



THE COMMUNITY OF ST PHILIP
AT WORSHIP
MARCH 7, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Opening Voluntary

Chorale Partita on *Christus, der ist mein Leben*
P 376

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

Introit

My Eyes Are Ever Looking to the Lord

Chant

My eyes are ever looking to the LORD,
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn to me and have pity on me,
for I am left alone and in misery.
To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

— Psalm 25:14-15, 1

Opening Sentences

Hymn 53 ([see page 5](#))

O God, Who Gives Us Life

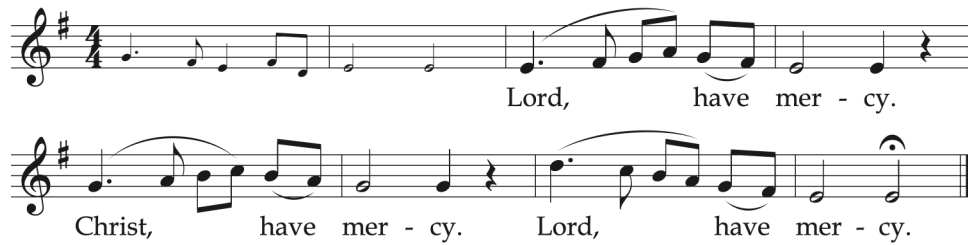
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Prayer of Confession

Great Redeemer,
you lay out your design for creation in your law,
yet we live according to our own plans.
You love justice,
but we accommodate oppression.
You call us to righteousness,
but we exploit neighbor and nature.
You love life,
but we gamble with life by our selfish conduct.
All this we do in pursuit of personal freedom,
rejecting your instruction to deny ourselves
in order to follow you.

In your extravagant mercy, forgive us, O God.
Grant us fresh vision to appreciate the splendor of your law,
that we might obey your commandments,
insist on the dignity and safety of our neighbors,
and discover the power of self-limiting love
we see in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

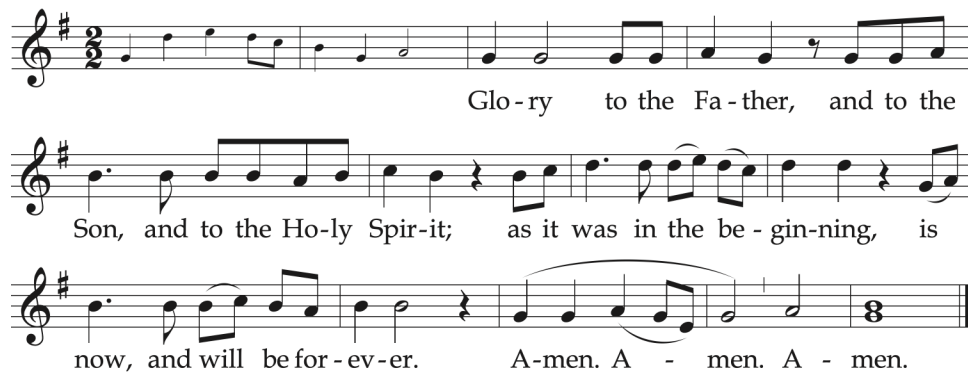
silent prayer

Response*Lord, have mercy* | KyrieJohn Weaver
(1937-2021)


Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Declaration of ForgivenessBelieve in the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.****Response***Glory to the Father* | Gloria Patri

John Weaver



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 PeacePeace be with you. **Peace be with all.****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading**

Psalm 19:7-10

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.****Anthem***Teach Me, O Lord*Philip Stopford
(b. 1977)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity;
and quicken thou me in thy way.
O stablish thy word unto thy servant,
that I may fear thee.

Amen.

— Psalm 119:33-38

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

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

Keatan King

Hymn 61 ([see page 6](#))*Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect*

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**Invitation to the 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.**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 the Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts****Communion Anthem***Draw Near*Jonathan Willcocks
(b. 1953)

Draw near and share the body of the Lord.
 Draw near and drink the blood of the Lord,
 that we may share his eternal love.
 Draw near and be blessed by Jesus from above.
 Draw near and share the body of the Lord.

Draw near and eat of the body of the Lord,
 that we may share his eternal love.
 Draw near to his glory,
 and then we shall be blessed by Jesus from above.
 Draw near and share the body of the Lord.

Communion Prayer**Closing Hymn 516** ([see page 7](#))*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

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Charge and Blessing**Closing Voluntary***Christus, der ist mein Leben*
BWV 1112Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Kallie Pitcock | John Wurster

Musicians

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

WORSHIP NOTES

- Exodus 20:1–17 – *On Mount Sinai, God gives the Ten Commandments to Moses.*
- Psalm 19 – *The law of the Lord is perfect; God's commandments are clear.*
- 1 Corinthians 1:18–25 – *The message of the cross reveals God's wisdom and strength.*
- John 2:13–22 – *Before Passover, Jesus chases the money changers out of the temple.*

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Today's organ voluntaries are both settings of the German chorale melody *Christus, der ist mein Leben* (Christ, who is my life), which serves as the melody for this morning's sermon hymn *Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect*. The chorale partita from Johann Pachelbel treats this tune to variations in the figural style, which is to say that each verse sports a distinct rhythmic figure, lending an individual character to each. Bach's setting comes from the *Neumeister Chorales*, a collection of youthful works rediscovered in the Yale University Library in the 1980s.

Choral Music

Today's **first anthem** *Teach Me, O Lord* is a reflective setting of verses from Psalm 119, written by British composer Philip Stopford for SATB choir and organ. Stopford was trained as a boy chorister in the choir of Westminster Abbey in London, and later completed university music studies at Oxford University where he served as organ scholar at Keble College and directed the college chapel choir. Following similar

positions at the cathedrals of Truro, Canterbury and Chester, Stopford served from 2003 to 2010 as Director of Music at St. Anne's Cathedral in Belfast, and from 2010 to 2015 as a freelance composer and conductor in Belfast and Chester. Appointed in 2016, Stopford now serves as Director of Music at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Bronxville, New York. More information about Philip Stopford and recordings of his music are available at www.philipstopford.com.

The **communion anthem** *Draw Near* is by British composer and conductor Jonathan Willcocks, son of the great conductor and organist Sir David Willcocks. Like his father before him, Jonathan has composed a significant body of works for various combinations of voices. *Draw Near* was published in 1996 using a text by the composer based on the seventh-century Latin hymn *Sancti venite, corpus Christi sumite*, translated in 1861 by John M. Neale.

– Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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Opening Hymn 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1990
 MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874
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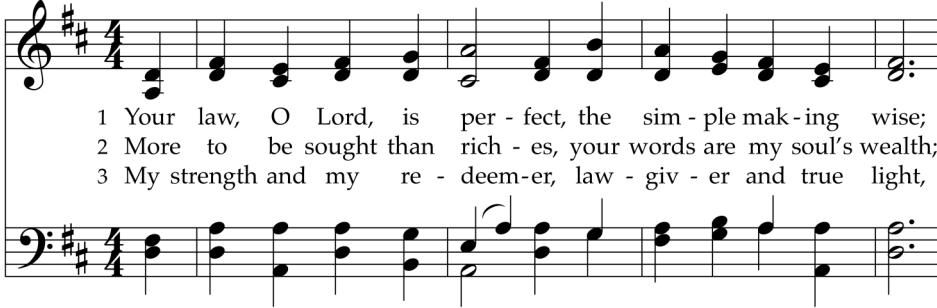
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Hymn 61

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN



1 Your law, O Lord, is per - fect, the sim - ple mak - ing wise;
 2 More to be sought than rich - es, your words are my soul's wealth;
 3 My strength and my re - deem - er, law - giv - er and true light,



how pure are your com - mand - ments, en - light - en - ing my eyes!
 their taste is sweet like hon - ey, im - part - ing life and health.
 my words and med - i - ta - tions make wor - thy in your sight.

Celebrating God's law in this paraphrase of the second half of Psalm 19 may seem odd if "law" is thought of simply as a list of things not to do. But in Jewish understanding, the law is seen as a gift, because it provides the signposts that show how to live as the people of God.

TEXT: Keith Landis, 1987
 MUSIC: Melchior Vulpus, 1609
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Closing Hymn 516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

TEXT: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924, alt.
 MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1959

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Travis Calhoun; Kay Cash; Sondra Sullivan; Mary Margaret Hansen; Doris Cantrell; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Jan Ostendorf; Vicki McKay; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Mezgebe Gebray; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Dixie Hahn – sister of Mary Sinderson; Brad Davis – nephew of Sam Fisher; Kenneth Allan Henick – father of Anne Marie Benard; 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; Jimmy Reagan – father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe – mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

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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.

Pledge payments, communion gifts and other gifts to support the Church can be made anytime through our website (<http://saintphilip.net/>) or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

We continue to invite you to attend our daily prayer services at 11:00 a.m. (Monday-Saturday). Currently, we have a limit of five persons per day. Please enter the Sanctuary through the large wooden front doors by 10:50 a.m. You may bring your own face-mask or one will be provided. You may sit anywhere in the sanctuary, appropriately distanced from others. The service will conclude by 11:15.

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

CHURCH & SOCIETY - 9:30 a.m. – March 14 - Senior Rides and More (a recipient of the Central Mission Endowment Fund) - How Senior Rides and More helps seniors to live independent lives in their homes with the help of volunteers providing life-sustaining services and a link to the larger community. Presented by Debby Posso Executive Director, Senior Rides and More. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes – mmcgm63@gmail.com.