

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Preparation for Worship

Gracious Father, your might is beyond measure, your wisdom beyond knowledge, your love beyond all telling. You have put eternity into our hearts, and made us hunger and thirst for you. Satisfy the longings you have implanted that we may find you in life and find life in you. Amen.

Voluntary *Mélodie* Op. 42, No. 3 — Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Introit *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (excerpt)* — arr. Lloyd Pfautsch, WARRENTON

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

I am bound for the kingdom,
Will you go to glory with me?
Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

Robert Robinson (1735–1790)

✠ Opening Sentences

Let all the world praise Almighty God!
Sing to the glory of God's name.
Come and see what the Lord has done,
let the sound of God's praise fill the earth.
Blessed is the Holy One
who has not withdrawn from us love and care.

✠ Hymn 36 *(see page 9)* *For the Fruit of All Creation* — AR HYD Y NOS

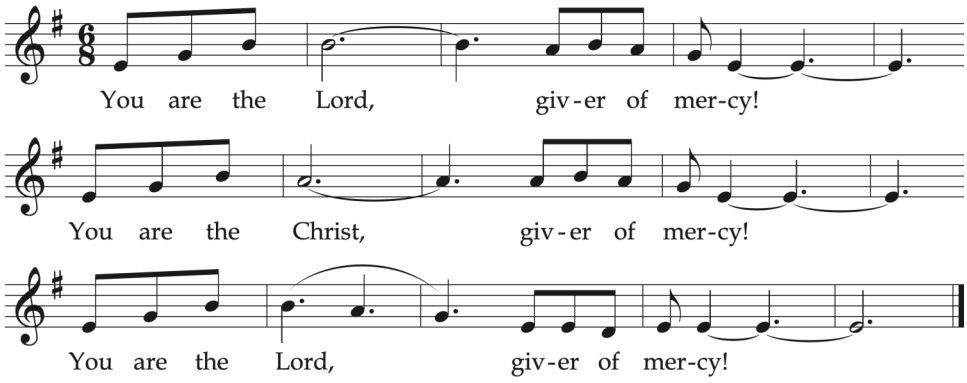
✙ Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory
we see the evil we have done,
the hurt we have caused,
the justice we have forsaken,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.

Forgive us of our sin, O God.
Remove from us our regrets,
wash us with your mercy,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow
the path set by Jesus
and trod by the saints
that leads to everlasting life.

silent prayer

✙ Response
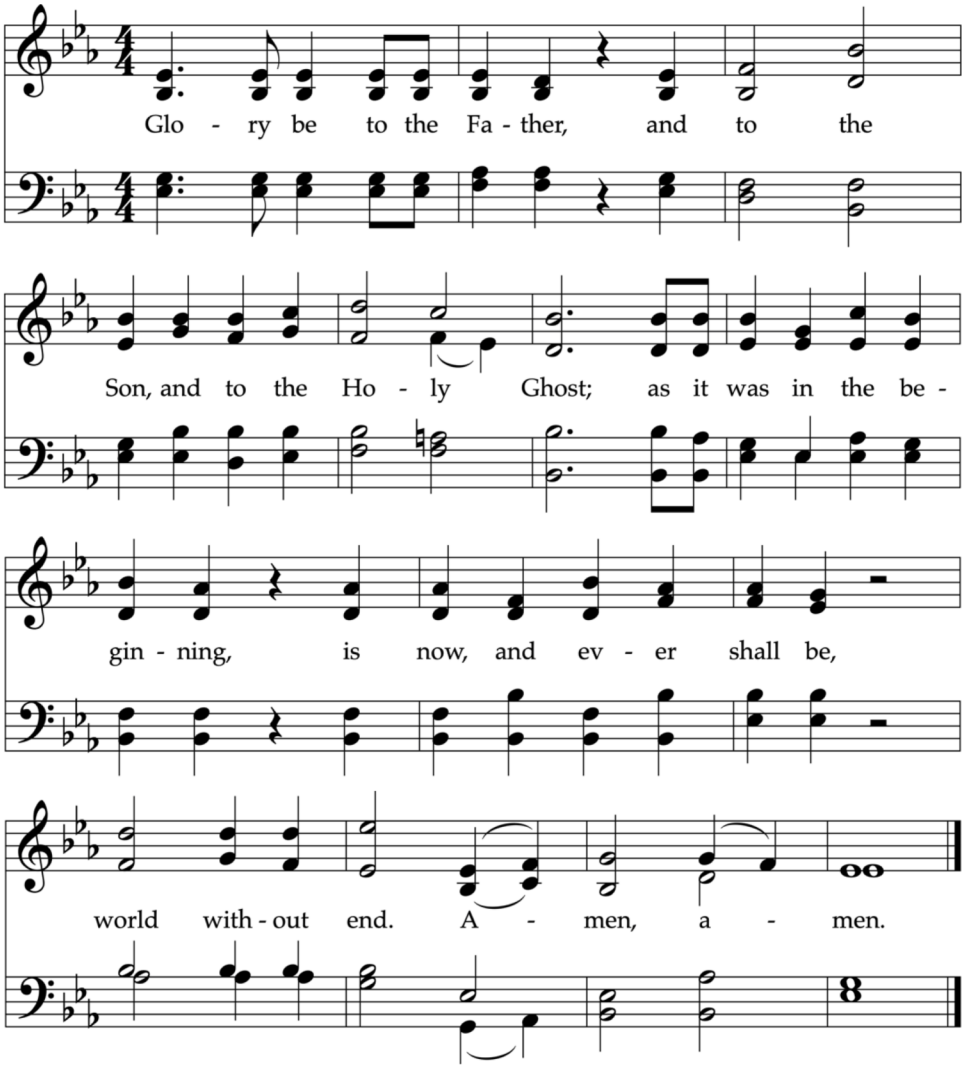


TEXT: Traditional liturgical text; revised in *The Worshipbook*, © *1970 The Westminster Press*
MUSIC: Appalachian folk melody; arranged by Richard D. Wetzel, © *1972 The Westminster Press*

WAYFARING STRANGER
9.9.9

✙ 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

Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.
Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Amos 5:21-24 O. T. pg. 854

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

I am bound for the kingdom,
Will you go to glory with me?
Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

Oh! To grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above.

Robert Robinson, 1757

Scripture Reading Joshua 24:1-7, 12-15 O. T. pg. 215-216

Sermon Choose This Day Keatan King

silence and stillness

☩ **Hymn 711** *(see page 10)* *Lord of All Good* TOULON

☩ **Affirmation of Faith** THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Spirit of God who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls all people to all ministries of the Church.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

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

Gifts for today and pledges for 2027 may be placed in the front basket.

Gifts may also be given any time at saintphilip.net

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Cathy Moklebust
NETTLETON

✞ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Dear God,
with hope and thanksgiving
we offer ourselves to you.
We choose this day to serve you.
Bless our gifts and commitments,
deepen our faith,
and set us in Christ's holy way.
We place our lives in your hands,
that we may be of service to your kingdom. Amen.

✞ Hymn 643 (page 11) *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

✞ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary Toccata from the Partita on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* Op. 8/2 Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors
Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Liturgist
Kerri Brady

Musicians
Matthew Dirst, organist | Georgie Dawson, violin | St. Philip Choir | Bell Canto Handbell Ensemble
Justin Langham, director of music

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25—*Choose this day whom you will serve; we will serve the Lord.*
- Psalm 78:1–7—*Each generation will tell the next of the glorious deeds of the Lord.*
- Amos 5:18–24—*The day of the Lord is darkness; let justice roll down like waters.*
- Psalm 70—*O Lord, make haste to help me, for I am poor and needy.*
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18—*The dead in Christ will rise first; then the living will meet the Lord.*
- Matthew 25:1–13—*The parable of Ten Bridesmaids; keep awake, the Lord is coming.*



If you haven't already visited the Alternative Market in the Fellowship Hall, please come visit with our mission partners, do a little Christmas shopping, and bid on an auction item. We are open until 1:00 PM.

MUSIC NOTES

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky is a beloved and popular figure in the classical repertoire and was the first Russian whose music made a lasting international impact, influencing a generation of other composers. Written in 1878, his ***Mélodie*** is the third piece from Souvenir d'un lieu cher ("Memory of a dear place") and a clear representation of his expressive and unmistakably Romantic harmonic and melodic style.

The hymn **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,"** written by pastor and hymnodist Robert Robinson at age 22, has been sung to several different hymn tunes, including two from the American shape note tradition featured in today's service music.

The arrangement by Lloyd Pfautsch employs the shape note tune "Warrenton" in a lively choral setting, drawing inspiration from the American revivals of the mid-19th century with an added refrain of "Hallelujah, praise the Lord." Our **offertory** highlights the more commonly sung tune "Nettleton," which first appeared in a collection of sacred music in 1813, in a rhythmic and lyrical arrangement for handbells.

Today's Gospel lesson, commonly known as the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) inspired a 1599 chorale by Philipp Nicolai: ***Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*** ("Wake up, and Hear the Voices"). This text and tune, still popular in many Christian traditions (see our own *Glory to God*, No. 349), appears in multiple compositions from the 17th century onwards, including a famous Bach cantata and an organ partita from the early 20th-century composer Hugo Distler. The first movement of the latter, today's **closing voluntary**, bids us to "wake up" and make preparations (as did the wise virgins) with highly rhythmic and dancelike counterpoint.

—Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families—Julie Wangler; Joyce Fox; David Fox; Jenilee Simmons; Sondra Sullivan; Angelina Fonseca-Grewal; John Bobbitt; Molly Boren-Whitney; Laney Miller; Laurie Sims; Jan Meyer; Emily Estill; Joy Maguire; Bonnie Moore; Bob Ardell; Diane Clarke; Mary Herlitz; Eleanor Grant; Don Padgett; Mezgebe Gebray; Mary Currie; the family of Wayne & Sandra Truxillo; Camilo Triana—uncle of Jesús Toribio; Ada & Bob Austin—parents of Nina Lambright; Barbara Torpy—sister of Gary Willis; Bill Davis—brother of Meg Scott-Johnson; Lara Bain—niece of Jo Helland; Jonathan Castro—brother of David Castro; Jo Hadley Smith—cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes—daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Suzanne Frazier & Ann Perkins Cloud—cousins of Stephen Paine.

Homebound—Elizabeth Arp; Joan Boelens; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Arlette Keene; Jan Ostendorf; Joyce Randolf; Lorraine Scott; and Mary Sinderson.

Friends of St. Philippians—Terri Romano—friend of Wayne & Sandra Truxillo; Austin Miller—friend of Charles Swan; Christiane Richter—friend of Roderick James; Ann Swanson—friend of Deborah Unruh; Jack Burrell; Tanya Voinche & Sidney Roach—friends of Stephen Paine; Keith Kirby, Tandi Porter, Audrey Eubank Harris, & Anna Domonte—friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash—friend of Jane Cooper; Kenneth & Donna Benton—friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan & Tom Barnett—friends of Robin & Gary Willis; 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.





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NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30 a.m.—12:30 PM Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find that our Nursery is located in the hallway off of the Gathering Area. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3—Kindergarten—Room 103—led by Ruthie Waldrop, Omi Ford, Joyce Fox, and Jane Cooper

CHILDREN: Grades 1-4—Room 206—Jon Martin and Olga Piskor

YOUTH—Grades 5-12—Room 205—Keatan King

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—ROOM 204—Al Waldrop—We are studying Isaiah in Volume 2, *Prophets,* in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary* (2019). Join us as we seek to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to all God's people. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—ROOM 201—Ken Meyers, John Hartman, Ken Fountain, Denise Wilborn, Judye Hartman—Join us from **9:30—10:40 AM** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Nov. 15—The Book of Acts: What Do We Know, and How Do We Know It?** Presented by Rochelle Willingham, Rice Religion PhD student. The book of Acts has been read by Christians for nearly two thousand years, but what do we actually know about when it was written, who wrote it, and what the author was trying to accomplish? This talk will explore how Christians and modern scholars have understood Acts, from its earliest reception to contemporary debates about its authorship, date, genre, and historical context. Along the way, we will consider what these questions can—and cannot—tell us about the early Christian movement. Rochelle Willingham is a Ph.D. candidate in New Testament and Early Christianity in the Department of Religion at Rice University. If you would like the Zoom link for the classes, email: jshartman01@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL— TODAY—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing 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. The Children's Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday when we have Sunday School classes. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

YOUNG ADULT LAMBETH BIBLE STUDY—We study the text that will be preached in worship on the following Sunday, so this is a chance to grow your familiarity with the scripture passage before weekly worship. The name "Lambeth" indicates the method we use of reading the passage three times in different English translations and answering three different questions about what in the text grabs us, where the passage touches our daily life, and what nudge from God do we experience from the text to reshape our lives. We will gather on **Nov. 19**, **Dec. 3**, and **Dec. 17** from 12—1:00 PM. Interested in participating? This event is hybrid: for those who wish to attend in person, we meet in the Conference Room of the Staff Offices at St. Philip, and for those who can't step away from their desk or elsewhere, please email Keatan King for Zoom link.

keatan@saintphilip.net.

ST PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Nov. 12** at 7:00 PM. *About Grace* by Anthony Doerr. 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 AM We are discussing *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: ggardne148@aol.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday Bible study with the pastor meets weekly at 9:30 AM, 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: welcome@saintphilip.net

5TH SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES—**Nov. 29** following worship in Room 201. The Peacemaking & Social Justice Committee presents **What Next? Navigating Difficult Conversations** led by Cassandra Dhanke, co-founder/president of Institute for Civility. Light bites will be available.

INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS—Mission Committee continues to collect items for the Seafarer's Christmas Boxes through **Nov. 29**. Visit saintphilip.net for a complete list of items that are needed.

ADVENT VBS will be **Dec. 5**—details to follow.

ST. PHILIP
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

[GUEST BOOK]

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. Resources such as noise-dampening headphones and fidget tools for our neurodivergent neighbors and anyone needing sensory support can be found there too.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 AM—12:30 PM. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. 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.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

[MAKE A CONTRIBUTION]



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.

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.**
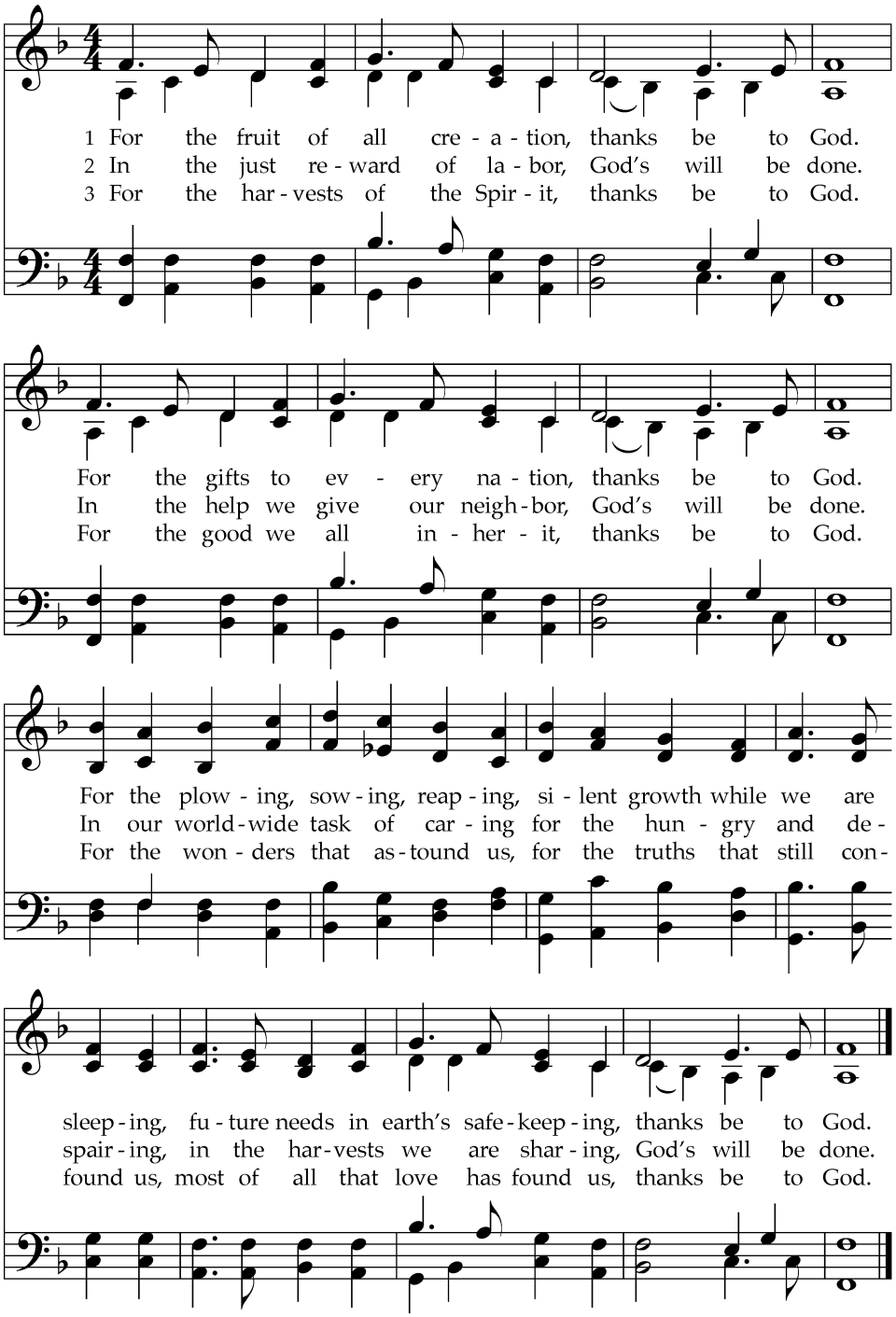
Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 AM Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

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.

Nametags—Please wear your nametags not just in the sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible moment! Those returned tags will be replaced on the boards in the narthex before the following Sunday morning. Visitor nametags are available in the pews and from an usher.

St. Philip Day School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. (www.stphilipdayschool.org) To support the school, **please make all contributions payable directly to St. Philip Day School** or visit their website for online donations**.** You are welcome to leave in the church offering plate or mail to St. Philip Day School, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, 77056. If you have any questions, please email: Director@stphilipdayschool.org.

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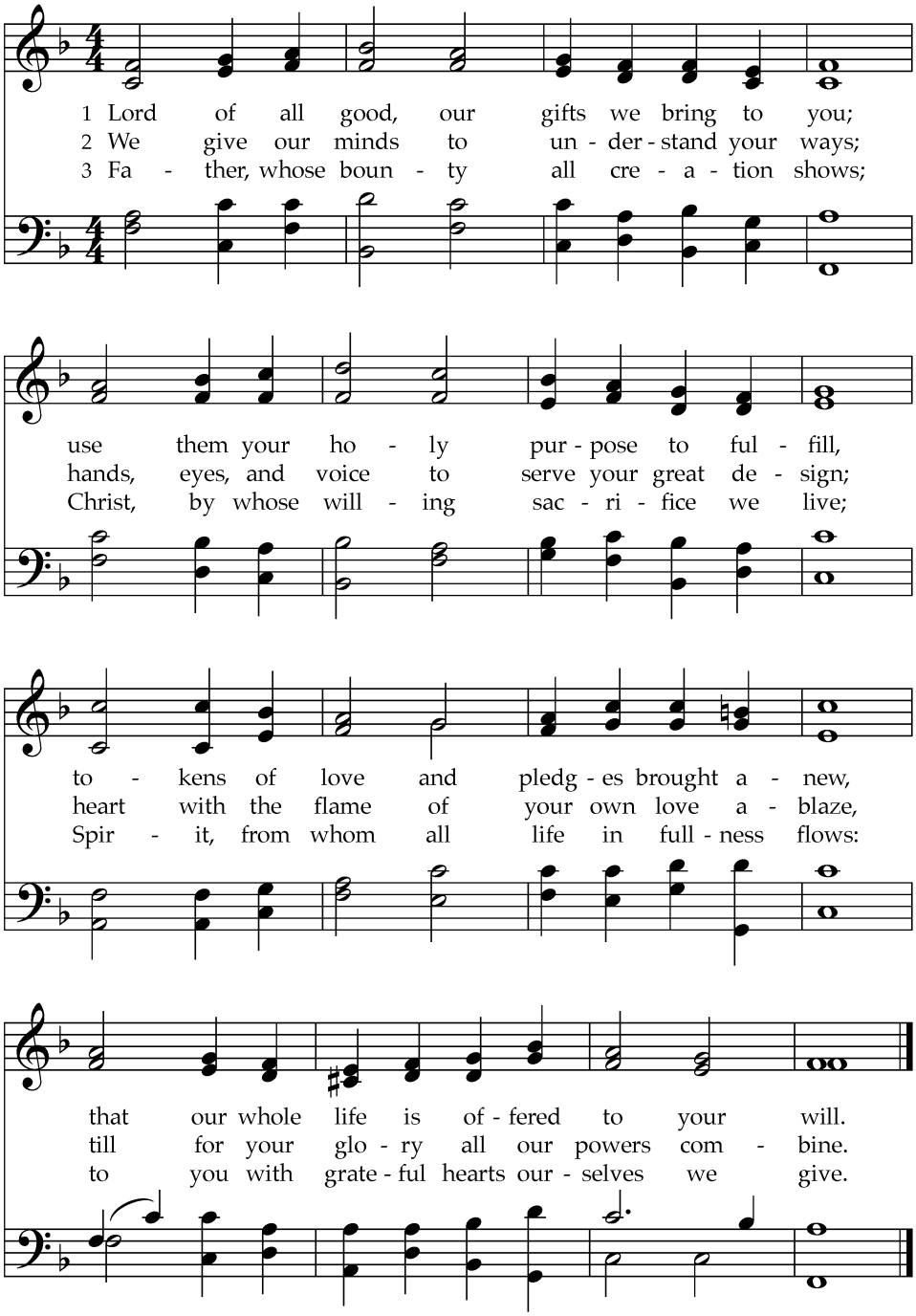


Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784
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711 Lord of All Good
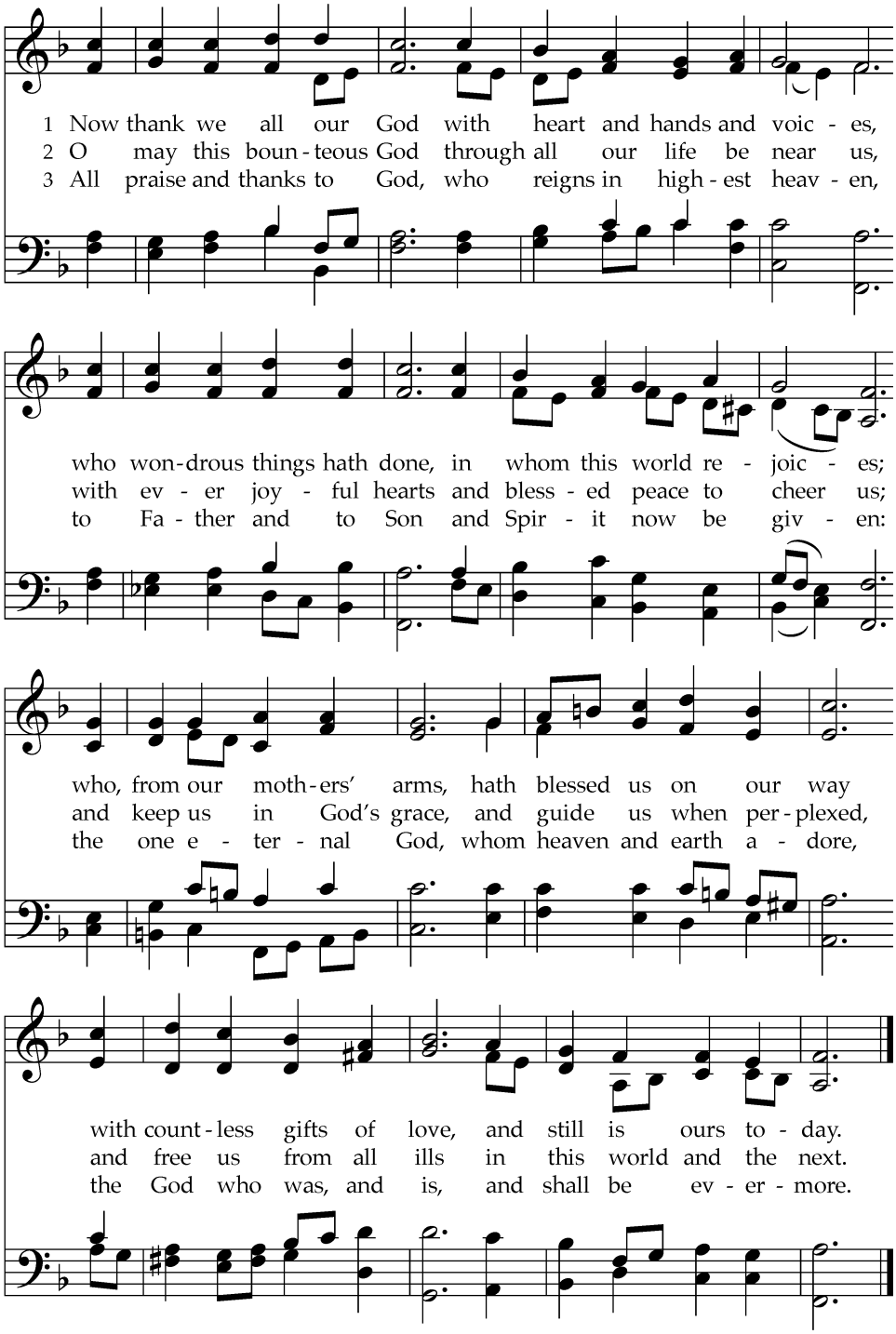


A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt.
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551; adapt. from GENEVAN 124
Text © 1962 Oxford University Press

TOULON
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643 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

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