

EASTER AT ST. PHILIP

Opening Voluntary

Prelude in G
BWV 541/1

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Introit

Resurréxi, Alleluia!

Justin Langham

Resurréxi, alleluia!

I am risen, alleluia!

– Text adapted from *Liber Usualis*, pp. 777-778

✦ Easter Proclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

✦ Hymn 232 [\(see page 11\)](#)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

✦ Prayer of Adoration

Glory to you, O God, on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.
Glory to you, O Christ, for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.
Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, you lead us into the truth.
Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

✦ Response

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

N.T. pg. 114

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

Anthem

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Philip Stopford
(b. 1977)

Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high,
Alleluia!

He who slumbered in the grave,
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is kings of kings.
Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today:
we too sing for joy and say:
Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people freed;
take our sins and guilt away:
let us sing by night and day
Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry.
Alleluia!

Sermon

What If...

Keatan King

silence and stillness

♣ Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED
arr. Richard Proulx

(versus 1, 3 – congregation, verse 2 – choir only)

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you to - day and
hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that
sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; for we can on - ly
we who know your fav - or may serve you as our king; and wheth - er our to -
won - der at ev - ery gift you send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and
mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and
mer - cies with - out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word, we
rise to bless you still: to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and
hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord. 2.(choir only)
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise. 3.Then

Service of Confirmation (11:00 service)

Presentation

Profession of Faith

♣ **The Apostles' Creed**

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated on the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Laying On of Hands

Welcome

Offertory

Gifts may be given any time at www.saintphilip.net

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia
(from *Exsultate, jubilate*, K. 165)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The 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.**

In every time and every age . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Howard Hughes, SM
(b. 1930)

REFRAIN *Choir first, then all:*



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Choir: Holy, holy, Holy Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Refrain – all

Refrain – all

Refrain – all

Blessed are you, O God, . . . We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Choir first, then all:



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Blessed are you, O Spirit, . . . We praise you, God of all that is, now and forever.

Choir first, then all:



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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Communion Music

Easter Carol

Alec Wyton
(1921-2007)

Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
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✦ Hymn 826 ([page 10](#))

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

One Great Hour of Sharing gifts may be brought forward.

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

La Rejouissance

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

John Wurster | Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Musicians

Matthew Dirst – organist | St. Philip Choir | Justin Langham – director of music
 Julia Fox, soloist | Noah Adams & Josh Wiggins, trumpets | Andrew Burnhans, horn
 Nolan Hennessey, trombone | Brandon Padilla, tuba

WORSHIP NOTES

Today we recognize the Confirmation Class of 2024: Ava Arlinghaus, Grayson Bratton, Sadie Fair, Isabella Ford, and Colby Stewart and their mentors: Molly Boren, Laura Burgess, Quincy Victorian, Gary Whitney, and Jennifer Wilson.

To receive communion today, please come forward via the center aisle, for a piece of bread. The bread may be dipped in the chalice of grape juice and consumed or you may take a small cup of grape juice from the tray. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available, just ask the servers as you come forward. Those with mobility challenges may receive communion in their seats, just signal the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Acts 10:34-43 – *Peter testifies to Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus is Lord of all.*
- Isaiah 25:6-9 – *A feast on the day of the Lord; God will swallow up death forever.*
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 – *I will not die, I will live; this is the day that the Lord has made.*
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 – *Remember the good news of Jesus Christ, by which we are saved.*
- Acts 10:34-43 – *Peter testifies to Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus is Lord of all.*
- John 20:1-18 – *At the empty tomb, the risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene.*
- Mark 16:1-8 – *Finding Jesus' tomb empty, the women flee in wonder and fear.*

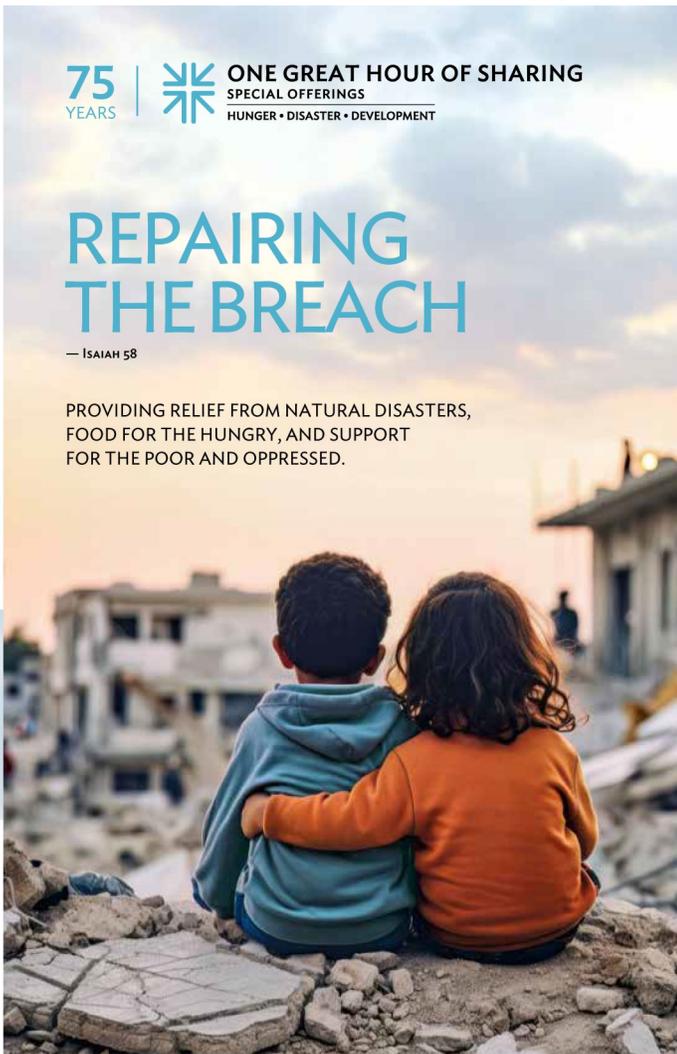
FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by William Howard to the Glory of God in honor of honor of Ada J. Marshall, his mother's on her 85th birthday.

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IN THIS SEASON OF LENT,
we follow Jesus' example;
walking alongside the most vulnerable
to partner in repairing the harm inflicted upon them.
WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER;
and we are there with those who need us.

CONTRIBUTE TO ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent.

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philipians and their families – Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Helen Deleon; Jan Ostendorf; Ben Dees; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Alice Woodall-Chisholm – cousin of Mary McGuire; Sheila Kin-sky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; 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. Philipians – Paul Feagan – friend of Jacqui Colton; Annette Covey – friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters – friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Magdalena Rustomji – friend of Mickey & Ken Meyers; Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Tom Barnett – friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez – friends 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

Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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

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. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – We are beginning our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). 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. **Apr. 7** - Featuring a St. Philip Mission Partner - Have shears-Will Travel - Barbara Goodson's mobile beauty salon, a restored recreational vehicle, has delivered free grooming services to more than 36,000 people since 2015, including those who are homeless, children in group homes, soldiers with PTSD, abandoned mothers or children due to substance abuse or domestic violence, those struggling with the shame of incarceration, patients in hospice care, special needs adults, hospitalized children and more. Next Sunday, Barbara will tell us about Shear Success Barber & Cosmetology Training Center - to provide an educational arm with lower-than-market tuition rates and scholarships to those who cannot afford the tuition. Shear Success offers the opportunity for low-income men and women to earn a livable wage, ensuring their sustainable independence. 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP – This group meets on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m., by zoom, to discuss social justice issues of the day. The current exploration of Christian nationalism is Kaitlyn Schiess' book, *The Ballot and the Bible; how Scripture has been used and abused in American politics.* Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson (sjj10223@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Apr. 11** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanne Raybourn. So watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at:

nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

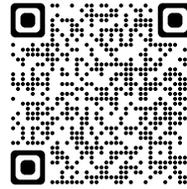
PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP – Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email: welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints – 2nd Mon. of each month @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle – 3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Circle – 1st Thurs. of each month @ 7:00 p.m.



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.

I Give Electronically – in response to parents' hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.



The St. Philip office will be closed Monday, April 10 in observance of Easter.

If you contributed for Easter lilies in the sanctuary, you may take one home after the 11 am worship service, or you can make arrangements to stop by the office on Tuesday to pick up between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708 | Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

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Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain

Musical notation for the Refrain, consisting of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Verses

Musical notation for the Verses, consisting of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God. bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly. praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985
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CRUCIFER
10.10 with refrain

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