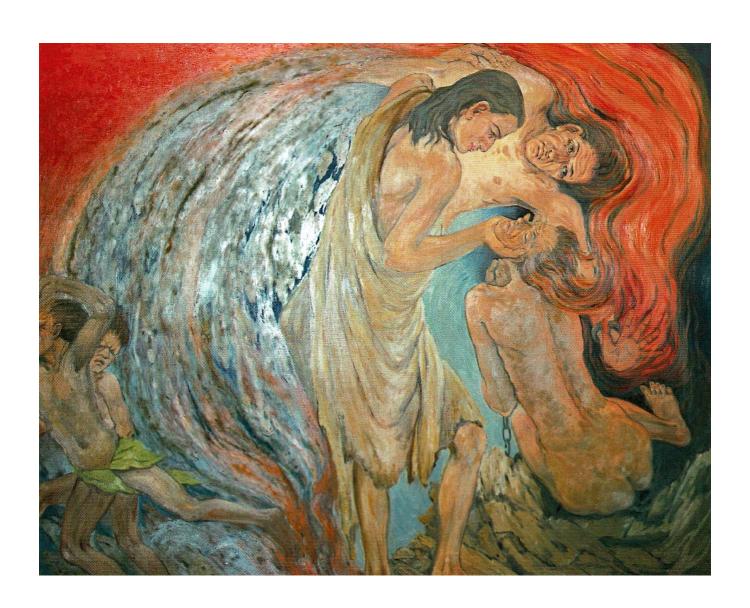
St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Holy Eucharist Sunday, January 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! We offer two services today, one at 8:00 and one at 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast on Facebook Live and YouTube, and you can view it live (whether or not you have a Facebook account). Livestreaming begins at 10:25 a.m.

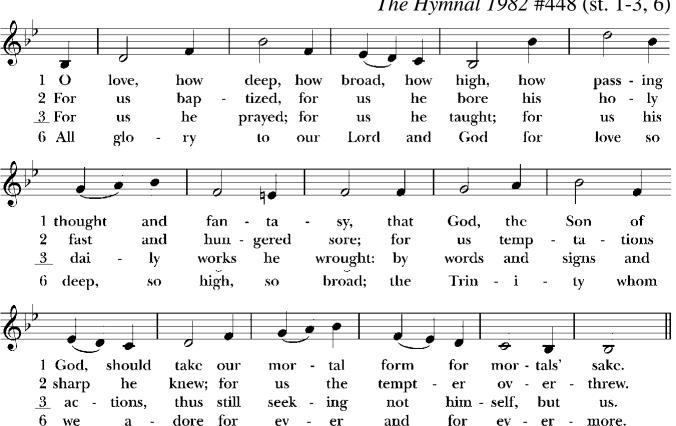
The Word of God

Prelude Prayer M. Helman

All stand as they are able.

HYMN O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deus tuorum militum The Hymnal 1982 #448 (st. 1-3, 6)



The Celebrant says to the People

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

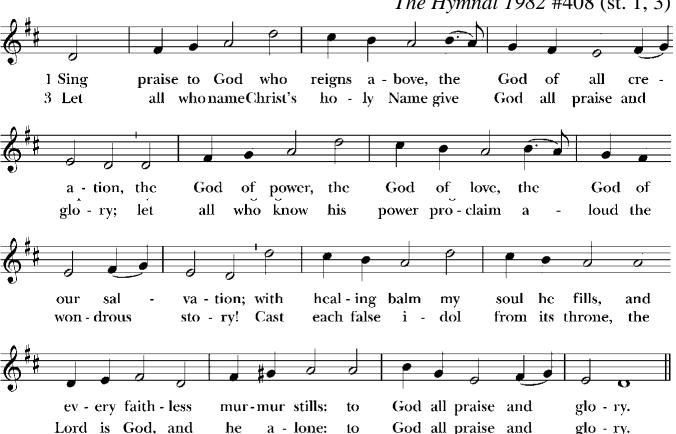
PEOPLE And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *Mit Freuden zart The Hymnal 1982* #408 (st. 1, 3)



COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, ¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'"

READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

Confitebor tibi The Hymnal 1982 #S 424 Charles H. Lloyd (1849-1919)



The congregation chants the *entire* psalm with choir.

¹Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole | heart, * in the assembly of the upright, | in the con- gre- | ga- tion.

²Great are the | <u>deeds of</u> the | LORD! * they are | <u>studied by</u> all who de- | <u>light in</u> them.

³His work is full of | majesty and | splendor, * and his | righteousness en- dures for- | e- ver.

⁴He makes his marvelous works to | be re- | membered; * the LORD is | gracious and full of com- | pas-sion.

⁵He gives food to | those who | <u>fear him</u>; * he is ever | mind- ful of his | <u>cove</u>- nant.

⁶He has shown his people the | <u>power of his</u> | works * in | giving them the lands of the | na- tions.

⁷The works of his hands are | <u>faithfulness</u> and | <u>justice</u>; * all his com- | mand- ments äre | süre.

⁸They stand fast for | <u>ever</u> and | <u>ever</u>, * because they are | done in truth and | equit- y.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his | <u>covenant</u> for- | <u>ever</u>; * holy and | awe- some is his | Näme.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the be- | ginning of | wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his | praise en- dures for- | e- ver.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

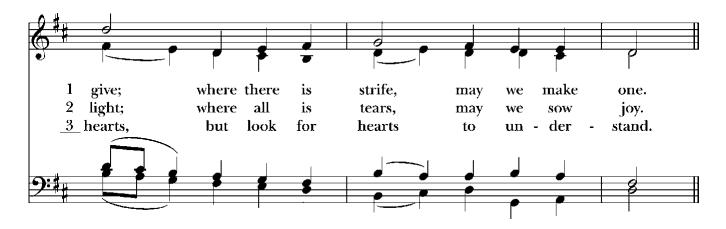
⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat

as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.





GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

PRIEST The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²¹Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

PRIEST The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Elizabeth Roles

NICENE CREED All stand as they 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 Offered by a member of the St. Philip's Community

When the carols have been stilled, When the star-topped tree is taken down, When family and friends are gone home, When we are back to our schedules The work of Christmas begins: To bring Christ's light into the world . . .

PEOPLE Give us strength and vision.

To pray and help the work of the universal church; today we pray especially for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa in our Anglican Communion. In our Diocese we pray for St. Peter by the Lake, Denver . . .

PEOPLE Give us strength and vision.

To help to heal a broken planet . . .

PEOPLE Give us strength and vision.

To support our leaders as they seek justice and peace for all people . . .

PEOPLE Give us strength and vision.

To build bridges of trust here in our own community, we offer prayers for the Faith Build, including St. Philip's, Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, Transylvania Habitat for Humanity staff, as well as all volunteers and the family who is to receive this house . . .

PEOPLE Give us strength and vision.

To rejoice with all those anticipating new births in our fellowship and beyond, especially Meredith and Liam Corley . . .

PEOPLE Give us strength and vision.

To feed the hungry and care for all those in distress. . .

PEOPLE Give us strength and vision.

Ruth Anderson, Rodger Atkinson, Dez Blue, Will Burkey, Jim Calloway, Randy Clifton, Rick Davis, Lance Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Annie Driggers, Howard and Dianne Dyer, John Ehrler, Catherine Frey, Tim Harris, Nancy Higgins, Howard Jackson, Mary Dell Johnson, Kay Jones, James Keirstead, Michael Kirwen, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Pam Love, Georgie Lucier, Elisabeth Marchant, Dottie Marcinko, Sheree Martines, Johnny Martinez, Kathryn McKinley, Robert Mitchener, Nathalie Moffitt, Hudson Rudisill, Arlindo and Alice Silva, Ray Snellgrove and family, Jim Tso, Emily Walthall, Ryan Weld, Moonyean and Risdon Wood, Amber, Barry, Charles, Christy, and Phillip.

To support the needs of those in prison and those who work in prisons . . .

PEOPLE Give us strength and vision.

To pray for the departed, especially Kate Lalor (Lozier), and Steve Marcinko, and carry their memories gently forward . . .

PEOPLE Give us strength and vision.

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry and work of the Daughters of the King, and the new members admitted today at St. Philip's.

The Priest continues

Almighty God of time and timelessness, as you have brought us safely through another year, we pray for strength and vision in this month of new beginnings and through the coming year. Give us good hearts and loving hands to do your work in the world you have entrusted to us. Give us, too, spirits set to hear your word and bodies ready to act as your servants. These things we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior who lived among us for a time and remains for us the timeless Christ. **Amen.**

Derived in part from Michael Dougherty's version of <u>Howard Thurman</u>'s 'When the Song of the Angels is Stilled.'

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Priest continues

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader 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.

ABSOLUTION

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. *Amen*.

PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING – THE SERVICE OF ADMISSION

Presider It is my privilege to present ____ as candidates for membership

in The Order of the Daughters of the King.

CLERGY We are gathered here in the sight of God and before this

congregation to admit these women into The Order of the Daughters of the King. We commend them to your earnest prayers that they may have grace to fulfill the obligations of the Order and that their labors may be to the glory of God and

to the welfare of all His people.

Addressing the candidates:

CLERGY The Daughters of the King is an Order for women whose

mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom, especially

among women and girls, through prayer, service and

evangelism. Do you desire to become a member of The Order

of the Daughters of the King?

CANDIDATES I do.

CLERGY Do you promise to obey faithfully the two Rules of the Order,

the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service? To offer your

support to the clergy for the good of the parish and the

extension of Christ's kingdom? To wear faithfully the cross of the Order? And to work for its purposes, as God may give you

the opportunity?

CANDIDATES I do with God's help.

CLERGY In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

I receive and admit you as members of The Order of the

Daughters of the King.

Addressing the congregation:

CLERGY Will you support these women in their ministry of prayer and

service?

Congregation We will.

The clergy blesses the crosses.

The energy bresses the crosses

Bless, O Lord, *these crosses* and grant to your *servants* now admitted into this Order such an abundance of your grace that *they* may wear this sacred symbol in the spirit of humility and with devotion to the service of the King of kings. **Amen.**

Each new member is presented her cross with the following words:

Accept and wear faithfully the cross of the Order, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Take up your cross and follow me."

NEW MEMBERS

CLERGY

Almighty God, help me to pray so faithfully that I may draw near to you and learn your will. Help me to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide me each day, that all I think, do, or say may be pleasing in your sight. I ask it all for the sake of Him whose cross I wear, my King and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

ALL DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

O Eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom. Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Grant that we, your Daughters, ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life. Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your fold.

Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do; that all we think, do or say may be pleasing in your sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CLERGY

May your love, O Lord, help the Daughters live lives of love, and may your holiness lead them to be examples of virtue, that they, strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may pray and serve you all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLERGY

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

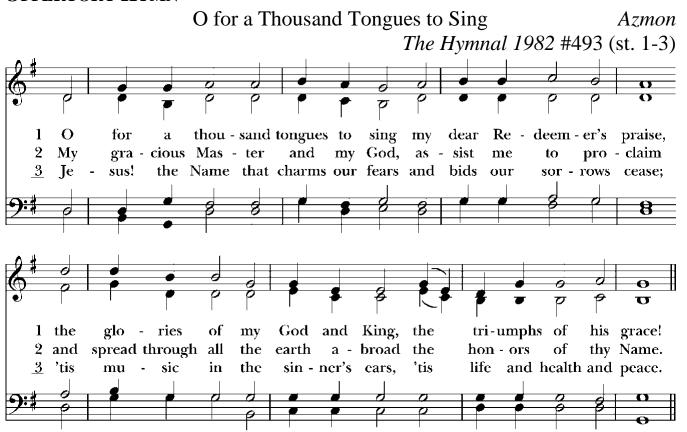
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

H. Friedell

(Offertory hymn continues on the next page.)

OFFERTORY HYMN



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 1
Eucharistic Prayer 3

All stand as they are able.

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

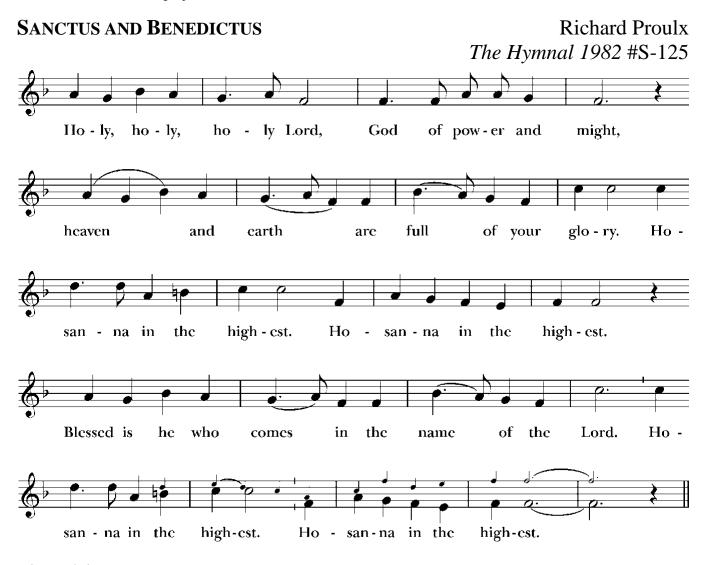
PEOPLE We lift them to the Lord.

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE It is right to give him thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;

You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread. and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with blessed Philip, and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

CELEBRANT We break this bread

to share in the Body of Christ.

PEOPLE We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek Christ are invited to receive the bread and wine standing or kneeling at the altar rail. If you choose not to receive the wine, let the server know that you want only the bread by placing one hand over your heart (receiving only the bread is full communion). If you prefer not to take communion, you may come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest, or not come forward at all; no one will judge you.

To receive the wine by intinction, please come to the altar rail. Extend your hands, palms flat, and the bread will be placed there for you to dip the bread into the wine.

To receive the wine by sipping from the chalice, please also come to the altar rail, consume the bread, then please help the Lay Eucharistic Minister guide the chalice to your lips to sip.

Please wait for an usher to release you from your pew to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

The Brightness of Thy Rising Greene/Schweizer

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

This prayer takes the place of the Post Communion Prayer for those worshipping at home.

Gracious God, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The people stand as they are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. *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.

PRAYER FOR THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

After the prayer, the People respond

Amen.

BLESSING

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer The Hymnal 1982 #473



DISMISSAL

The Priest offers a dismissal, and the People respond

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Cantate domino Pitoni

Convocation C. Callahan

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Hearing Loop assistance is available inside this building. Set hearing aid on "T" (telecoil) setting. Headsets are also available in both the narthex and Miller Hall that will allow access to the Hearing Loop. Please see an usher for help.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We welcome children of all ages in all our worship services. You can find worship bags with quiet activities for children in the narthex. Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today at our 10:30 a.m. service beginning at 10:15 a.m. An usher can direct you to our nursery located on the lower level of our parish building.

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. PHILIP'S

- **Sunday at 8:00 a.m.** During this season, we enjoy the beautiful traditional language of Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, in our Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. spoken service. For this service, we will be using *The Book of Common Prayer*, so bring your own (or use one of our pew copies)! We will enjoy music voluntaries at the prelude, communion, and postlude.
- Adult Forum at 9:15 a.m. On Sunday January 28, 2024, we'll continue the Episcopal 101 program by exploring the structure and organization of the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion. Starting from our local parish of St. Philip's, we'll learn about its structure, governance, and connections to the larger Church. From the local we'll move to the diocese, the national Church, and the Anglican Communion, learning about how we are part of a worldwide community. Adult Forum meets in the YAC, our large downstairs meeting room.
- Coffee & Conversation at 9:15 a.m. On January 28, Coffee & Conversation will kick off three weeks of honoring and celebrating Black History Month. On January 28, Terry Decker will facilitate examination and reflections on the remarkable and impactful life of James Baldwin. For this session, Terry will provide clips from Baldwin's own words and convictions from the 2017

- documentary "I Am Not Your Negro." Coffee & Conversation meets in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.
- Godly Play at 9:15 a.m. Children ages 4 through 5th grade will be engaged in Godly Play. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Godly Play meets in the education wing downstairs.
- Children's Church at 10:30 a.m. On Sunday, January 28, we will have Children's Church during the Liturgy of the Word in the 10:30 a.m. service. Children in K 5th grade may be dropped off in the Sunday School room across from the Godly Play room (the youth classroom) before parents/grandparents go to church. Children will be brought to the church during the Peace and should join their family for communion.
- **Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** Join us for Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with music at our 10:30 a.m. service.
- Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service All are invited and always welcome to join us in Miller Hall (our upstairs fellowship hall) after the 10:30 a.m. service for juice or coffee and fellowship. This is a great chance to mingle, meet new people, or just relax with friends.

HELP ST. PHILIP'S SAVE MONEY!!

2023 Year End Contribution Statements are available in the parish hall foyer. If you pick up your own statement, you get it sooner and save the church the cost of postage.

CHILDREN INVITED TO SING

We have another opportunity for your children to participate in worship! On Sunday, February 4, our children will sing in the 10:30 a.m. service. If your children would like to participate, rehearsals will take place in the church following the 10:30 a.m. service on January 28. We hope your children are able to join us!

CHORAL EVENSONG ON FEBRUARY 9

What do the Feast of Candlemas, Black History Month, and Groundhog Day have in common? Come and experience the centuries-old tradition of Choral Evensong and find out!

On Friday, February 9 at 5:00 pm, guest artist Jonas McCanless will join the St. Philip's Chancel Choir for this beautiful offering of sung prayers and psalms, illustrating the rich historical ties of Spirituals in the American South, English Cathedral Music, and the luminous colors of classical guitar.

Featured texts and composer highlights include *Precious Lord, Take My Hand, This Little Light of Mine, Great Day!*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley's *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in*

G Major, Wesley's setting of Psalms 4:8 and 5:8, and Louis Armstrong's What a Wonderful World.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

JOIN US FOR OUR SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.

Who DOESN'T love breakfast for dinner!??! Who DOESN'T enjoy sharing a meal with other St. Philippians and our friends from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd?!?! Who DOESN'T want to KNOW why we call it SHROVE TUESDAY?!?! Come join your friends for a luscious Pancake Supper prepared and served by our youth and their helpers!

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 13, please join us in Miller Hall for enjoy a relaxed and joy-filled supper! We'll be serving between those hours - and the youth from both parishes will be there to set up, serve, and clean up. All proceeds from your goodwill donation will go to support their programs! Sign up in Easel Alley or on Realm - and come hungry!

JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ON FEBRUARY 14, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M. OR 5:30 P.M.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (The Book of Common Prayer, page 264)

The season of Lent may be likened to our annual spiritual check-up when we as individuals and as a Christian community consider our spiritual health. The ultimate purpose of Lent is to strengthen our spiritual lives, and St. Philip's offers many ways for us to do so. Begin your Lenten journey this year by attending one of our two Ash Wednesday services – 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024. The profoundly meaningful liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us "to come clean" before Almighty God by having a cross of ash smudged upon our foreheads. Join us as we begin our Lenten journey! A nursery will be provided at the 5:30 p.m. service.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES Birthdays

28 John Heinitsh	31 Carolyn Foster	01 Ellie Rudd
29 George Vickery	31 Claire Bodie	01 Leslie Montgomery
30 Carol McCullough	31 Tom Newbern	02 Polly Averette
30 Sheree Watt	31 Jay Kawa	02 Bill McCleery

03 Sean BoehrigAnniversaries29 Rich and Jean Fallis

03 Walt and Marilyn Oskorip

SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Season after the Epiphany lasts four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as in the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season. The hangings are green, symbolizing nature, life, and growth (it is the most common of the liturgical colors).

COVER ART: *Healing of the Possessed at Gadarene* (20th century). Frank Wesley (1923-2002). Notes: Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century. Wesley made art based on both biblical and secular themes. He used water colours, oil paintings, miniatures and wooden carvings.

"This is an unusual work for Frank Wesley because of its abstract form combined with detailed, realistic human faces and hands. The impact is of greater momentum than that found in many other of his paintings. The movement of the demons out of the two twisted figures swirls through the canvas in almost full circle, gradually becoming the head of a thousand-headed cobra as it spills down the hillside in the bodies of the pigs. Demonic faces of men and animals are picked out indistinctly in red, blue and grey. All seem to rush with violence and speed to the lower left corner where the wild-eyed swineherds are looking over their shoulders as they race from the frightening event. Jesus is holding the twisting, writhing bodies of the two naked men with gentleness, his head bowed over them in concern and caring. He holds the shoulder of one man from underneath to support him while his other hand is grasping the chin of the frothing naked man who is breaking the chains with which he is bound. Earlier these chains were broken in madness; now their destruction signals a return to sanity. The artist says that Jesus always meets the needs of people where they are and with only what they require and are able to use or accept at that moment. At the lower right of this work, sharp jagged rocks symbolize the harsh place to which the men were exiled – the world where we all live until healed of

our madness by God's love...The bodies of these two who are healed are the same mixture of the ugly and unexpected beauty. The beauty is Jesus' love exercised so firmly and gently in this terrifying situation...Between their writhing bodies and that of the healer is a space of sky-blue color, indicating the presence of God." From *Frank Wesley: Exploring Faith with a Brush* by Naomi Wray

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8:00 a.m.			
Acolyte	Peggy Bridges	LEM	Abby Glass
Reader 1	Fred Brown	Ushers	Betty Creese
Reader 2	Duke Woodhull		Jan Dryselius
Reader 3	Mary Dryselius		
10:30 a.m.			
Acolytes	Addie Shober		Kathryn Polmanteer
	Mae Taulbee	Welcomer	Jan Bolena
Reader 1	Harvey Miller	Ushers	David Ellefson
Reader 2	Ann Ives		Leslie Lathrop
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- Love and serve all people as Christ loves us;
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