

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025

Preparation for Worship

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek: the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

- Romans 10:12-13

Voluntary	Church Sonata in E-flat major	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	
-	K. 67/41h	(1756-1791)	

Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Introit

Kyrie (excerpt) From *Missa Brevis in D minor*, K. 65/61a W. A. Mozart

Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy

† Opening Sentences

Remember the story of our faith. We are the people God has delivered. Rejoice in the hope of our faith. God goes with us, step by step. Cling to the promise of our faith. Our God will not abandon us.

♦ Hymn 643 (see page 13)

Now Thank We All Our God

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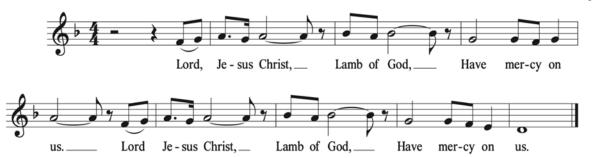
Prayer of Confession

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold.

silent prayer

Response

Justin Langham

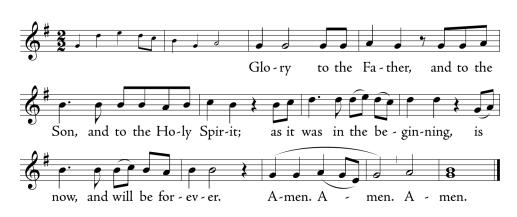


Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Response

John Weaver



The Peace

Peace be with you. Peace be with all.

Signs of peace and reconciliation may be exchanged.

Conversation with Children

Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.

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

Prayer for Illumination

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First Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-9	O.T. pgs. 180-181
	Word of God, word of life. Thanks be	e to God!
Anthem	<i>Kyrie</i> From <i>Missa Brevis in F major,</i> K. 192	W. A. Mozart
	Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy	
	Christe eleison Christ, have mercy	
Gospel Reading	Luke 4:1-14	N.T. pg. 61
	Word of God, word of life. Thanks be	e to God!
Sermon	What's Lent Got to Do with It? <i>silence and stillness</i>	John W. Wurster
+ Hymn 762 (see page 14)	When the Poor Ones	EL CAMINO
Affirmation of Faith		from The United Church of Canada
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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*The congregation echoes the cantor*)

Offering

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

Offertory Agnus Dei W. A. Mozart From Missa Brevis in F major, K. 192 Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, Qui tolis peccata mundi, Who takes away the sins of the world, Miserere nobis. Have mercy on us. Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, Qui tolis peccata mundi, Who takes away the sins of the world, Dona nobis pacem. Grant us peace. Prayer of Thanksgiving Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. Eternal God, we thank you for gathering us together in your church, and uniting us with your people in every time and place. Strengthen our witness, increase our faith, and inspire our mission, as we seek to follow Jesus. Amen. **†** Hymn 166 (see page 15) Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days ST. FLAVIAN Charge and Blessing Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly. Voluntary Church Sonata No. 12 in C major W. A. Mozart K. 623

SERVING TODAY

Pastors Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist David Castro

Musicians

Jackson Guillen & Melissa Williams, violin | Barry Sills, cello | Matthew Dirst, organist Jason Adams & Justin Langham, trumpet | Jesús Pacheco, percussion | St. Philip Choir Tessa Larson, Sarah Bertrand, Thomas O'Neill, & David Le, soloists | Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by John Lemen to the glory of God and in memory of Joe and Virginia Lemen.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11 We cried to the Lord, God of our ancestors, and God delivered us.
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 The Lord says: I will deliver and protect those who call on me.
- Romans 10:8b-13 *The word is near to you; those who call on the Lord will be saved.*
- Luke 4:1-13 For forty days in the wilderness, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

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MUSIC NOTES

Marking the first Sunday of the Lenten season, this morning's service offers a variety of smaller choral and instrumental works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. A devout Catholic throughout his life, many of Mozart's works carry religious undertones or were specifically composed for occasions in the church calendar. For centuries, countless audiences have enjoyed the larger sacred works like his timeless Requiem in D minor, K. 626 or the Great Mass in C minor, K. 427, but there is also a treasure trove of smaller works that were regularly included in Mass services of the day, such as his many settings of the Missa Brevis ("brief mass") and short instrumental pieces. Unlike the standard string arrangement, many of these were written for the "Salzburg Church Quartet" (two violins, organ, and basso continuo - no viola), with some also including winds, brass, and timpani.

Bookending the service, our **voluntaries** highlight two of Mozart's 17 "Church Sonatas," a relative of the Italian genre of *sonate da chiesa*, which were short, single-movement instrumental pieces composed for weekly celebrations of the Mass. More specifically, their role was as a musical interlude between Epistle and Gospel readings, hence their other nickname: Epistle Sonatas. Representing nearly every common major key, these charming, compact, and fullyformed pieces would be inserted and moved around to pair with the key and instrumentation of particular mass settings. Unfortunately, they were swiftly replaced with choral motets or congregational hymns by the Archbishop after Mozart left Salzburg for Vienna, leaving them less familiar today.

Composed when Mozart was just 12 years old, *Missa Brevis in D minor*, K. 65/61a is a relatively short Lenten mass (~14 minutes) thought to have been first performed to open a 40-hour vigil at the University of

Salzburg's Kollegienkirche in 1769. Appropriately for the season, it is also Mozart's only setting of the *missa brevis* written in a minor key. Today's **introit**, lifted from the introduction of the opening *Kyrie* movement, offers a somber tone and ends on the dominant harmony, which normally propels the listener into the movement proper, but for today's purposes commences our Lenten journey.

By contrast, Missa Brevis in F major, K. 192 is lively and full of Mozartean charm, representing a gem in his catalog of sacred choral works. The Kyrie movement, a strikingly joyful interpretation of the typically somber plea for mercy, is built on small and large syncopations-for example, shifting stressed syllables to weaker parts in the meter-while also creating clear and sophisticated counterpoint between the voice parts. The Agnus Dei movement, which is characterized by abrupt shifts between major and minor sonorities, uses a similar syncopation on the repeated miserere text while a constant stream of 16th notes flows underneath the soloists and choir. The major key sonority takes over entirely at the arrival of the dona nobis pacem text ("grant us peace") in a joyous banter between guartet and choir, and concludes the movement in a grand plagal cadence ("Amen"). As expected from Mozart, both movements are full of tuneful melodies, at least one of which is sure to stick around with you later today and beyond.

St. Philip is also proud to officially debut in worship today our brand new 26" and 29" Adams timpani, now residing in their new home in the choir loft. We are excited to have these wonderful new instruments at our disposal to enrich our worship services and special musical events for years to come.

- Notes by Justin Langham



IN OUR PRAYERS

- St. Philippians and their families Rollie McGinnis; Jo Helland; Peg Palisin; Vada Woodall; Russel Bahruth; Jeremy Mattern; Scott Easterly; Bill Holden; Roderick James; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Jacqui – cousin of Angelina Fonseca-Grewal; John Calhoun – brother of Pam Keever; Terese Murphy- cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.
- *Homebound* Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolf; George and Larraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.
- *Friends of St. Philippians* Ann Eustler & Janet Rowlands friends of Mary Mcguire; Audrey Eubank Harris, Pete & Gloria Benevides, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash friend of Jane Cooper; Mary Watters and Mindy Cooper-Smith friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton friends of William Rowe; Tom Barnett friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Jackie Janacek, Bill Ward, Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach friends of Stephen Paine; 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.



Celebrate with us as we dedicate the new playground through **prayer**, **scripture**, **& play** to the glory of God and with hope for the children and families whose lives will be touched by the St. Philip Day School!

Support the St. Philip Day School by purchasing a playground bike or toy.

Visit the St. Philip Day School Amazon Wishlist at <u>https://a.co/hmYLXeH</u> or search for St. Philip Day School Playground Wish List on Amazon.

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The Women's Home Easter Boxes

Support the St. Philip 2025 Easter mission project by donating items to fill Easter boxes benefiting The Women's Home residents. The Women's Home builds communities that strengthen women and supports families as they reclaim their stability. The Women's Home operates two affordable housing communities and a collaborative community service center that help families thrive. The service center offers primary and behavioral health care, youth development services, adult education, workforce development training, basic needs assistance, and other wrap-around support services.

There are three ways you can help: you can donate items, make a contribution, or assemble boxes. Read on for details about each opportunity.

1. Donate: Drop off your donated items in the Gathering Area or Church Office collection boxes through **April 6**. You can drop off any amount you wish to give of any item on the supplies list. Please no used items, only new unopened donations. Please no jumbo size bottles, preferably travel sizes 2 oz. to 4 oz. and regular size toiletries 11 oz. to 14 oz.

Shampoo	Nail Files	Reading Glasses	Umbrellas
Conditioner	Nail Polish	Costume Jewelry	Mini Writing Tablets
Body Wash	Hair Ties/Elastics	Scarves	Pens/Pencils
Toothbrush	Razors	Small make-up samples	Individual Miniature
Tooth Paste	Lotion	Playing Cards	packages of Easter candies
Dental Floss	Lip Balm	Journals	Packets of Herbal Tea
Deodorant	Tissue Packs	Day Planners/Calendars	(Caffeine Free)
Mouthwash	Socks	Note Cards	

- 2. You may also make a monetary donation and the Mission Committee will purchase the items still needed at the end of the collection period to fill the boxes. **Please make donation by April 6.** To make a contribution via check write Women's Home on the memo line, drop in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Or online by choosing Designated Funds and in the memo put Women's Home.
- 3. Assemble: You are invited to assemble our goal of 60 boxes on Saturday, **April 12** at 10 a.m. in the church mission room. This is a fun service project for all ages and an opportunity for the St. Philip community to come together in service during the Easter holiday! Please RSVP by email to <u>keatan@saintphilip.net</u> because spots are limited.

DUERR LECTURE SERIES 2025

If you had to miss the lectures in person or livestream, or if you wish to watch them again you will find them archived at the link below, along with the sermon.

http://www.saintphilip.net/Duerr_LectureSeries.html

You may also share the lectures with others.



Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield

First Presbyterian Church Greensboro, North Carolina

Presenting Lectures February 22, 23, and 24 2026



LENT AT ST. PHILIP

MID-WEEK WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS AT 12 PM

March 12 through April 9

Guest preachers from across the area will lead us. Lunch will be available in the gathering area at 12:30.



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Meditative reflection via the four cycles of Lectio Divina (read, reflect, respond, rest). Email Keatan@saintphilip.net to receive zoom link.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY – Ages 3 – Kindergarten – Room 104

ELEMENTARY – Grades 1-4 – Room 205 – The elementary-aged children are invited to participate in Mini-Revolutions, a lectionary-based curriculum employing multiple modes of learning engagement, and centered on activities and practices to help build spiritual habits. Room 205.

YOUTH-Grades 5-12-Dining Room-Kids Against Hunger

ADULT BIBLE STUDY–Room 204–We are studying Proverbs in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from 9:30 to 10:40 AM 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** – **10:40 AM** with presentations in person and by Zoom. March 16 - **March 16** - Dawn Mountain Center for Tibetan Buddhist Temple, Community Center and Research Institute – resident in the Mission Center of St. Philip. The mission of Dawn Mountain is to further the spiritual growth of our diverse community as a living bridge between traditional Tibetan Buddhist teachings and curious people everywhere. Dawn Mountain provides a transformative path of practice, study and personal growth. Presenter by Anne Carolyn Klein/Lama Rigzin Drolma and Harvey Aronson (Lama Namgyal Dorje). If you would like to join any of the classes: email:

jshartman01@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – TODAY – 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 PM 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—What does it mean to be a Christian in these times? How does our faith guide our social justice involvement? Our Study Group meets by zoom on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m.

to read and discuss social justice issues of our day. Join us! Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at: sjj10223@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Mar. 13** at 7:00 PM. We will discuss *This Familiar Heart: An Improbable Love Story* by Babette Fraser Hale. Watch your email for details. 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 selfled group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 AM. We are learning from *Too Busy Not to Pray* by Bill Hybels. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

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. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to:

john@saintphilip.net.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women.

Thursday Evening Circle – Apr. 3 – meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room. Sarah Victorian - sarah.m.0617@gmail.com

Monday Morning Saints – Mar. 10 – meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room - Tricia Tolbert - <u>phtolbert@gmail.com</u>

The Hallmark Circle – meets each month - contact Sue Shirley-Howard - <u>sue@fluencyhouston.com</u> for date and location.

Sunday Circle-Mar. 16-meets 3rd Sunday of each month after worship in the Dining Room. Jan Meyer - jsmeyer9990@gmail.com

One More Chance Study for Everyone – Mar. 23 – Meets 4th Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Library. We'll be discussing Lesson 7 from "Let Justice Roll Down"). Everyone is welcome. Lee Ardell -

leeardell@gmail.com

Email welcome@saintphilip.net for a registration form or find it in the March 4 Philip-Eye.

2025 Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering



CULTIVATING A WELL BALANCED LIFE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH | 9:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M.

St. Philip Presbyterian Church

4807 San Felipe St., Houston, TX

Speakers:

Mahlon Hight, Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX

Meg Scott-Johnson, St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX

Worship Leader:

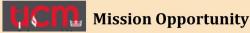
Rev. Keatan King, St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX

Registration Fee: \$18

First Time Attendee: \$15

Late/Walk In: \$20

Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch



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Registration Deadline: Monday, March 31st









Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphlip.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 100 off of the Gathering Area 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 BULLETINS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.

Connect with St. Philip through <u>saintphilip.net</u> and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to <u>lorrie@saintphilip.net</u>.

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 the Library 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. 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. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at <u>denise@saintphilip.net</u>.

Lost & Found – did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.

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.



Now Thank We All Our God



Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt. MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

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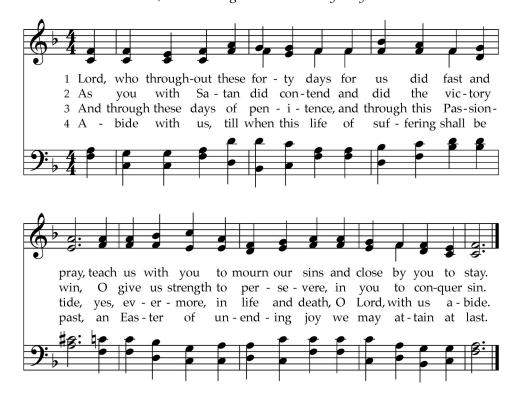


Drawing on the parable revealing Christ's presence in "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31–46), the stanzas here give examples (the "when") while the refrain affirms the promise (the "then"). The journey imagery of the refrain may be based on the Emmaus story (Luke 24:13–35).

TEXT: José Antonio Olivar and Miguel Manzano, 1970; trans. George Lockwood, 1980, alt. MUSIC: José Antonio Olivar and Miguel Manzano, 1970; arr. Alvin Schutmaat, 1971 Text and Music © 1971 José Antonio Olivar and Miguel Manzano (Published by OCP) EL CAMINO 12.11.12 with refrain

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Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days



Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

TEXT: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873, alt. MUSIC: Day's *Psalter*, 1562 ST. FLAVIAN CM

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