

St. Philip's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II

We, at St. Philip's Church strive to love God and love others in all we do.

The Invitation to silently prepare for worship.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another.*

Call to Worship - "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and
His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: "The King of Love my Shepherd Is" (#646)

Easter Acclamation

(BCP pg. 355)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Celebrant: 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.*

People: Amen

Gloria (S 278)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God,
heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

(BCP pg. 357)

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47)

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (2:19-25)

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn- “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (#487 v. 1-2)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:1-10)

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn - “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” (#487 v. 3)

Sermon

Mother Betty

The Nicene Creed

(BCP pg. 358)

Celebrant and People:

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: by the power of the Holy

Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

(BCP pg. 388)

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We ask a blessing on those important to us, as we lift our prayers either aloud or in the silence of our hearts. *(Pause)*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **People: Amen.**

The Peace

(BCP pg. 360)

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

People: And also with you.

Welcoming

Ministry in Focus

Offertory Sentence

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

(Congregation stands and sings the following with the presentation of gifts.)
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP pg. 367)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (S128)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People: AMEN

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

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Communion

How to receive Holy Communion:

Holy Communion will be served at the altar. After you receive the bread you may choose one of three options regarding the wine.

DRINK: *Immediately consume your bread and wait for the chalice bearer to bring the cup. This is the common cup designated for you to take a drink from. Dipping the bread into this cup is NOT permitted.*

INTINCT: *Holding your bread, wait for the chalice bearer who is holding a small glass cup. This cup is designated for intinction (dipping) only. The chalice bearer will offer the words of administration and you may dip your bread into the shallow cup. Please note there is only a small quantity of wine in this chalice to ensure fingers do not touch the wine.*

NO WINE: *Immediately consume your bread and carefully return to your seat. Please know that receiving communion in one species only is still considered a full and valid communion.*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Deacon: In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to (____), who cannot be with us today. Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.

People: **We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Blessing

Hymn – “Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who Was Slain (#417)

Deacon: The Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar were given to the Glory of God by Jane and Tom Propst in Honor of the Birthdays of Sarah, Lee Ann, Jake and Jane

Celebrant and Preacher: Mother Betty Glover

Deacon: Deacon Pam Hayes

Vergers: Ricky Evans

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Russell, Jane Mitchell, Ellen Wester

Lay Readers: Rich Gaglie, Denise Willoth

Ushers: Dennis Courtnage, Cathie Courtnage, Scott Willoth, Mary Snell

Vestry Person of the Day: Paul Palmer

St. Philip's Contacts

The Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving – Bishop of East Carolina

The Rev. Sarah Fisher – Bishop-Elect of East Carolina

The Rev. Betty M. Glover – Interim Rector – motherbetty@stphilipschurch.org

Deacon Pam Hayes – deaconpam@stphilipschurch.org

Debbie Skillman (Music Director) – dskillman@ec.rr.com

Lorraine Beamer (Parish Administrator) info@stphilipschurch.org

Karla Platt (Bookkeeper) -karlap@stphilipschurch.org

Welcome!

There are many churches in our community and we are glad that you chose to join us in worship this morning. It is our hope that you find St. Philip's to be a new home if you are looking for a church, or a home away from home if you are visiting Southport!

We believe that God is Love, and that we are called to love both God and others as God's children. Please know that we place a premium on having a chance to get to know one another.

Unfortunately, Sunday mornings do not allow us that precious time together. It would be wonderful if you would mention on the visitor card (or drop us an email) that you would like to meet us for a time of conversation and coffee!

Vestry

Senior Warden – Paul Bailey – paul1.bailey@outlook.com (2024-2026)

Junior Warden – Bill Happer – fishinginsouthport2022@gmail.com (2024-2026)

2024-2026 Vestry

Paul Bailey – paul1.bailey@outlook.com (2024 2026)

Bill Happer – fishinginsouthport2022@gmail.com (2024-2026)

Ross Lively – erlivel@gmail.com

Angela Urquhart – angelaurquhart72@gmail.com

2025-2027 Vestry

Tracy Baltz – Baltztracy@gmail.com

Donna Foster – fostedh@hotmail.com

Paul Palmer – volhala@outlook.com

Kris Holt – Kristineholt7@gmail.com

2026-2028 Vestry

Doyle Brinson – hdbrinson@gmail.com

Chris Romig – cromig@verizon.net

Mary Russell – maryrussell12@gmail.com

Marty Younts – myounts@ec.rr.com

Treasurer – Rick Pearce – rpearce@atmc.net

Clerk - Lorraine Beamer – info@stphilipschurch.org

St. Philip's Episcopal Church Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10476

205 E. Moore St.

Southport, NC 28461

Southport, NC 28461

(910)457-5643

www.stphilipschurch.org