

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**  
**The Day of Pentecost**  
**May 24, 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: "Hail Thee Festival Day! (#225)*

*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 (WLP 900)*

**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, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **People: Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

*(BCP pg. 357)*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your

daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
**the earth is full of your creatures.**

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
**creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
**which you have made for the sport of it.**

28 All of them look to you \*  
**to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
**you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.**

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
**may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
**I will rejoice in the Lord.**

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
**Hallelujah!**

### A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:3b-13)

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn-** *“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song (#513, vs. 1,2)*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
(20:19-23)

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sequence Hymn - "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (#513 vs. 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 III*

*(BCP pg. 387)*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and 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:** Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

(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 A

*(BCP pg. 361)*

**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 the Lord our 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from Heaven on this day, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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 (S130)*

**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: 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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 in him.

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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 – “Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation” (#573)*

*Deacon: The Dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***ALTAR FLOWERS***

*The flowers on the altar are given by Deacon Pam Hayes to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the congregation of St. Philip's and for ten years of ordained ministry.*

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***Deacon:*** Deacon Pam Hayes

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### ***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!***

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