

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday in Lent



Holy Eucharist
Sunday, February 22, 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.

The Word of God

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

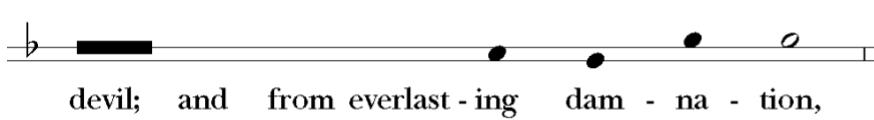
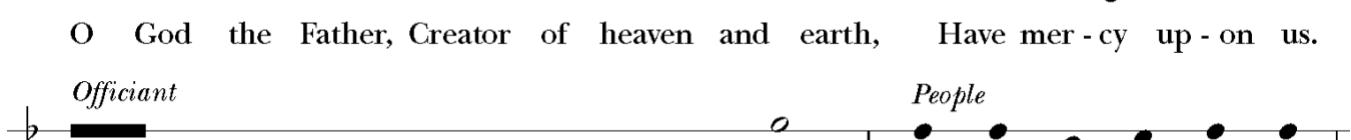
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In keeping with the penitential nature of the season, please prepare for our liturgy with prayer and quiet contemplation.

GREAT LITANY

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.



From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

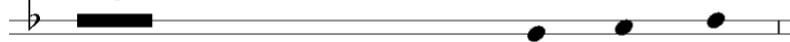
People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

People

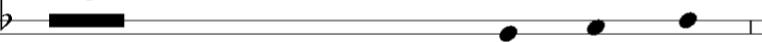
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

People
b 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People
b 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People
b 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

People
b 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People
b 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People
b 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People
b 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Philip and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People
b 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
People O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

Officiant O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.

On all other occasions, the Litany continues as follows:

Officiant Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
People Chri - stc e - lei - son.
Officiant Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING

All sit.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of

every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

PSALM 32

Beati quorum

Please join me in reading the psalm responsively by half verse.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁹“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”

¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

All stand as they are able.

HYMN

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Gerontius

The Hymnal 1982 #445 (st. 1-3)

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in

1 depth be praise; in all his words most
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.
 3 against the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

¹After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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.**

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 Holy Communion

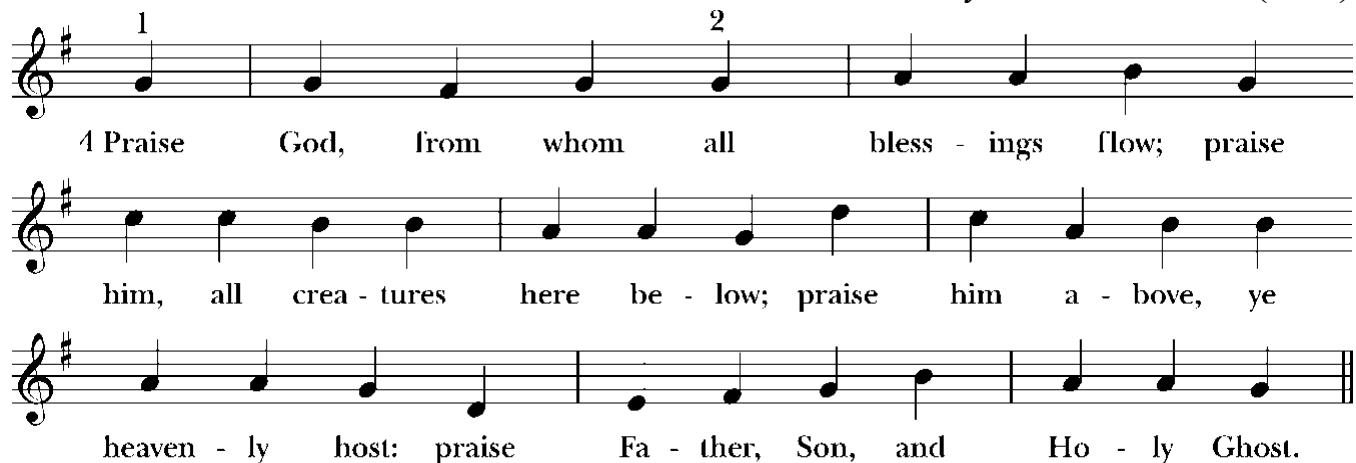
ANTHEM Grant Me True Courage (Chorale from BWV 45)

J.S. Bach

Grant me true courage, Lord, to front each new endeavor,
Confiding in Thy word that thou wilt leave me never;
Alike in gloom or joy each duty to fulfil,
My faithful heart employ to do Thy perfect will.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Eighth Tune
The Hymnal 1982 #43 (st. 4)



4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship
Eucharistic Prayer 2

The people 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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth,

winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Schubert/Proulx
The Hymnal 1982 #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full,

full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to

the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Philip and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.**

The Celebrant then continues

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.

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert/Proulx
The Hymnal 1982 #S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul

Lift Every Voice and Sing #188

The musical score consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, A major (one sharp), with lyrics in between the staves. The top staff is for the treble clef voice, and the bottom staff is for the bass clef voice. The lyrics are arranged in four-line stanzas.

1. When peace, like a river, at - tend - eth my
2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my - lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
 It is well with my

It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a Solemn Prayer over the People is said.

Let us bow down before the Lord.

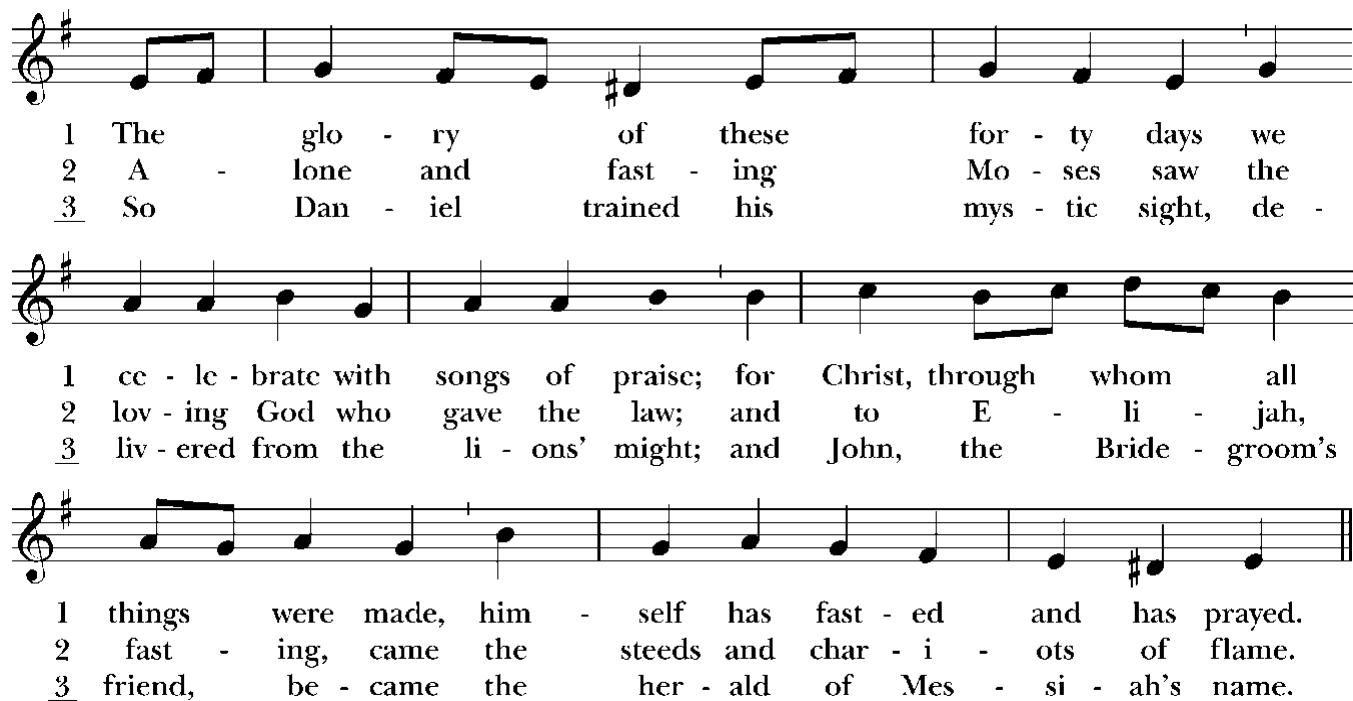
The people kneel as they are able.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

*Erhalt uns, Herr
The Hymnal 1982 #143 (st. 1-3)*



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -

1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's

1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.

DISMISSAL

PRIEST Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in e minor “Great” Nicolaus Bruhns





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.
- **Adult Formation at 9:15 a.m.** – Please see our two 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

- **‘Stumbling Toward Wholeness: A Lenten Journey’ Begins February 22**

Among the strivings of the human heart is the desire for wholeness—an at-oneness with God, self, and others. Yet, the achievement of wholeness seems just beyond our grasp. Over several weeks during Lent, the Adult Formation Class will explore this idea of wholeness conversationally, considering both some of its components as well as practices to integrate those components into our daily habits.

Among the topics we will consider are:

- The role of our individual uniqueness in the quest for wholeness
- The external and internal barriers to wholeness
- The integration of brokenness
- Choosing the Good
- The value of relationships
- Taking our wholeness to the world

These conversations will be led by David Yeager and will meet in the YAC (our large downstairs meeting room) at 9:15 a.m. beginning Sunday, February 22, 2026.

- **Coffee and Conversation** – From now until Easter, the Coffee & Conversation Team will 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.

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THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays). It is a season of fasting, prayer, and reflection in preparation for Easter. You'll notice changes like purple hangings and a more contemplative tone in worship, all meant to guide us toward Easter's joyful transformation.

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Judith Egan, Ellen, Annette Ellerton, the Borgia family, Liz Ford, Ann Franklin, 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, Buddy Marines, 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

In our diocese, we pray for St. Matthias, Asheville. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Ireland.

We pray for the departed, remembering Carol Marines.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

22 Anne Bullard	23 Betty Creese	28 Annette Ellerton
22 Linda Stadnick	25 Chris Mosser	29 Jean Woods
22 Arthur Schmidt	26 Gabby DiLemme	
23 Jacob Bullard	27 Steve Martin	

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*)

COVER ART: *Christ in the Wilderness* (1872). Painting by Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoi, Gosudarstvennaia Tret'iakovskaia galereia, Moscow, Russia. Note: The poet and cultural critic, Rainer Maria Rilke, was profoundly affected upon seeing Kramskoi's painting of Christ in the Wilderness. "The painting portrayed a lonely Jesus sitting on a stone in a desert, lost in melancholy meditation. "Russian art does not become more narrow with its growing nationalism," Rilke concluded. On the contrary, "it may be in a better position to express the higher human universals if it completely abandons everything foreign, accidental, and un-Russian." Rilke's advocacy of Russian nationalism has often been misinterpreted by his critics. He was not proposing a return to the confines of a cult or mindless ritual, but he believed in

art as a channel or a system of canals for focusing generally unformed national feelings and intuitions. To be authentic, Russian artistic images had to be intimately linked with millions of individual Russian souls." [from: *Rilke's Russia: A Cultural Encounter*, Anna A. Tavis. Northwestern University Press, 1997. p. 77.] (Attribution: Kramskoĭ, Ivan Nikolaevich, 1837-1887. Christ in the Wilderness, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54297> [retrieved February 17, 2026]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Kramskoi_Christ_dans_le_d%C3%A9sert.jpg.)

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Priest Cantor	The Rev. Bill McCleery
Seminarian.....	Brad Wilson
Director of Music Ministry	Dr. Brittnee Siemon
Organist	Jackson Morton
Altar Guild.....	Dolores Brown Beverly Yeager

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Gordon Murray	Ushers	Steve Clay
Reader 1	Felicity Myers		Mac Morrow
Reader 2	Ruffin Benton	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 3	Barthell Joseph		Peggy Bridges
LEM	deRo Myers		

10:30 a.m.

Acolyte	Carrie Anderson	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 1	Billie Begg		Nancy Harger
Reader 2	Barbara Boerner	LEMs	Billie Begg
Reader 3	Denis Bolena		Denis Bolena
Ushers	Jann Mellman		Bob Wesneski
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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.*

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