

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**  
**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 27, 2025 10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**A Service for Ending of a Pastoral Relationship**

*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: "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven" (#410)*

*Opening Acclamation*

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

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

*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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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*

A Reading from the Prophet Hosea (1:2-10)

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Loruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I

will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 85

*Benedixisti, Domine*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
**you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
**and blotted out all their sins.**
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
**and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.**
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
**let your anger depart from us.**
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
**will you prolong your anger from age to age?**
- 6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
**and grant us your salvation.**
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
**and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

### A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians (2:6-19)

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Sequence Hymn- "Forgive our Sins as we Forgive" (#674 v. 1,2)*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
(11:1-13)

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

*Sequence Hymn- "Forgive our Sins as we Forgive" (#674 v.3)*

## *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 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.**

## *The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship*

*Fr. Eric:* On the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of May, 2019, I was inducted by Bishop Skirving as rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of St. Philip's Church ends this day.

*Senior Warden:* Do you, the people of St. Philip's Church, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

**People: We do.**

*Presentation of letter and keys.*

*Deacon:* Let us pray.

**All: O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past. Lord, hear our prayer**

**We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**We thank you for those who been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son. Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Peace*

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

**People: And also with you.**

*Welcoming*

*Offertory*

(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*

*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. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. 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 (WLP 851)*

**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 St. Philip 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 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 farthest from the priest serving the bread. 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 first chalice bearer who is holding a small glass cup. 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 both 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*

*Deacon:* Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Fr. Eric Mills among us and the presence of his family here. Grant that both he and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Blessing- Fr. Eric*

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in his ways. **AMEN.**

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. **AMEN.**

May God, whose spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. **AMEN.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **AMEN.**

*Hymn – “We know that Christ is Raised” (#296)*

*Deacon:* Dismissal

**People: Thanks be to God.**

***Celebrant and Preacher:*** Father Eric Mills

***Deacon:*** Rev. Deacon Pam Hayes

***Verger:*** Ricky Evans

***Lay Eucharistic Ministers:*** Aedan Barnes, Maitland Barnes, Don Halbert

***Lay Readers:*** Sue Sinclair, Liz Halbert

***Ushers:*** Dennis Courtnage, Cathie Courtnage, Ross Lively, Mary Snell

***Vestry Person of the Day:*** Bill Happer

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God  
In Thanksgiving for and in Honor of the Ministry of Father Eric Mills.*



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