

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



Holy Eucharist

February 15, 2026

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

*****Notes*****

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.

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

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

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The Word of God

PRELUDE

Meditation from Organ Symphony No. 1

Charles Marie Widor

All stand as they are able.

HYMN

Praise to the Living God

Leoni

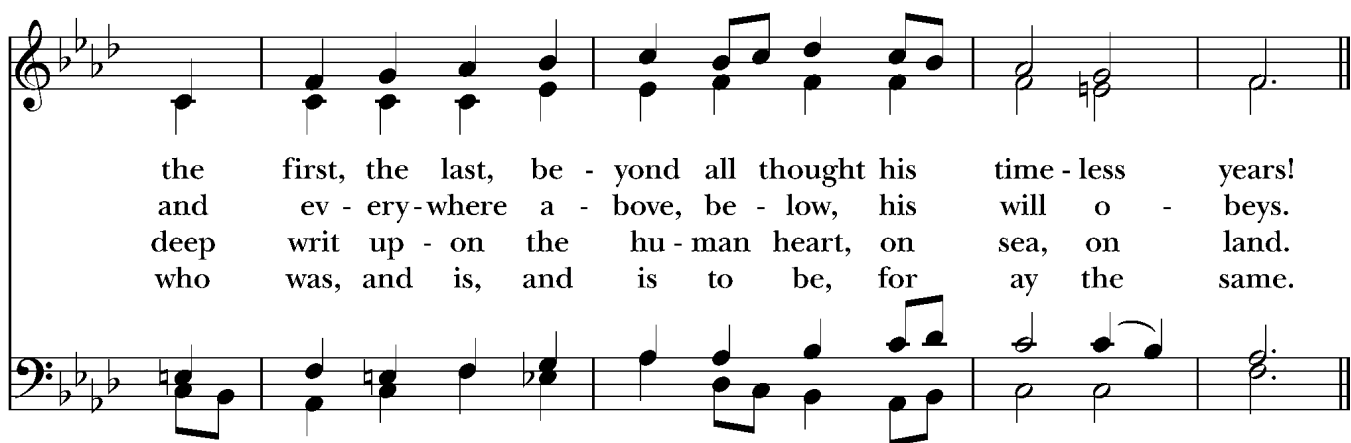
The Hymnal 1982 #372



1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

The Celebrant says to the People

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

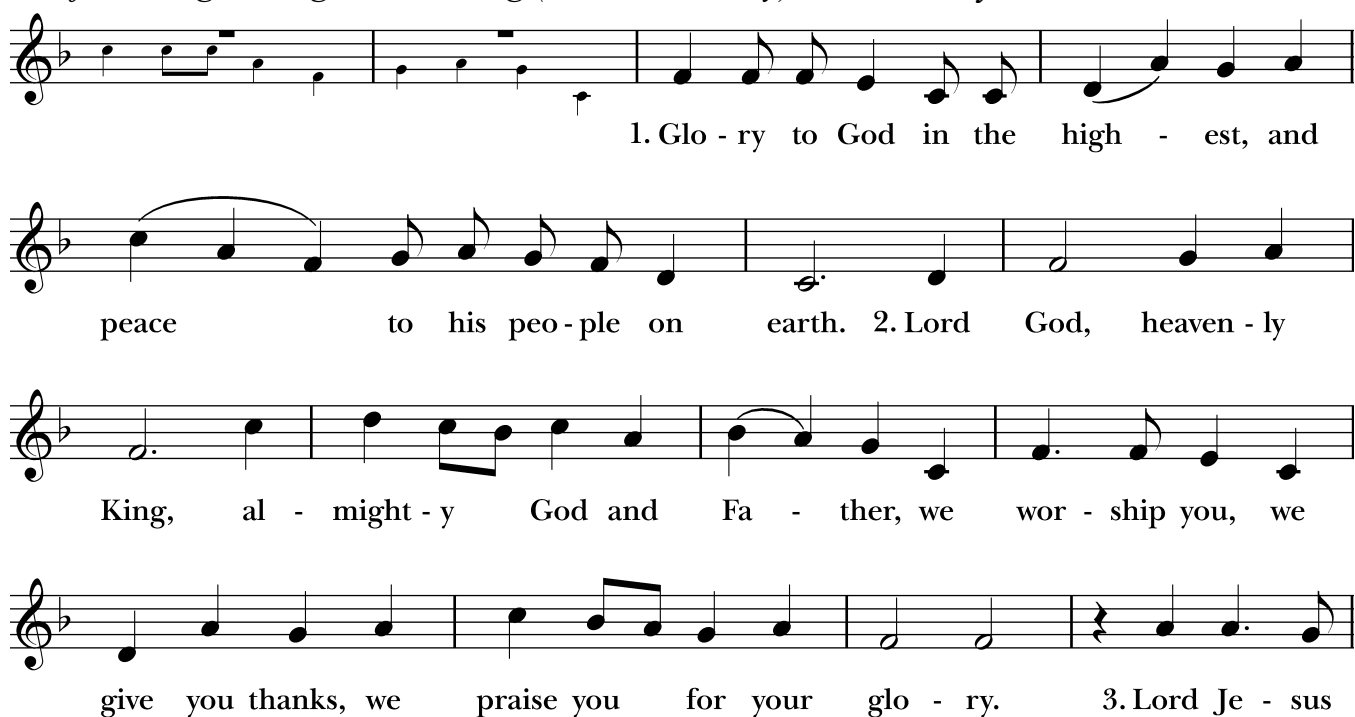
PEOPLE **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The following is sung, all standing (10:30 a.m. only) The Hymnal 1982 #S 280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

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. **Amen.**

All are seated.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

¹²The 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.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To 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.”

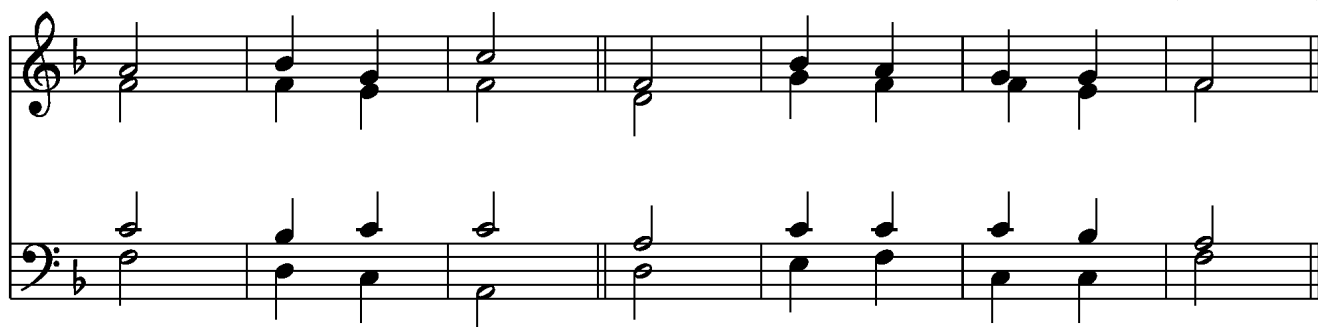
¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses 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
The Hymnal 1982 #S 422
William Russell
(1777–1813)



The reader and the congregation read the psalm responsively by half verse.
*The congregation chants the **entire** psalm with choir.*

¹The LORD is King;
let the | peo- ple | tremble. *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
| **let the ěarth | shake.**

²The LORD is | great in | Zion; *
he is | high a- bove all | peoples.

³Let them confess his Name, which is | great and | awesome; *
| **he is the Ho- ly | One.**

⁴“O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have e- | sta- blished | equity; *
you have executed justice and | right- eous- ness in | Jacob.”

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall | down be- fore his | footstool; *
| **he is the Ho- ly | One.**

⁶Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who | call up- on his | Name, *
they called upon the | LÖRD, and he | answered them.

⁷He spoke to them out of the | pillar of | cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the de- | crĕe that he | gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you | answered them in- | deed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them | for their e- vil | deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his | ho- ly | hill; *
for the | LORD our God is the | Holy One.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

A Reading from the Second Epistle of Peter

¹⁶We 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. ¹⁷For 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.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So 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. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because 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.

All stand as they are able.

HYMN

Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule

*Quam dilecta
Voices Found #98*

1 Lord, be thy word my rule; in it may I re - joice;
2 thy prom - is - es my hope; thy prov - i - dence my guard;

thy glo - ry be my aim, thy ho - ly will my choice;
thine arm my strong sup - port; thy - self my great re - ward.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

¹Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then 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." ⁵While 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!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As 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.”

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

SERMON

Brad Wilson

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 III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, remembering Carol
Marines and Bev Raney;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Christy Adams, Alston, Kathy Ambrose, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk,
Leslie Brown, Charles, Courtney, Jay Curwen, Norah Davis, Carl Denny, Lance
Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, Dianne and Howard Dyer,
Judith Egan, Ellen, Annette Ellerton, the Borgia family, Liz Ford, Colten Frey, Edie
Gabcik, John Gannon, Jane Glenn, Tim Harris, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane,*

Roxann Kibbin, Michael Kirwen, Kurt, Rick Laws, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Elisabeth Marchant, Dottie Marcinko, Johnny Martinez, Larry Maupin, Mark and Leslie Montgomery, Veronica Morrow, Jenifer Morrow, Nikarra, Pam, Pat, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce, Debbie and John Poe, Liam Rial, Jim Ride, Lisa Rodke, Mary Rose, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Linda Schieve, Frank Shoemaker, Alice Silva, Isabella Smith, Ray Snellgrove, Matthew Sundstrom Sr., Barbara Staubs, Caroline Stein, Brenda Summers, Arden Swift, Marcia Thies, Mike Tiddy, Jim Tso, Jeremy Tuck, Emily Walthall, Penny Williams, Eileen Gilson Williams, Ed Wiseman, Risdon Wood, Judy Yancey

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the first services held in the new St. Philip's stone church on February 14 and 15, 1928.

In our diocese, we pray for Lake Logan Conference Center and Valle Crucis Conference Center. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

The Celebrant continues

Eternal God, our beginning and our end: bring us, with all creation, into your glory, revealed through the ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 Hail, Holy Light!

Music: Alexander Dimitrievitch Kastalsky (1856-1926)

Text: John Milton (1608-1674)

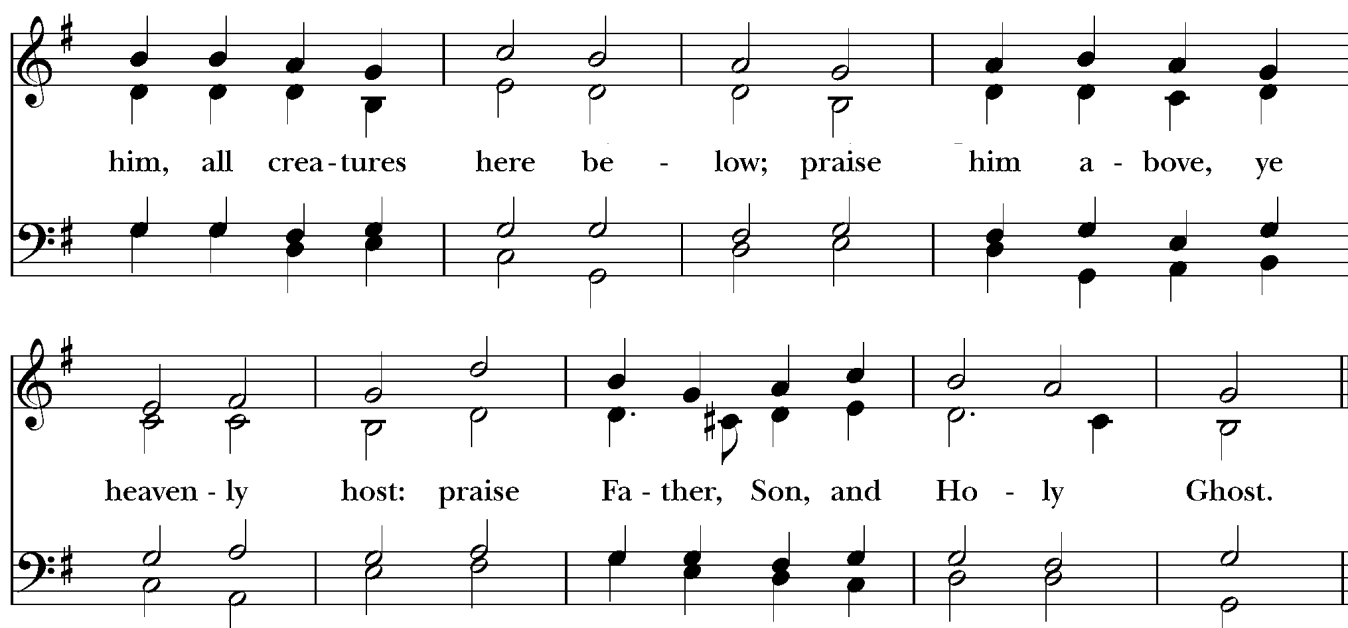
Hail, holy Light! Offspring of heav'n first born, before the sun thou wert,
and at the voice of God as with a mantle did'st invest the world.

Disperse the mists of sin, celestial Light,
and unto us reveal the things of God invisible to mortal sight,
O holy Light!

(10:30 a.m. only)

*Old 100th
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
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing as they are able.

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Enriching Our Worship 1

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People sing

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)
The Hymnal 1982 #S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes for 'heaven', 'Bless-ed', and 'comes in'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Philip and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

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

Celebrant and People

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 ANTHEM

Abide with Me

Music: W.H. Monk, arr. Christian Forshaw

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

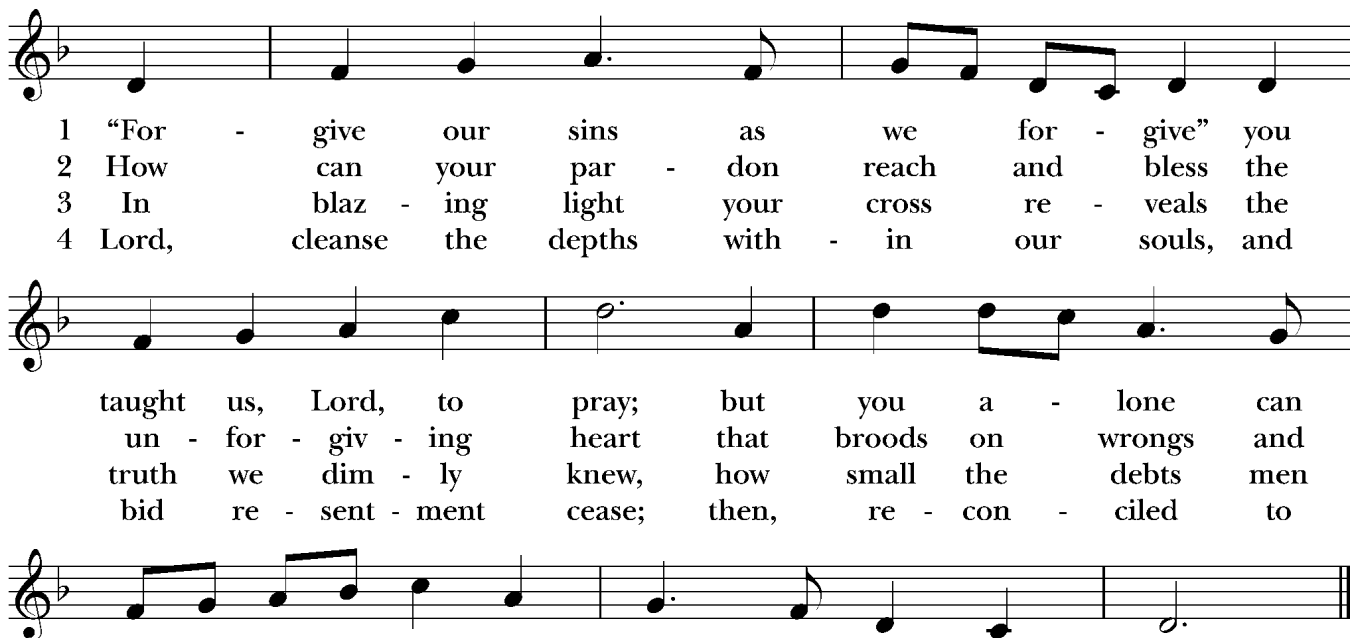
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

COMMUNION HYMN "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

*Detroit
The Hymnal 1982 #674*



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

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.

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

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Dulce carmen

The Hymnal 1982 #559

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with



pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

DISMISSAL

The priest offers a dismissal, and the people respond

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campre



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.

HEARING THE WORD

On Sunday, February 15, we welcome Brad Wilson to preach at our morning services. Brad is studying for the priesthood at General Theological Seminary in New York City and currently serves at St. Philip's. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome!

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 Formation at 9:15 a.m.** – Please see our three opportunities described below.
- **Youth Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.** – Middle and high school youth are invited to join us for Sunday School. We are using short videos from bibleproject.com to jump start our discussions. This fully animated series traces key biblical themes from their first appearance through the entire narrative of the Bible. We meet in the youth classroom located downstairs in the Education wing.
- **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.
- **Nursery at 9:15 a.m.** – Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today beginning at 9:15 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.

ADULT FORMATION OFFERINGS THIS SUNDAY,

- **Exploring The Episcopal Way: A 5-Week Class on History, Worship, And Faith** – Curious about the Episcopal Church—or ready to go a little deeper? Join us as for a warm, welcoming 5-week class led by Brad Wilson, designed for newcomers, seekers, and longtime Episcopalians who want to explore (or refresh) what shapes us as a community of faith. Join us on Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the YAC (our large downstairs meeting room).

What we'll cover:

- **The History of the Episcopal Church**—where we came from and why it matters
 - **Worship**—“Why we do what we do” in the service, from prayers to sacraments
 - **What We Believe**—how Episcopalians live our faith together in community
- Come with questions. Bring a friend. All are welcome.
- **Coffee and Conversation** – Up to the beginning of Lent, the Coffee & Conversation Team will continue to facilitate group discussion and connection. For this period the focus will be on "Living in Oneness" and will be prompted by reflections on the Gospel of John and other works of spirit. Coffee & Conversation meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.
 - **Lectio Divina** – How does relaxing for a few minutes and dropping into beautiful Biblical passages sound to you? You hear them. You let them shimmer within. Then share what was especially moving to you. That is Lectio Divina. We will be offering this opportunity to not only hear, but to use the process of Lectio to involve all three of your wisdom centers (head, heart, body). Please join us during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 a.m. in the Library (across from the parish office). Linda Oxford, the Rev. Bill McCleery, and Paula Benton will be your guides. We would love to have you! Please email Paula Benton at cocoondesign@comporium.net, if you'd like to sign up.

JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 18 AT 10:30 A.M. OR 5:30 P.M.

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 18, 2026. 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. (Want a brief 2-minute video overview of Ash Wednesday and Lent? [Click here!](#))

CELTIC GATHERING FEBRUARY 21

Join us at the February Celtic Gathering on Saturday, February 21 at 5:00 p.m. in Miller Hall (our large upstairs meeting room). We will gather for a twilight service of praise, contemplation, reflection, poetry and sharing. Rooted in the Celtic traditions, our service will offer a monthly time of community and contemplation. Invite your friends and neighbors. Designed for families (no childcare is provided).

NUGGET: ST PHILIP'S WOMEN IN THE DEPRESSION YEARS



"Miss Molly" Allison dressed in traditional choir vestments including the required choir hat

The women of St. Philip's were not allowed to serve on vestry until 1936, but that did not stop the Women's Auxiliary and Guild from providing leadership of the church's financial, spiritual, and outreach efforts. They ignored the vestry's ban on using bazaars and church suppers to raise money for the new building, choosing to host numerous fundraising events that were regularly featured in the *Brevard News* between 1926-1939. These included Christmas and July Bazaars held at various businesses in town and the Franklin Hotel across the street; a series of Salmagundi Parties (a dish with everything thrown in) with 35-cent admission; Wednesday night church suppers that provided food and fellowship; and sponsorship of "Heaven Bound," a popular African American folk drama presented by 30 Sylva singers and advertised as a fundraiser for the church. Mrs. R.I. Gash even sold copies of her personal cake recipe! Simultaneously, they served the broader community by sending clothing boxes

to Episcopal missions across the country and sponsoring Miss Rennie, a missionary to China. Members cooked and served lunches to underprivileged school children in March of 1933. They taught Sunday School and led the choir. They visited the sick and newcomers and held all-day prayer vigils on holy days. They truly "carried the freight" during these difficult years, and we are indebted to these women for their perseverance, stewardship, and service to others.

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our Worship – in Word and Sacrament and music. Visit <https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/donate> to explore donating. To make a gift now use Realm or text STP to 73256.

THE SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Season after Epiphany lasts four to nine weeks, from January 6 to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, varying with Easter's date. Its Gospel readings reveal Jesus' divinity, including the visit of the Magi, His baptism, the wedding at Cana, the calling of disciples, miracles, and teachings. The season ends with the Transfiguration, affirming Jesus as the Son of God. Green hangings symbolize life and growth.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

15 Carol Bridges	17 John Candler	19 Priscilla Cherry
15 Cathy Reilly	17 Mark Montgomery	19 Carolyn Ayres
15 Charlie Threatte	17 Brandon Cook	20 Bill Bennett
15 Carol Christian	18 Linda Schieve	21 Madge Ramey
15 Sara Schmidt	18 Teri Goodall-Komar	
15 Nico Sheedy	18 Philip Walrath	

Anniversaries

17 Mark and Leslie Montgomery	19 Kevin Greene and Caroline Stein
19 John and Barbara Walter	

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. Dr. Judith Davis
Seminarian.....Brad Wilson
Director of Music Ministry.....Dr. Brittnee Siemon
Organist Jackson Morton
Altar Guild..... Dolores Brown
Beverly Yeager

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Sallie Mullikin	Ushers	Melissa Elliott
Reader 1	Bob Wesneski		Scott Elliott
Reader 2	Molly Tartt	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 3	Jim Tyson		Keith Hawk
LEM	Gena Hawk		

10:30 a.m.

Acolytes	Megan McCabe	LEMs	Daphne Chalaron
	Melissa McCabe		Christie Eberhardt
Reader 1	Wayne Eberhardt		Kathryn Polmanteer
Reader 2	Ann Ives	Offering Counters	
Reader 3	Chris Whatley		Daphne Chalaron
Ushers	Don Stubbs		John Harris
	Susie Stubbs	Liturgical Coordinator	
			Billie Beggs

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The Rev. Elizabeth Roles, Rector



OUR VISION: *Rooted in God's word and guided by Christ's example, St. Philip's Episcopal Church will be a loving, inclusive community committed to living out Christ's commandments.*



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.*

