

# FINDING JOY IN HARD SITUATIONS: LEARNING FROM PHILIPPIANS



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023





At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

**About Our Worship:** We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

**Children's Worship:** Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship classes are on hiatus over the summer months. There are coloring pages available in the foyer.

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Today is the Twelfth week after Pentecost, and during this season of Ordinary Time we are looking at key people and practices of the Anglican Church. Today we ask: how do the cycles of the church year fit with other rhythms of life? Whether or not you are going to school or sending your children, this back-to-school season touches your life. Stores fill with school supplies, crossing guards, slow morning commutes, and new cycles of church activities begin. However, as we experience this shift from summer to school, the liturgical calendar continues to march through Ordinary Time. In the tension between these two seasons, between the change of the new school year and the continued daily work of Ordinary Time, we are reminded that the work of God continues steadily through all of the shifts and changes that come in our lives.

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Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

# THE WORD OF GOD

# **PROCESSIONAL**

You may stand.

# **Come Christians Join to Sing**

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend; His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore; Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen! Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Jesus

There is a truth older than the ages. There is a promise of things yet to come. There is One born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness. There is a kingdom that forever reigns. There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus, Jesus.

Who walks on the waters, Who speaks to the sea, Who stands in the fire beside me. He roars like a lion. He bled as the Lamb. He carries my healing in His hands; Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble. There is a song that comforts in the night. There is a voice that calms the storm that rages: He is Jesus, Jesus.

Messiah,
My Savior,
There is power in Your name.
You're my rock and my Redeemer,
There is power in Your name,
In Your name.

You walk on the waters. You speak to the sea. You stand in the fire beside me. You roar like a lion. You bled as the Lamb. You carry my healing in Your hands.

Jesus.

There is no one like You.

Jesus.

There is no one like You.

#### **GLORIA**



# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

# THE FIRST READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-26

<sup>12-14</sup> I want to report to you, friends, that my imprisonment here has had the opposite of its intended effect. Instead of being squelched, the Message has actually prospered. All the soldiers here, and everyone else, too, found out that I'm in jail because of this Messiah. That piqued their curiosity, and now they've learned all about him. Not only that, but most of the followers of Jesus here have become far more sure of themselves in the faith than ever, speaking out fearlessly about God, about the Messiah.

<sup>15-17</sup> It's true that some here preach Christ because with me out of the way, they think they'll step right into the spotlight. But the others do it with the best heart in the world. One group is motivated by pure love, knowing that I am here defending the Message, wanting to help. The others, now that I'm out of the picture, are merely greedy, hoping to get something out of it for themselves. Their motives are bad. They see me as their competition, and so the worse it goes for me, the better—they think—for them.

<sup>18-21</sup> So how am I to respond? I've decided that I really don't care about their motives, whether mixed, bad, or indifferent. Every time one of them opens his mouth, Christ is proclaimed, so I just cheer them on!

And I'm going to keep that celebration going because I know how it's going to turn out. Through your faithful prayers and the generous response of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, everything he wants to do in and through me will be done. I can hardly wait to continue on my course. I don't expect to

be embarrassed in the least. On the contrary, everything happening to me in this jail only serves to make Christ more accurately known, regardless of whether I live or die. They didn't shut me up; they gave me a platform! Alive, I'm Christ's messenger; dead, I'm his prize. Life versus even more life! I can't lose.

<sup>22-26</sup> As long as I'm alive in this body, there is good work for me to do. If I had to choose right now, I hardly know which I'd choose. Hard choice! The desire to break camp here and be with Christ is powerful. Some days I can think of nothing better. But most days, because of what you are going through, I am sure that it's better for me to stick it out here. So I plan to be around awhile, companion to you as your growth and joy in this life of trusting God continues. You can start looking forward to a great reunion when I come visit you again. We'll be praising Christ, enjoying each other.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM PSALM 133

<sup>1</sup> Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \* when brethren live together in unity!

- <sup>2</sup> It is like fine oil upon the head \* that runs down upon the beard,
- <sup>3</sup> Upon the beard of Aaron, \* and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- <sup>4</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon \* that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- <sup>5</sup> For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \* life for evermore.

#### **ALLELUIA**

You may stand.



Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

- <sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."
- <sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."
- <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."
- <sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.
- <sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."
- <sup>27</sup> "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."
- <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### **ALLELUIA**

Please be seated.

# Finding Joy in Our Limits

Kevin Miller Rector

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

# THE APOSTLES CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery.

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

# THE OFFERTORY

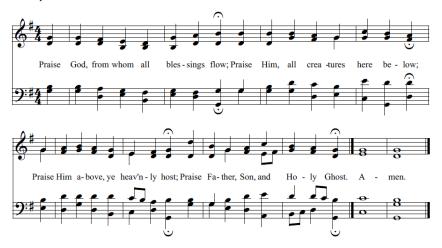
#### Shine On Us

Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us.
Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us.
That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let Your light shine on us.

Lord, let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us.
Lord let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us.
That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let Your grace fall on us.

Lord, let Your love,
Love with no end come over us.
Lord, let Your love,
Love with no end come over us.
That we may be saved
That we may have life,
To find our way in the darkest night;
Let Your love come over us,
Let Your light shine on us.

You may stand.



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere

to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious

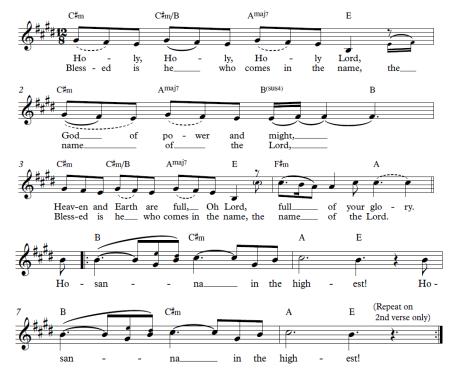
resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and

Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever

sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available in the foyer.

# **COMMUNION SONGS**

# More Love To Thee

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee; More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest. Now Thee alone I seek; give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee; More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Let sorrow do its work, come grief or pain. Sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain When they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to Thee; More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

# When I Think About the Lord

When I think about the Lord, How He saved me, how He raised me; How He filled me with the Holy Ghost, How He healed me to the uttermost. When I think about the Lord, How He picked me up and turned me around; How He placed my feet on solid ground. It makes me wanna shout,

"Hallelujah, thank You, Jesus! Lord, You're worthy of all the glory And all the honor and all the praise." It makes me wanna shout. "Hallelujah, thank You, Jesus! Lord You're worthy of all the glory And all the honor and all the praise."

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# You Alone Can Rescue

Who, O Lord, could save themselves, Their own soul could heal? Our shame was deeper than the sea. Your grace is deeper still.

And You alone can rescue, You alone can save. You alone can lift us from the grave. You came down to find us, led us out of death. To You alone belongs the highest praise.

You, O Lord, have made a way. The great divide, You healed. For when our hearts were far away, Your love went further still. Yes, Your love goes further still.

We lift up our eyes, Lift up our eyes. You're the giver of life. We lift up our eyes, Lift up our eyes. You're the giver of life. Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

You may be seated for announcements.

# RECESSIONAL

#### Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

# THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**End of the Summer Picnic**: Join with church family and friends for our End of the Summer Picnic. It will take place after the service, outside at PHCC, on Saturday, August 26th. We will be catering Chipotle to build your own bowl or burrito. If your last name falls between A-L please bring chips, and M-Z please bring guacamole. Hope to see you there!

All-Church Retreat: Join us on Sunday, September 17 from 2-5 pm at PHCC for our annual All-Church Retreat! We'll spend the afternoon connecting with God in a variety of ways. This retreat is designed to be accessible to all ages, including children and youth; childcare will be provided for our littlest ones, children from kindergarten up will be guided through the retreat by adult volunteers, and youth can participate alongside adults. Please register at the link on the website so that we have enough materials, and let Pastor Sarah know if you have any questions.

Adult Confirmation Class: This fall, Savior is offering an adult confirmation class! This class is for anyone who is interested in being confirmed, which means making a public commitment to the church and receiving, through the laying on of hands by our bishop, a renewed gifting of the Holy Spirit. This class is also open to anyone who wants to dive a little deeper into the theology, history, and spiritual traditions of the Anglican church, even if you are already confirmed or unsure about confirmation. The class will meet for 10 sessions on Saturdays, from 3-4 pm at PHCC, beginning on September 16th. Contact Pastor Sarah for more information.

**Outward Journey Small Group:** Interested in exploring ways to love our neighbors as the Savior community? You're invited to join a short-term small group dedicated to discerning and discovering how we as a church community can serve those around us. Pastor Sarah will lead and host this group, which meets on alternate Thursday nights beginning on September 28th and ending on May 23rd. Contact Sarah for more information.

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Nursery:** We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years. If you are interested in future volunteering, please contact Pastor Mary at mary@ friendsofthesavior.org. Children's worship will resume August 26th.

**Youth Group:** The last youth gathering for the summer is tonight, August 19th after the service. Hope to see you there!

Finding Joy in Hard Situations: learning from Philippians

August 19, Kevin Miller, Philippians 1:12-26, Finding Joy in Our Limits August 26, Becky Castle Miller, Philippians 2:19-21, 25-30; 4:4-7, Finding Peace in Worrisome Situations

September 2, Kevin Miller, Philippians 4:10-20, Finding Contentment in Scarcity

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Jean Ann Parker: jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org

This Year's Giving Goal: \$365,000 As of August 12:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$226,009 Actual Giving = \$184,653 Over/(Under) = (\$41,356)

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