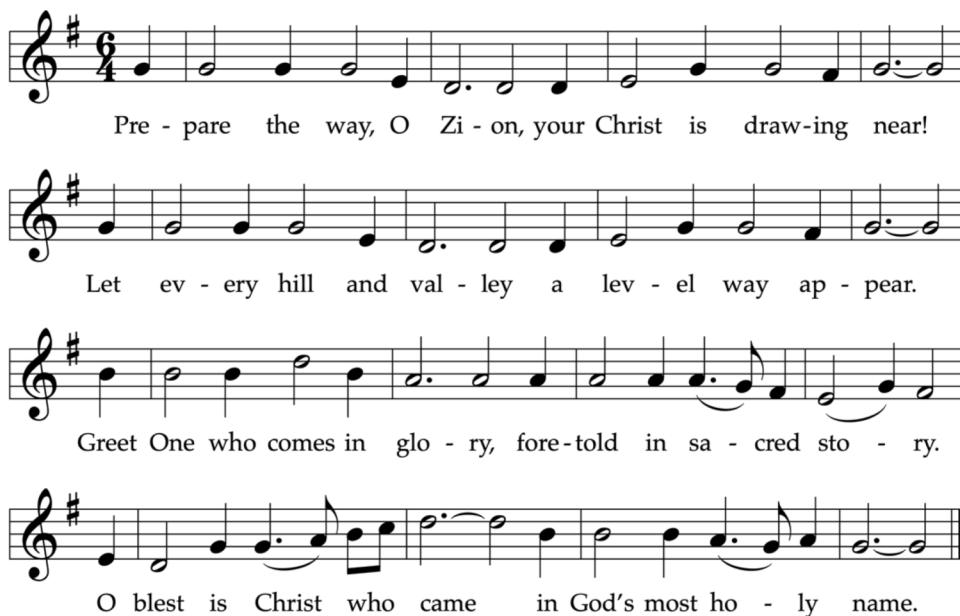
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WAIT FOR THE LORD
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✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✠ Response



Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw-ing near!

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.

O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812, rev. 1819; translated by Augustus Nelson, 1958;
adapted by Charles P. Price, 1980, alt. © 1982 Hope Publishing Company
MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930

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✠ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

First Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46b-55

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

Anthem*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*Elizabeth Poston
(1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Apple Tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

Second Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Who Are You?

Keatan King

silence and stillness✠ **Hymn 96** ([see page 11](#))*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

WINCHESTER NEW

Affirmation of Faith

from the Abbey of Iona

**We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. 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

Variations on *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ*

Samuel Scheidt
 (1587-1654)

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 O Lord our God, we give you thanks
 for the hope and longing you instill in us through baptism.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
keep us awake and make us ready
for the coming of your glorious realm
of righteousness, justice, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ Hymn 100 ([see page 12](#))

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

✠ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Final Verset on *Gelobet seist du*

Samuel Scheidt

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Steven Lawson

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Sarah Bertrand, soloist | Jane Malczewskyj, conductor
 Matthew Dirst, organist and interim choir director

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by David and Joyce Fox to the glory of God and in celebration of their great granddaughter Emery Kate's second birthday today.

WORSHIP NOTES

Advent Candle lighting is led this week by the confirmation class of 2024: Ava Arlinghaus, Grayson Bratton, Sadie Fair, Isabella Ford, and Colby Stewart.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 – *The spirit of the Lord is upon me; I will rejoice in my Savior.*
- Psalm 126 – *When the Lord restored our fortunes, we shouted with joy.*
- Luke 1:46b-55 – *My soul magnifies the Lord, who has done great things.*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 – *Rejoice, pray, give thanks; may God keep you until Christ's coming.*
- John 1:6-8, 19-28 – *John came to testify to the light, so that all might believe.*

MUSIC NOTES

Daniel Pinkham, longtime organist at King's Chapel in Boston, left a large body of music for the organ, including a colorful yet concise set of variations on "Veni, Emmanuel" that serves as today's **opening voluntary**. Its straightforward yet bracing musical language adds a sense of expectation and mystery to this familiar Advent melody.

Our **offertory** and **closing voluntary** are both drawn from the same set of versets (or variations) on Martin Luther's Advent chorale *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ* ("Praise be to You, Jesus Christ"). Its composer Samuel Scheidt was one of the leading lights of German Protestant church music in the first half of the 17th century. His organ music exploits the tonal resources of the North German organ—its abundance of piquant colors especially, which add variety and depth to individual lines in a busy contrapuntal texture.

Both of today's choral pieces come from 20th-century British composers who excelled in setting familiar texts with great sensitivity. Martin How, whose "Advent Message" serves as today's **introit**, taught for many years at the Royal School of Church Music, where he trained generations of young choristers. With a text that incorporates a well-known passage from the Book of Isaiah, this little gem bookends that prophesy with a brief choral refrain.

Elizabeth Poston was an accomplished pianist, academic, and a prolific composer of music for radio and television programs. Her setting of the anonymous poem "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree," one of her best-known carol settings and this morning's **anthem**, treats this text with loving simplicity, with varied voicing from verse to verse and multiple options for performance.

—Matthew Dirst

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pam Taylor and family upon the death of her brother Darryl Cazes on December 13.

St. Philippians and their families – Helen Deleon; Bob Ardell; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Shirley Coffman; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Beverly Hudson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Alice Woodall-Chisholm – cousin of Mary McGuire; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians – Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rower; Magdalena Rustomji – friend of Mickey & Ken Meyers; Aleksandra Y. Skochilenko – Nancy Higgs; Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Mary Watters – friend of Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Tom Barnett – friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: deacons@saintphilip.net

The Presbyterian Women in conjunction with their annual Christmas luncheon are collecting donations for the PW Thank Offering, blue envelopes are in the pew or anyone may donate to the fund by going to the saintphilip.net homepage and selecting *Make a Contribution*, then selecting PW Thank Offering as the fund. The Thank Offering provides grants up to \$50,000 to worthwhile programs each year. The recipients are always a mix of domestic and international projects, but all meet crucial needs. At least 40 percent of this offering funds health ministries, often helping the most marginalized members of God's community. The remaining percentage supports new or expanded projects and small capital improvement projects. Learn about the projects funded this year. https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/support-mission/thank-offering/.

Merry Christmas

*Thank you to those who have contributed poinsettias this Christmas to adorn our chancel.
The list is continued on the next page.*

<i>Given by:</i>	<i>Those we remember:</i>
Orlean Anderson	Ruth & Orlean McCallum
Orlean Anderson	Kenneth L. Anderson Jr.
Bill & Ginny Camfield	Our parents, William & Maurine Camfield and Rudy & Alma Kindig
Jan Meyer	My parents, Don & Valerie Meyer
Barbara Runge	Rusty Howard
Barbara Runge	Eugene & Ruth Howard
Barbara Runge	Glen & Affie Tate
Barbara Runge	Bill & Martha Runge
Jenilee Simmons	Douglass L. Simmons
David & Hallie Spence	Paxton Williams
Sally Alcorn	Fred C. Alcorn, my husband; Cecile & Carl Stuebing, my parents
Molly Boren Whitney	Cliff Cleveland, my beloved son
Jane Cooper	Lillian Bantau, Dan Cooper, & Kathy Mason
Janet Davis	Don Davis, Ruth Ewing, & John Burnett
Janet & Carl Eskridge	Rita & John Hannah
Susan & Robert Estill	Our parents
The Ewing children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren	Jack & Ruth Ewing
Jan Fox	Jack Fox
Nancy Higgs	My mother, father, & brother
Dick & Sue Howard	Our mothers, Lunetta & Pattye Sue
Gil & Oak Kim	Our moms
Amanda Kirtley	My mother, Pamela Kirtley
Jane Larkin	Lee R. Larkin & John P. Larkin
Susan & Jim Leonard	James Henry Leonard
Susan & Jim Leonard	James H. Leonard
Susan & Jim Leonard	Doris Leonard
Susan & Jim Leonard	Stanley & Beedie Heaps
Celie Matteson	Parents, Pete & Gussie Heilbron
Bonnie & Greg Moore	Our parents, Ross & Gertrude Neeley
Bonnie & Greg Moore	Our parents, Gene & Betty Moore
Lynn & Stuart Red	Ellen Red, David Red & Dick Schissler
Rhonda Sands	My parents, Mary Ann & Tom Sands & my brother, Rod Sands
The Schissler Family	Dick Schissler
Sally Slick	My husband, Bill Slick

<i>Given by:</i>	<i>Those we remember:</i>
Aileen Todd, Allison & Chris Newport	Harry Todd & James Newport
Julie Wangler	My husband, Thomas Wangler
Linda Weinmann	Don Weinmann
Hope Wilmarth	Lance Wilmarth
Jennifer Wilson	My mother, Helen Wilson
Butch & Anne Wilson	Our parents: Ken & Marion Takehara and Mac & Beverly Wilson
Ruena Wood & Family	Rev. Dr. Stuart Wood
John Wurster & Deb Burks	Darnall Burks
<i>Given by:</i>	<i>Those we honor:</i>
Bob & Lee Ardell	The wonderful staff of St Philip
Linda Bevill	Wilbert Parada & Dimas Parada
Sharon Coufal	Grandsons Gabi Vann & Andres Vann
Liz Crowell	Nancy Scott
Susan & Robert Estill	Mary Jane & Phillip McDaniel
Jan Fox	Bennett, Asher, & Shiloh
David & Suzanne Kerr	St. Philip Choir
Jane Larkin	Jim, Penny & Amelia Larkin
John Lemen	Matthew Dirst
Bonnie & Greg Moore	Our grandson Sebastian
Cathy Patterson	Jane Malczewskyj & the Bell Canto
Lynn & Stuart Red	Nan Schissler
Jenilee Simmons	Sheryl Curtain & family
Jenilee Simmons	Doug W. Simmons & family
David & Hallie Spence	Mary Linda Williams
Ruthie & Al Waldrop	Will, Lauren, Annie & Mary Louise Waldrop
Ruthie & Al Waldrop	Nancy & Justin Marlen
Ruthie & Al Waldrop	Virginia Waldrop
Jennifer Wilson	My father, Victor Bill Wilson

Thanks to all who have already made a 2024 pledge. Pledge cards can be placed in the offering plate Sunday or mailed to the church office. There is also an online option through [My-SaintPhilip](#).

2023 pledge payments and additional gifts will help us bring this year's budget into balance.

PLEDGES AS OF 11/29/2023

Year	# of pledge cards	Pledged	Difference from 2023
2024	125	\$1,011,202	(\$126,640)
2023	141	\$1,137,842	

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT
9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE ON
RECESS BEGINNING DECEMBER 24 AND
RETURN JANUARY 7**

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3—Kindergarten—Room 104

ELEMENTARY—Grades 1-5—Room 105

YOUTH—Grades 6-12—Room 205

FAITH & LIFE - Room 200—An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. Using the short stories in *The Gift of Hard Things: Finding Grace in Unexpected Places* by Mark Yaconelli, participants will read a short text in class and then engage in conversation as a group. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We resume our study of the Kingdom of Judah at 2 Kings 18 with the story of King Hezekiah 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.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. Church & Society will not meet the Sundays Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. - Church & Society will resume classes Jan. 7 - "The State of St. Philip Presbyterian Church - Looking back at 2023, looking forward to 2024" - presented by the Rev. Dr. John Wurster. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—We will have Children's Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Conversation with Children*. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, 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.

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 is on recess until **January 10, 2024**.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Jan. 11** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Exiles* by Jane Harper. 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 MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—**This class is on recess beginning Dec. 22 through Jan. 5.** 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. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that he has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

MONDAYS IN ADVENT—LECTIO DIVINA ON ZOOM—**Final class—Dec. 18** at 9:00-9:20 a.m. — *What is Lectio Divina?* The ancient desert fathers and mothers believed that scripture was like a love letter written to us by God. Thus, the meditative, guided scriptural reflection known as *Lectio Divina* ("divine reading") assumes that God speaks to us intimately, God is already praying in us, and we'll experience a profound encounter with the heart of God, rather than an intellectual study of scripture. To prepare, you are encouraged to choose a comfortable place to sit wherever you are (at home, work, in the car) and all participants will have video off and sound off during the Zoom. If you would like to participate email Keatan at:

keatan@saintphilip.net.

ADVENT AT ST. PHILIP Everyone is invited to attend the final **midweek Advent services**, on **Wednesday, December 20**. The service begins at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Lunch is available in the Gathering Area at 12:30. These services of scripture and song are grounded in the Advent themes of hope and expectation. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will also be celebrated. Prepare the way of the Lord!

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PHILIP

DECEMBER 24

11:00 a.m.— *Let Heaven and Nature Sing*

A Christmas service of readings, art and music.

Candlelight Services

4:30 p.m.— A Whimsical Telling of the Birth of Jesus

7:00 p.m.— Communion Service with the St. Philip Choir

Hymn 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re-newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
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Hymn 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.
 MUSIC: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk, 1847, alt.

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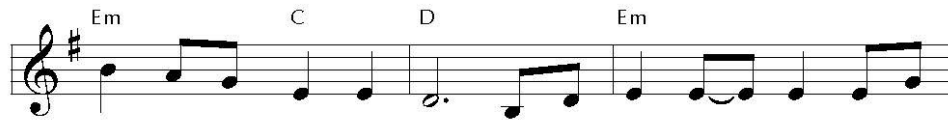
Hymn 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



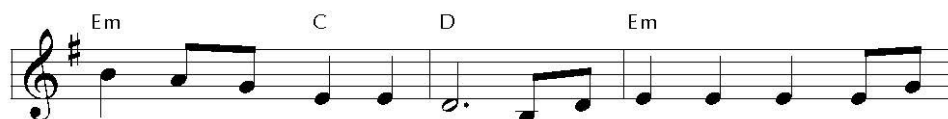
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

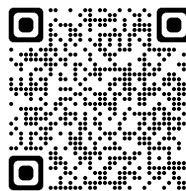
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

TEXT: Rory Cooney, 1990
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Rory Cooney, 1990
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STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
 Irregular

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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.

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