



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

Opening Voluntary *Chorale Partita on "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"*

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

Greeting

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

Introit

Sing, Ye Righteous (excerpt)

Lodovico Viadana
(ca. 1564-1645)
arr. Leland Sateren

Sing, o, sing, ye righteous, unto the Lord,
And exalt in song the Lord of hosts!
Sing ye, praise the Lord!

— Adap. Psalm 33: 1

✦ **Opening Sentences**

✦ **Hymn 37** [\(see page 9\)](#)

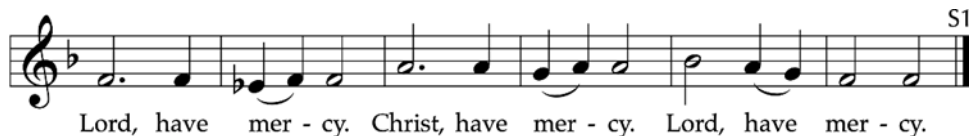
Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

✦ **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

silent prayer

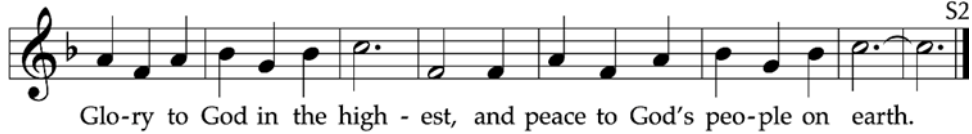


Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response



✦ 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 of Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 23

O.T. pg. 501

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

Anthem

Look at the World

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Look at the world, everything all around us
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

Refrain:

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain:

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty:
His is the earth, and his the heavens above:

—John Rutter

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

N.T. pgs. 103-104

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

Sermon

Each One, All Together

John Wurster

silence and stillness

✠ Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son
 is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. 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.

Offertory

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Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thomson
(1896-1989)

My shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake his ways.
He leads me for his mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away,
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows,
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days,
O may thy house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

—Isaac Watts, The Psalms of David 1719

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

✦ Hymn 22 [\(see page 11\)](#)

God of the Sparrow

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✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen, Op. 122/4

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Isabella Ford

Musicians

Matthew Dirst – organist & pianist | St. Philip Choir | Justin Langham – director of music
Colleen Nelson, Susan Leonard, Sarah Bertrand, Cecilia Duarte, John Lemen, Thomas O'Neill,
Chuck Johnson, & Saïd Pressley, small ensemble

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Orlean Anderson honor of Elizabeth and Kenneth Anderson 8th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Acts 4:5-12 – *Filled with the Spirit, Peter challenges those who have arrested him.*
- Psalm 23 – *The Lord is my shepherd, leading, protecting, and feeding me.*
- 1 John 3:16-24 – *Love means laying down one's life for those who are in need.*
- John 10:11-18 – *Jesus says: I am the good shepherd; I lay down my life for my sheep.*

MUSIC NOTES

Both of today's **organ voluntaries** take the same Easter hymn as inspiration: the German chorale tune *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen* ("Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"). The Belgian composer and organist Flor Peeters was an important exponent of the Baroque repertoire; one senses in his chorale settings especially the long shadow of Bach and other German composers. Johannes Brahms's setting of the same tune, from his final collection of pieces (Op. 122), conveys a kind of gentle joy at the message of Easter. This is a chorale prelude in the traditional mode, with the melody on top of the texture and accompanying figuration below that surges along quietly.

Today's **introit** is excerpted from the work *Exultate, justi* by 16th-century Italian composer and friar, Lodovico Grossi da Viadana. Viadana, who helped spur the early development of the basso continuo and figured bass (using numeric symbols above a bass line to indicate harmony), was the first to implement them in published collections of Italian sacred music, which would have included many motets like this one.

One of many gems in John Rutter's catalog, our **anthem** is an inspiring setting of text by the composer that evokes imagery of small miracles in nature on this Earth Day. Rutter's melodicism is on full display in this short anthem, using a common melody for each verse, but adjusting slightly the voices or accompaniment to pair each new text. Each refrain then responds in kind to each verse, growing in wonder of the many small miracles that surround us every day.

Based on "an Old Southern Hymn Tune," today's **offertory** offers a thoughtful setting of text derived from the first six verses of Psalm 23. Although the tune is sung often as a congregational hymn (803 in our hymnals), Thomson's setting includes more gradual transitions between verses than a typical hymn, with staggered entrances in the choir, with evolving choral lines closely tied to emotional shifts in the text.

–Justin Langham and Matthew Dirst

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Ralph Cherillo; Susan Mitchell; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; 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; Terese Murphy- cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Alice Woodall-Chisholm – cousin of Mary McGuire; Sheila Kinsky 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. Philippians – Jennifer Schenk and Amy Syres from Second Mile Haiti - friends of the Church & Society Class; Barbara Goodson from Have Shears-Will Travel - friend of the Church & Society Class; 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; 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

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THE ST. PHILIP BBQ PICNIC & EARTH DAY CELEBRATION



ON THE LAWN

TODAY

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MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP

PIANO RECITAL OSIP NIKIFOROV

Sunday, May 5 | 3:00 PM

ALL-BEETHOVEN PIANO RECITAL

On Sunday, **May 5** at 3:00 p.m., award-winning Russian pianist Osip Nikiforov will present a program comprised of four beloved Beethoven piano sonatas, No. 13, 14, 31, and 23. Originally from Siberia, Osip studied at the University of Minnesota and received doctorate from Rice University in 2023. In addition to orchestral and solo performances in the U.S. and abroad, Osip has also been featured on numerous radio broadcasts by Minnesota Public Radio, [Performance Today by Your Classical](#), WFMT Radio, GetClassical, Classical Connect, Star Tribune, and Houston Press, and his first solo album, *Russian Elegie*, was released by Orpheus Classical Label in 2021.

Osip is no stranger to St. Philip, having performed an all-Rachmaninoff program on our beautiful Steinway concert grand in 2023. Please join us and enjoy a rare offering of four gems in the solo piano repertoire and welcome Osip back to Houston.

NEWSRING MISSION PARTNER STUDENT ART EVENT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MAY 1

St. Philip mission partner NewSpring is hosting their annual Student Art Auction on **May 1** at Spring Street Studio at 1824 Spring Street. NewSpring needs volunteers to help with set up and during the event. The St. Philip congregation is invited to volunteer on Wednesday, **May 1**, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during set up, or 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. during the event to help with check-in, parking lot welcome, general event help, and breakdown of the event. Sign up to volunteer in the Gathering Area on Sunday through **April 28** or email Angelina Fonseca-Grewal if you can volunteer at mission@saintphilip.net. NewSpring's mission is to deliver visual arts and mentoring programs that inspire students and their families to achieve a better life. The program not only equips students with vital skills but also instills a sense of purpose and belonging, cultivating well-rounded individuals ready to excel in the modern world. St. Philip grants support four field trips for students to attend in summer and fall. The field trips provide hands-on experience, stimulate interests, strengthen observation and perception skills, and promote personal and social development.

OPERATION IMPACT DELIVERY MISSION PARTNER CHURCH WIDE SERVICE DAY SAVE THE DATE!

Join the St. Philip mission partner Interfaith Ministries for their Operation Impact event to deliver hurricane supply boxes and bottled water cases to the Meals on Wheels seniors at their homes. Save the dates of Saturday, **June 1** and Saturday **June 8**. St. Philip mission committee and church members will meet at the church to divide the hurricane supply boxes and water, then drive in teams of 2 or 3 in each car to the addresses Interfaith Ministries provides. **June 1** distribution will be in Harris County and **June 8** distribution will be in Galveston County mainland, not on the island. Sign up at the mission table in the Gathering Area through **May 26** or email mission@saintphilip.net. Angelina Fonseca-Grewal can drive 4 volunteers, but other drivers will be needed to delivery to other home addresses.

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. **April 28** - St. Philip Mission Partner - Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services Counseling Center Services and Philosophy of Care - to provide Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need. The PCHAS Counseling Services help children heal from trauma so they can build healthy relationships, succeed in education and discover their own world of opportunities and possibilities. This happens by engaging a child in the context of their family issues. To end a cycle of abuse or trauma, we must work with children to clarify their thoughts and feelings and get a realistic view of each family member's role in their life. 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 **May 9** at 7:00 p.m. This will be a social gathering at The 401 (6700 Ferris ST). 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. All meetings are in the Dining Room.

Monday Morning Saints – 2nd Mon.

of each month @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Thursday 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.

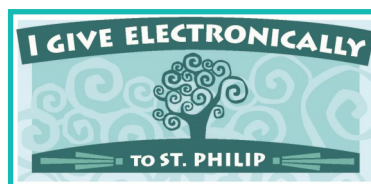
If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 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.

The Stewardship Committee thanks all St. Philipians and friends who have made and continue to make financial contributions to support the life and ministries of the church. As a reminder, only St. Philip's bookkeeper has knowledge of the specifics of financial donations.

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.



Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

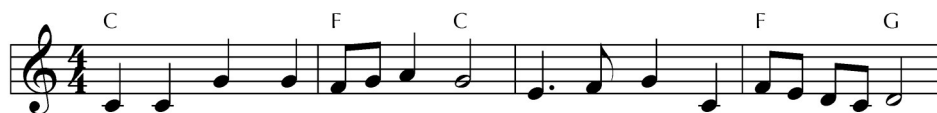
as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

Hymn 19

God of Great and God of Small

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

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 MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1973; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL
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Hymn 22

God of the Sparrow

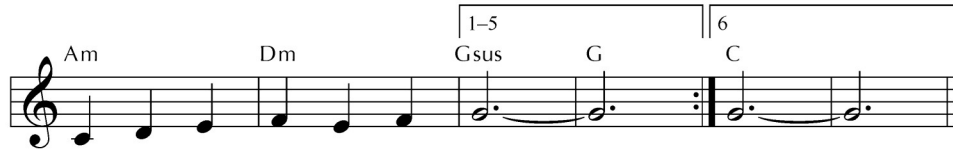
ROEDER



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace,

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