

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church  
The Sunday of the Resurrection  
Easter Day**

**April 5, 2026      9:00, 11:00 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.*

*Choral Introit: Choir "Christ is Risen"*

**Congregation:** Please join in singing when directed by a chorister:

**Hail the day that sees Him Rise, Alleluia! To His throne beyond the  
skies, Alleluia! Christ the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia. Enters now  
the highest heav'n, Alleluia.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Opening Hymn: "Welcome, Happy Morning!" (#179)*

*Easter Acclamation*

*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.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (31:1-6)

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your

tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
**his mercy endures for ever.**

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
**and he has become my salvation.**

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
**in the tents of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
**the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
**and declare the works of the LORD.**

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
**but he did not hand me over to death.**

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
**he who is righteous may enter."**

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:1-4)

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Sequence Hymn- "The Day of Resurrection!" (#210 v. 1-2)*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:1-18)

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sequence Hymn - “The Day of Resurrection” (#210 v. 3)*

Sermon

Mother Betty

*The Nicene Creed*

***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*

*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*

*Deacon:* 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*

*Deacon:* 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*

*Deacon:* 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. You are invited at this time to name those important to you, either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

*Silence*

*Deacon:* 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*

*Deacon:* 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*

*Deacon:* 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*

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## *Welcoming*

## *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 D*

*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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*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.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***Celebrant and People***

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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!**

*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.

*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*

***Celebrant and People:***

**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.**

*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: Blessing*

**People: Amen.**

*Hymn – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia” (#207)*

*Deacon: The Dismissal*

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

***Celebrant and Preacher:*** Mother Betty Glover

***Deacon:*** Deacon Pam Hayes

***Verger:*** Ricky Evans

***Lay Eucharistic Ministers:*** 9:00 am: Mary Russell, Aedan Barnes, Maitland Barnes

11:00 am: Jane Mitchell, Susan Chase, Judie Ratcliffe

***Lay Readers:*** 9:00 am: Barbara Edwards, Deborah Jordan

11:00 am: Jane Mitchell, Susan Chase

***Ushers:*** 9:00 am: Bob Fuchs, Steve Russell, Carol Parnell, Susan Heckler

11:00 am: Craig Elliott, Pat Elliott, Jeff Jordan, Rich Gaglie

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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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