

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

**The Last Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 15, 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.*

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

*The Invitation to silently prepare for worship.*

*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: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (#427)*

*Opening Acclamation*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

*Collect for Purity*

*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**

*The Gloria (S280)*

**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 before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Word (Please be seated.)*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (24:12-18)

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 99

### *Dominus regnavit*

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \*  
**he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
**he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
**he is the Holy One.**
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; \*  
**he is the Holy One.**
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
**they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
**they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
**for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

## A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter (1:16-21)

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Sequence Hymn: “Christ Upon the Mountain Peak” (#129 v. 1-2)*

## The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (17:1-9)

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the

vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sequence Hymn: "Christ Upon the Mountain Peak" (#129 v. 3)*

Sermon

Mother Betty

*The Nicene Creed (Please stand as you are able)*

**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 worshiped 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.**

*Prayers of the People Form VI (Please stand or kneel as you are able.)*

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.      *(Silence)*

*Leader:* For all people in their daily life and work;

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader:* For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader:* For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader:* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader:* For Sean our presiding Bishop, Rob, our Bishop and Sarah our Bishop-Elect, and all other ministers.

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader:* Hear us, Lord;

**People: For your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings*

*Leader:* We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader:* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

*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 Confession and Absolution*

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

*Silence may be kept (Please kneel or stand as you are able)*

***Deacon and People:***

**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.

**People: Amen.**

*The Peace (Please stand as you are able)*

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

**People: And also with you.**

*Welcoming*

*Ministry in Focus*

*Offertory Sentence:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

*Offertory*

*(Please stand as you are able and sing 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* (Please stand as you are able.)

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 (S129)*

**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.**

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able.)*

*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;***

*Celebrant:* 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 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. ***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:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## *Communion*

*How to receive Holy Communion:*

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

1. *DRINK:* Immediately consume your bread and step to the chalice bearer to the right of the priest. This is the common cup designated for you to take a drink from. Dipping the bread into this cup is **NOT** permitted.
2. *INTINCT:* Holding your bread, go to the chalice bearer to the left of the priest. This cup is designated for intinction (dipping) only. As you stand in front of the chalice bearer, they 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.
3. *NO WINE:* Immediately consume your bread and carefully walk past the chalices if you desire to not take part in the wine. Please know that receiving communion in one species only is still considered a full and valid communion.

*Post Communion Prayer (Please stand or kneel as you are able.)*

**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*

*Celebrant:* 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**

*Celebrant: The Blessing*

*Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" (# 460)*

*Deacon: The Dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

***Deacon :*** Deacon Pam Hayes

***Lay Readers:*** Deborah Jordan, Barbara Edwards

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***ALTAR FLOWERS***

*The flowers on the altar were given to the Glory of God.*

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