

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent



Holy Eucharist
Sunday, November 30, 2025
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! We offer two services today: one at 8:00 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast on Facebook Live or YouTube. Livestreaming begins at 10:25 a.m. If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card (located in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

The Word of God

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE 1 AT 8:00 A.M.

The service is found in the Book of Common Prayer, found in the pews. The readings can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II AT 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach

All stand as they are able.

HYMN

Come Now, Savior of the Nations

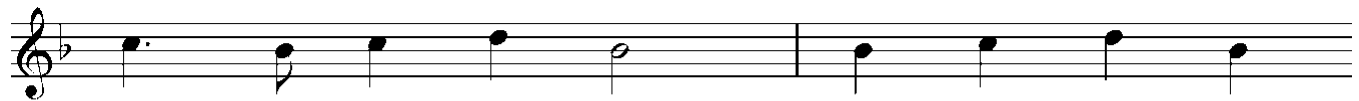
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

The Hymnal 1982 #54

Choir sings verse 1; the congregation joins in on verses 2-4.



1	Sa - vior	of	the	na - tions,	come!	Vir - gin's
2	Won - drous	birth!	Oh,	won - drous	child	of the
3	Thus	on	earth	the	Word	ap - pears,
4	Come,	O	Fa - ther's	sav - ing	Son,	who o'er



Son,	make	here	your	home.	Mar - vel	now,	both
Vir - gin	un - de -	filed!	Might - y	God	and		
his	cre - a -	ted	spheres;	hence	to	death	and
sin	the	vic - tory	won.	Bound - less	shall	your	



heaven and	earth,	that	the	Lord	chose	such	a	birth.
Ma - ry's	son,	ea -	ger	now	his	race	to	run!
hell	de -	scends,	then	the	heaven - ly	throne	a -	scends.
king - dom	be;	grant	that	we	its	glo -	ries	see.

The Celebrant says to the People

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

PEOPLE

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT

The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE

And also with you.

CELEBRANT

Let us pray.

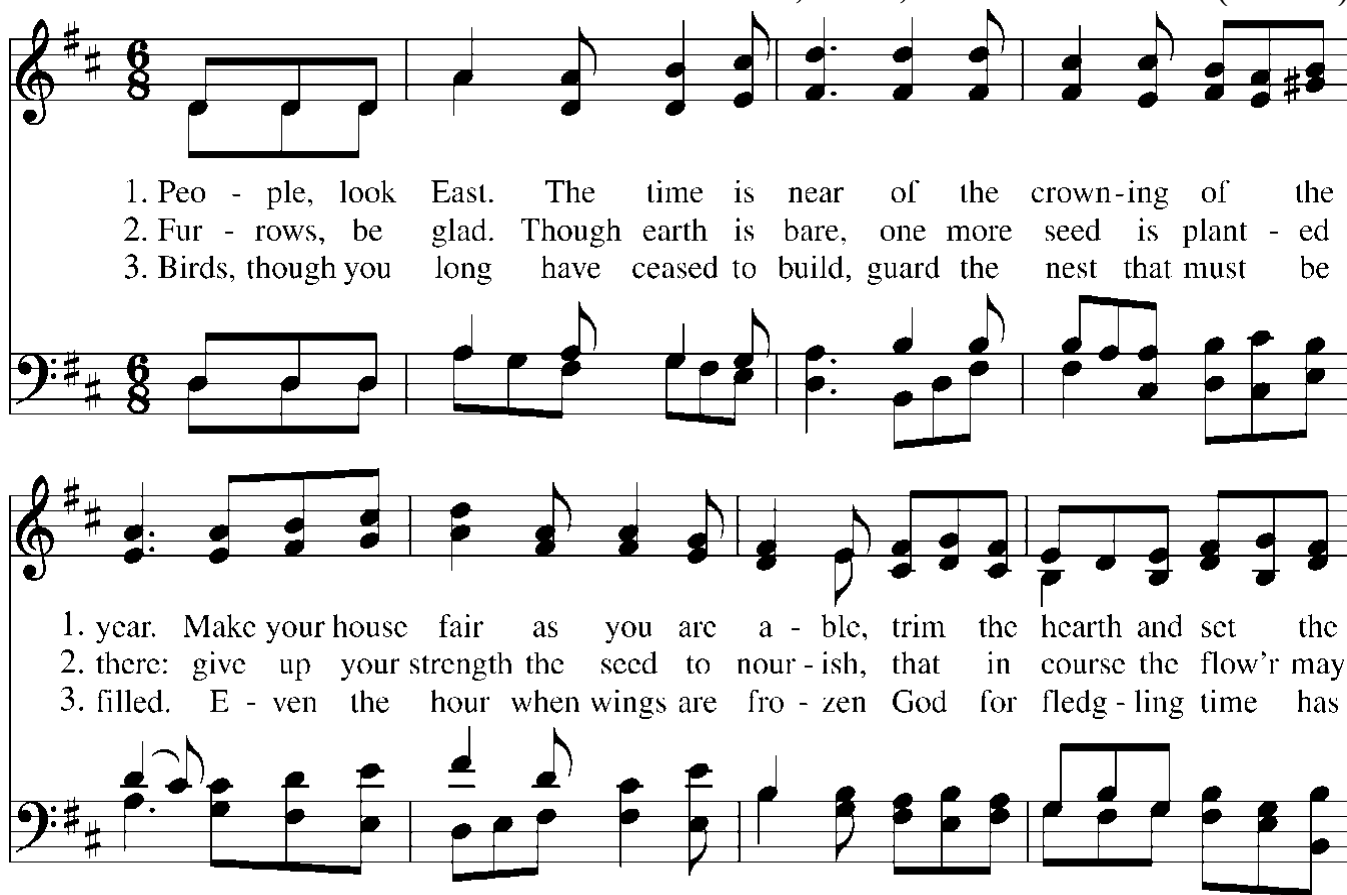
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated. As the congregation sings, a family lights the Advent Wreath candle(s).

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

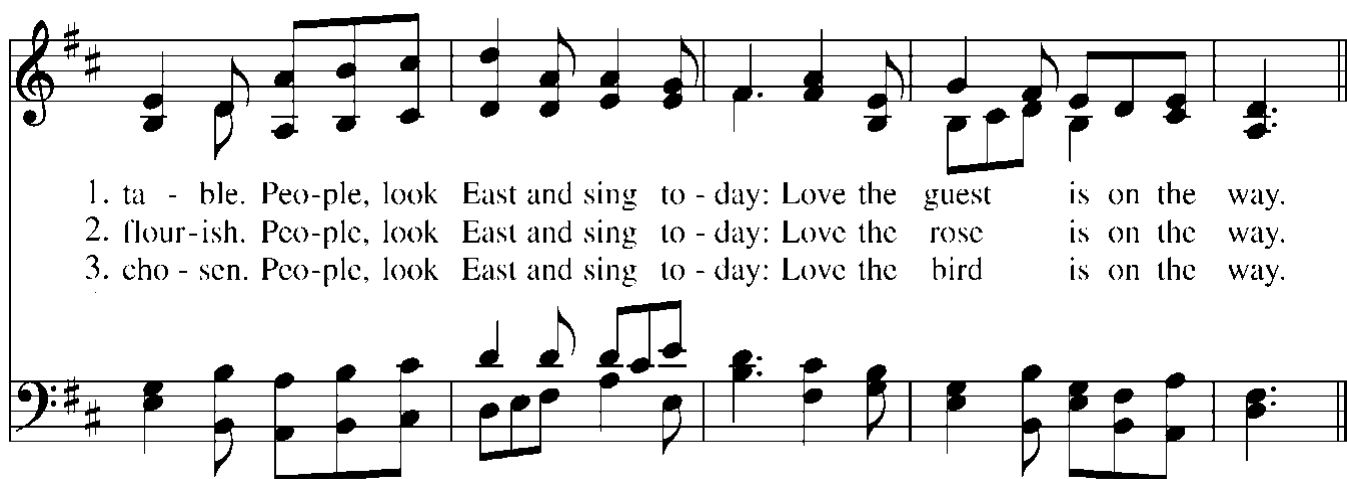
Besançon Carol

Wonder, Love, and Praise #724 (st. 1-3)



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has



FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
 shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
 they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD!

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

PSALM 122

Laetatus sum
Linda White



8:00 a.m.: The reader and the congregation read the psalm responsively by half verse.

10:30 a.m.: The congregation chants the *entire* psalm with choir.

- ¹I was glad when they said to | me, *
 “Let us go to the house of the | LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are | standing *
 within your gates, O Je- | rusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a | city *
 that is at unity with it- | self;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the | LORD, *
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the | LORD.
- ⁵For there are the thrones of | judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of | David.
- ⁶Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem: *
 “May they prosper who | love you.
- ⁷Peace be within your | walls *
 and quietness within your | towers.
- ⁸For my brethren and companions’ | sake, *
 I pray for your pros- | perity.
- ⁹Because of the house of the LORD our | God, *
 I will seek to do you | good.”

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹¹You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

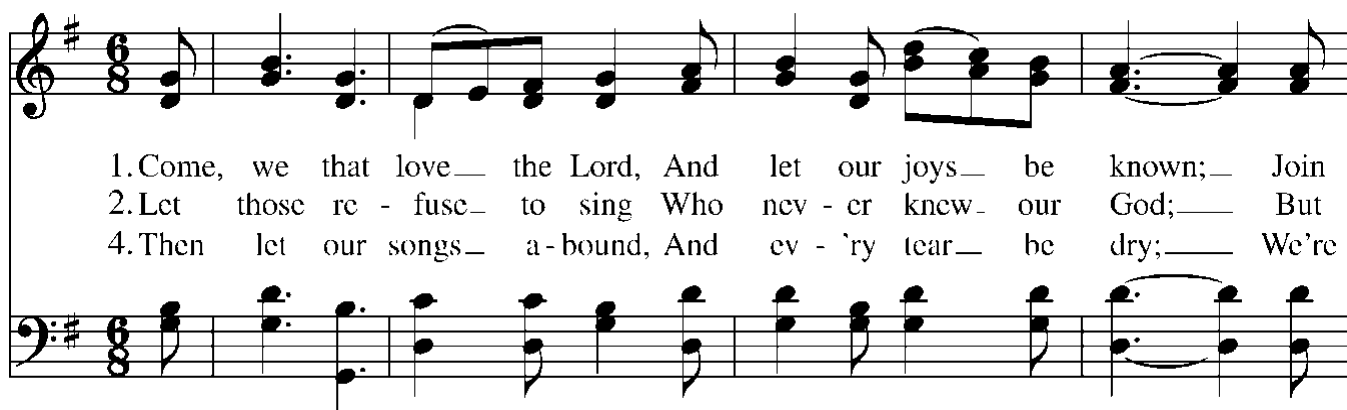
All stand as they are able.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

HYMN

We're Marching to Zion

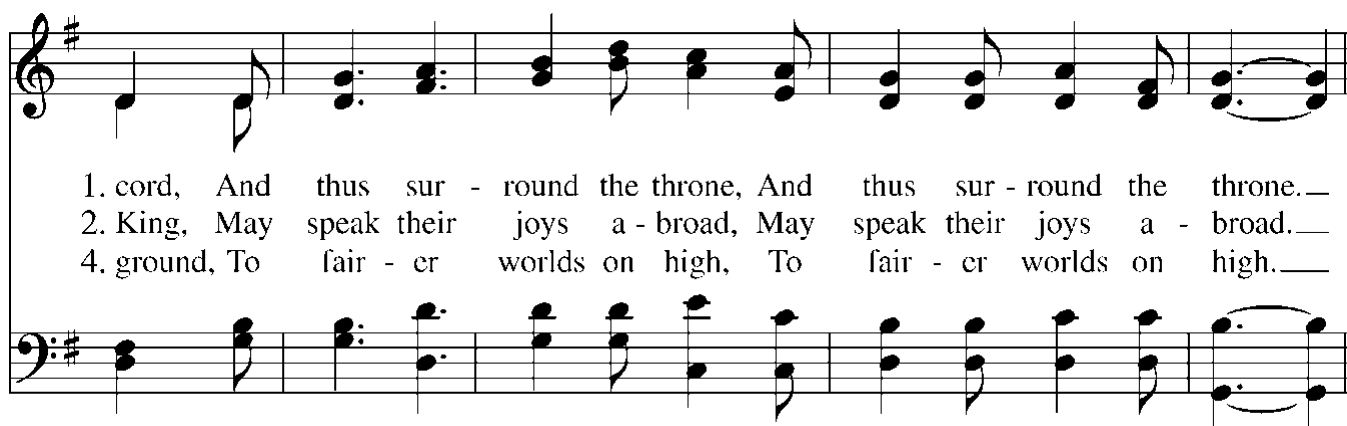
Lift Every Voice and Sing #601 (st. 1-2, 4)



1. Come, we that love— the Lord, And let our joys— be known;— Join
 2. Let those re - fuse— to sing Who nev - er knew— our God;— But
 4. Then let our songs— a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're



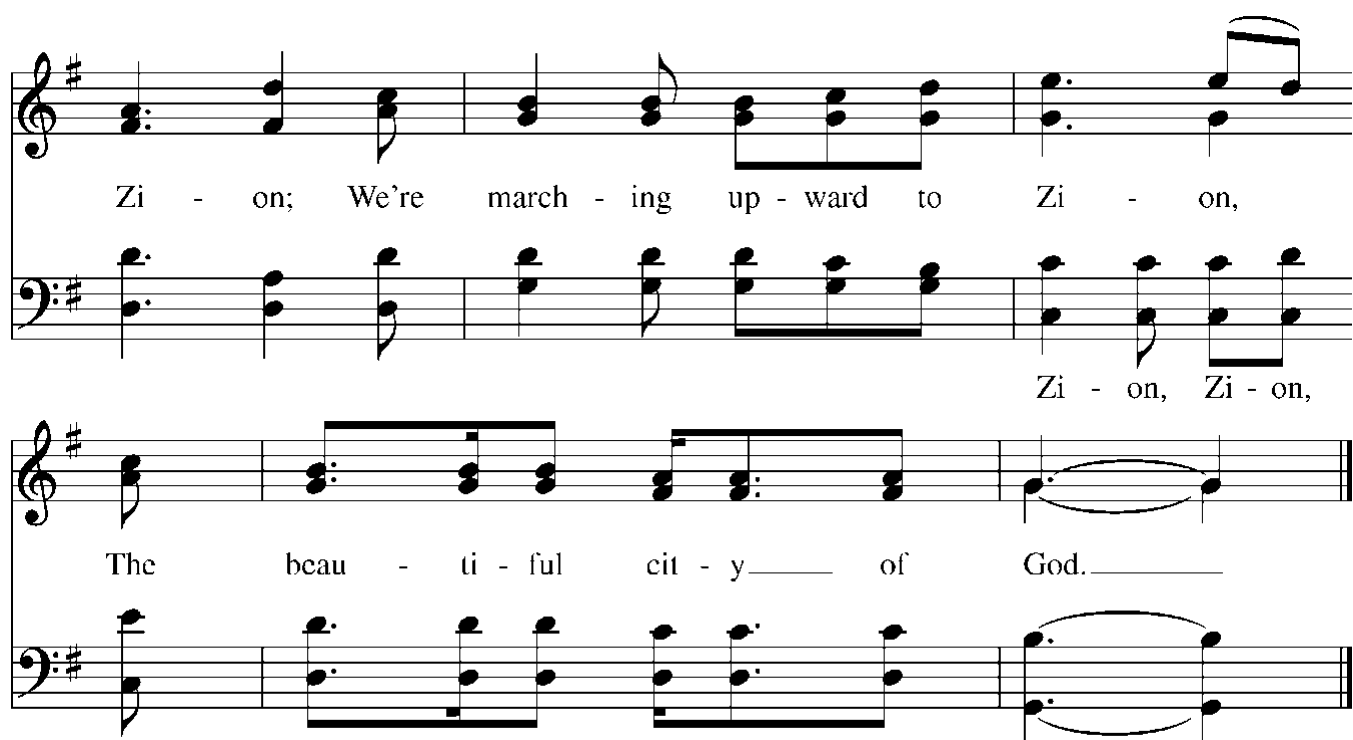
1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
 2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
 4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's



1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.—
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

PRIEST The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

PRIEST The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Form 1

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Brevard, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our St. Philip’s prayer list,

Christy Adams, Amber, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Charles, Pamela Costagliola, Jay Curwen, Dave, Dave, Carl Denny, Lance Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, Dianne and Howard Dyer, Judith Egan, Ellen, Annette Ellerton, Liz Ford, Edie Gabcik, John Gannon, Charlotte Gilmore, Kathy Haehnel, Tim Harris, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane, Michael Kirwen, Kurt, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Elisabeth Marchant, Dottie Marcinko, Johnny Martinez, Larry Maupin, Kathryn McKinley, Mark and Leslie Montgomery, Veronica Morrow, Jenifer Morrow, Courtney and Nikarra, Francis Leon Olea, Pat, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce,

Debbie and John Poe, Bev and Milbrey Raney, Liam Rial, Jim Ride, Lisa Rodke, Mary Rose, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Roy Sawyer, Linda Schieve, Frank Shoemaker, Alice Silva, Isabella Smith, Ray Snellgrove, Brenda Summers, Arden Swift, Mike Tiddy, Jim Tso, Emily Walthall, Penny Williams, Eileen Gilson Williams, Ed Wiseman, and Risdon Wood

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

We give thanks for the birth of Ruth Louise Jones, born to Gardner Strayhorn and Lucas Jones, and grandparents Laurie and Gordon Strayhorn.

In our diocese, we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Bessemer City; and St. Andrew's Church, Canton. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister 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 the grace of 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liturgy of the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul O. Manz

Text: Based on Revelation 22

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

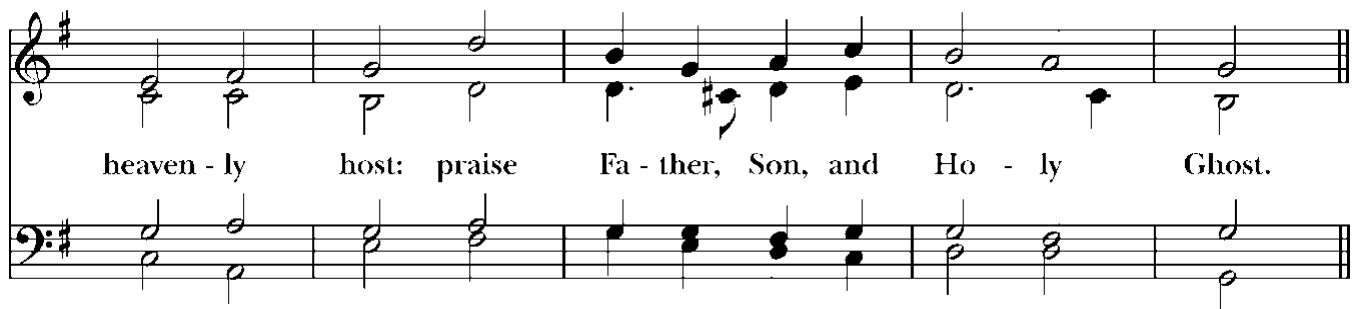
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

(10:30 a.m. only)

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The Hymnal 1982 #380 (st. 3)

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing 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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

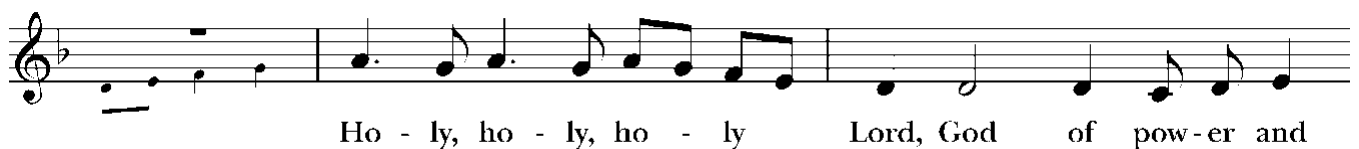
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

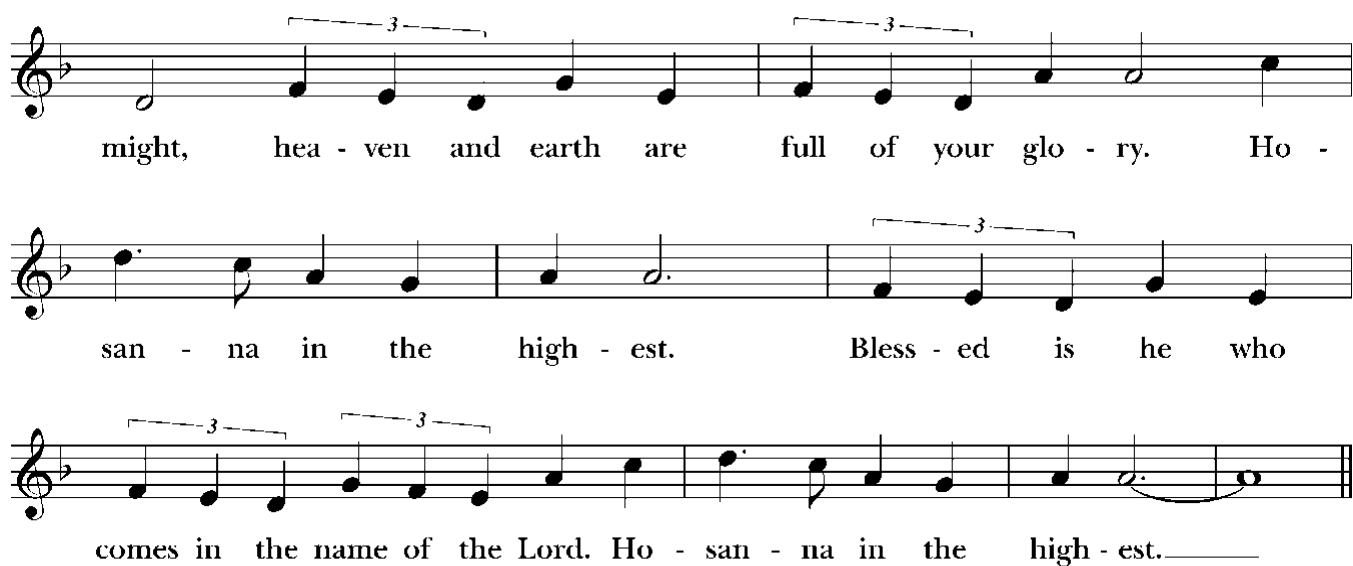
Celebrant and People sing

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

The Hymnal 1982 #S 129





The Celebrant continues

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.

The Celebrant continues

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. **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.

HYMN

Sing Out, My Soul

Tune: Jacques Berthier

Text: Luke 1:46

Canon—4 voices

① Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo-ri-fy the

② Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.

③ Sing out and glo-ri-fy the Lord God!

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

This prayer takes the place of the Postcommunion Prayer for those worshiping 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.

POSTCOMMUNION 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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Austria**The Hymnal 1982 #522 (st. 1-2, 4)**Descant*

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty

2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be

ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and

deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;

daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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DISMISSAL

The Priest offers a dismissal, and the People respond

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Gigue in e minor

Buxtehude



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. In the narthex, you can find worship bags with quiet activities for children. **Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today beginning at 10:15 a.m. for our 10:30 a.m. service.** 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.
- **No Coffee & Conversation, Adult Forum, Youth Sunday School, or Godly Play November 30** – Sunday School classes for all ages will resume Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.
- **Nursery at 10:15 a.m.** – Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today beginning at 10:15 a.m.
- **Children’s Church at 10:30 a.m.** – On Sunday all children (K-5th grade) are invited to Children’s Church during the Liturgy of the Word in the 10:30 a.m. service. Children may be brought to the Sunday School room across from the Godly Play room (the youth classroom) before parents/grandparents go to church. Children will be taken 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 large upstairs meeting room) 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.

OUR 2026 GIVING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES!

Our 2026 Giving Campaign continues. Please prayerfully consider your annual pledge in *Moving FORWARD! with Grace and Generosity*. [Click here](#) to view our Giving 2026 brochure, which shows how your generosity sustains our mission and ministry. If you need a pledge card, you can [print one here](#) or pick one up in the narthex, Miller Hall foyer, or Parish Office. Every pledge—large or small—makes a difference and helps our church plan faithfully for the year ahead. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life of St. Philip's!

<i>Giving 2026</i> Week 9	Last Year	This Year
	Status to Date	Status to Date
Number of Pledges	152	147
Total Dollars	\$573, 225	\$544, 194
	End of Pledge Drive	End of Pledge Drive
Number of Pledges	180	
Total Dollars	\$637,712	

ADVENT BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

The Advent wreath helps us prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

- + Light one candle each week. Say a prayer.
- + Slow down. Take a walk in nature.
- + Sing. Be joyful.
- + Be kind. Do something for someone else.
- + Give thanks for God's gift to us in Jesus.

SLOW DOWN. BE QUIET. IT'S ADVENT.

CHRISTMAS ARRAY OFFERING (DEADLINE DECEMBER 12)

To make an offering for the Christmas Array in thanksgiving for or in memory of someone, please contact the church office. Envelopes also can be found in the pews on Sunday. Offerings received by December 12, 2025, will be acknowledged in the service leaflet for the Christmas Eve services.

Got tickets yet? The Messiah Sing-Along is almost here! There are still some great seats available. Tickets are \$30, and they won't be sold at the door, so please get yours today! This is a wonderful opportunity to experience Handel's *Messiah* with an orchestra of Baroque period instruments, joined by renowned soloists and conductor Dr. David Gresham, all coordinated by our Director of Music Ministry, Dr. Brittnee Siemon. you plan to sing along, bring your own Messiah score, or you can download one for free at <http://stphilipsbrevardnc.org/messiah>.

HANDEL'S *Messiah* SING-ALONG

WITH BAROQUE ORCHESTRA & SOLOISTS

Saturday, December 13, 2025

TWO PERFORMANCES

2:00 pm and 5:00 pm



Scan this code with your phone camera to purchase tickets, or visit stphilipsbrevardnc.org/messiah



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HAPPY NEW YEAR! ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30

We mark the beginning of a new Christian year in several ways through our worship. Our hangings change to Sarum blue and the Advent wreath appears, our service music changes, and the form of our Eucharistic prayer changes. *O Come, Emmanuel!*

IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE A COSTUME FOR OUR NO-STRESS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT! DECEMBER 15 and 22

It is hard to believe, but it's time to prepare for our "No-Stress Christmas Pageant" on December 24th! "No Stress" means no rehearsals, no lines to memorize and the freedom to wear whatever represents someone's vision of the Christmas story, be it a Wise Man or dinosaur! Costumes from home may be worn or borrowed from St. Philip's collection. We have many choices for traditional costumes, including beasts, but sizes are limited.

This year we are inviting individuals and families to sign up for costume selection and fitting. If this is done far enough in advance, alterations and additions are possible.

Costumes will be displayed and helpers available during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 on December 7th, 14th, and 21st, or by appointment – please watch for e-mails or announcements for our costume "shop" location! To sign up for a time to try on

costumes, please contact Lynn Adams (lynnpadams@gmail.com or 828-388-0192) or Claire Sikes-Clark (clairersikes@gmail.com).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

30 Arnie Andresen	02 Brendan Elliott	04 Sven Jonsson
30 George Centanni	02 Jaclyn Neumann	04 Greg Hilderbran
30 Kerry Mosher	02 Debbie Turbert	06 Steve Walker
30 Tynne Karas	03 Caitlyn Murray	06 Charles Dial
01 Harry Busbee	03 Lauren Murray	06 Steve Anderson
01 Felice St. John	04 Rebecca Freeman	06 Sue Rossman
02 Sim Cozart	04 Craig Roth	

Anniversaries

01 John and Kristine Candler	05 Al and Sandee Ragl
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WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. PHILIP’S

Join us each week at our services of Holy Eucharist!

- Sundays, 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*spoken*)
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*with music*)
- Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II (*College Walk Senior Living Community Chapel*)
- Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (*Chapel*)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant..... The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
Seminarian.....Brad Wilson
Director of Music Ministry.....Dr. Brittnee Siemon
Organist Jackson Morton
Altar Guild..... Dolores Brown
Kathryn Polmanteer

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Sallie Mullikin	Ushers	Scott Elliott
Reader 1	Jennifer Maupin		Kathryn Polmanteer
Reader 2	Jean Woods	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 3	Jim Tyson		Keith Hawk
LEM	Abby Glass		

10:30 a.m.

Acolytes	Violet Polk	LEMs	Fred Brown
	Gordon Murray		Wayne Eberhardt
Reader 1	Holly Votaw		Bill Rigot
Reader 2	Christine Wright	Offering Counters	
Reader 3	Chris Whatley		Richard Mayberry
Ushers	Denis Bolena		David Yeager
	Jan Bolena		
Liturgical Coordinator	Billie Begg		

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OUR MISSION: *Guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and informed by Scripture, tradition and reason, we will:*

- *Learn and teach by word and example how God continues to be at work in the world and in our lives;*
- *Love and serve all people as Christ loves us;*
- *Grow in faithful stewardship of the resources God has given us; and*
- *Celebrate joyfully this faith in our life, worship, prayer and service.*

