

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday in Lent



Holy Eucharist
Sunday, March 1, 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.

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

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

PRELUDE Prelude on “Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen?”

Helmut Walcha

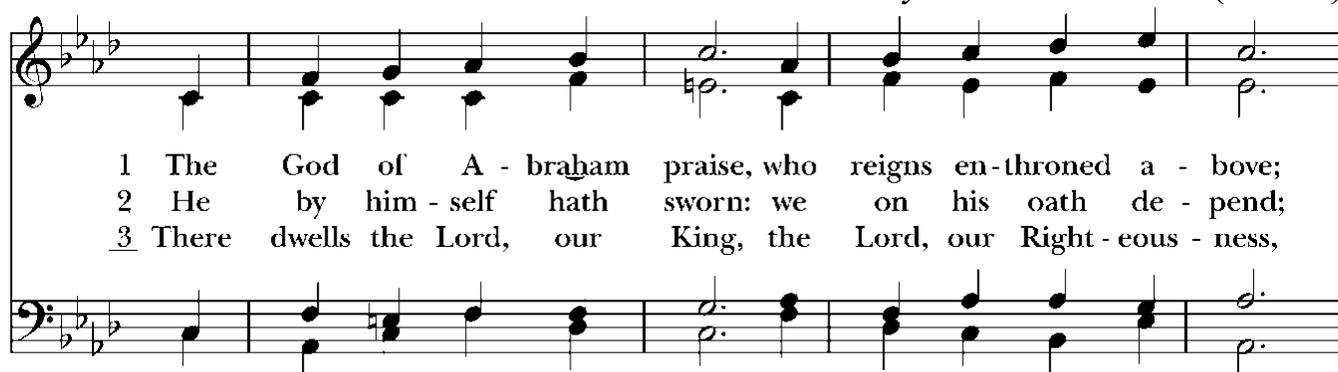
All stand as they are able.

HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

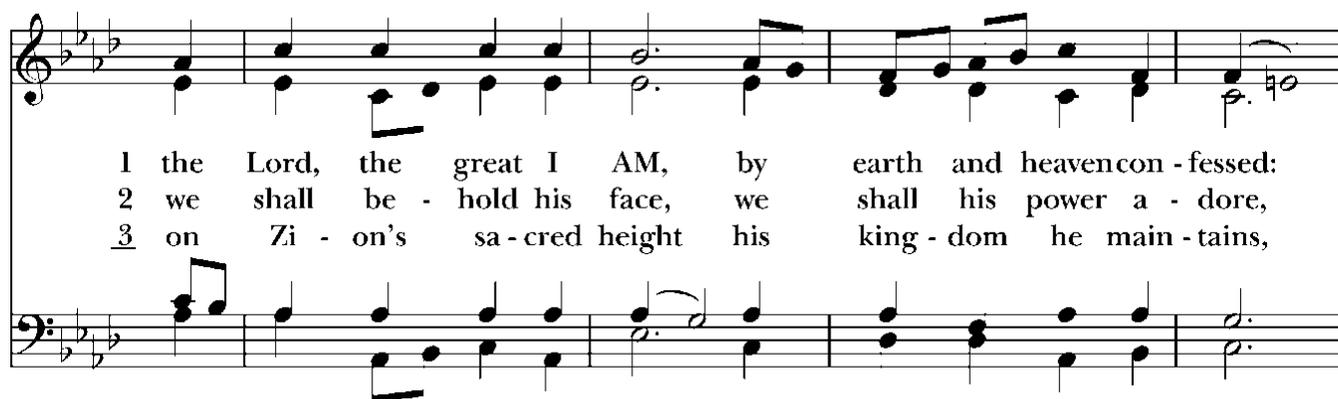
The Hymnal 1982 #401 (st. 1-3)



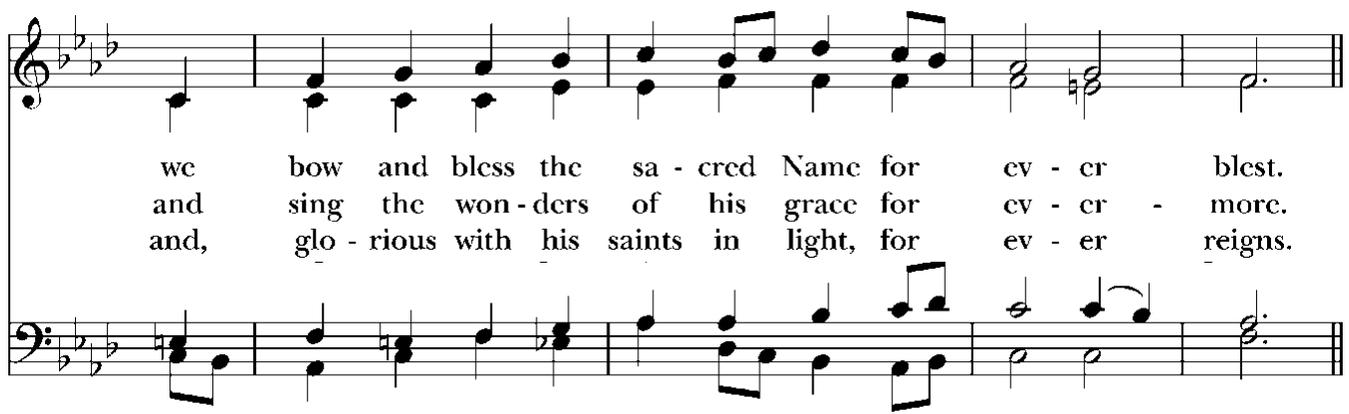
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed;
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er re - igns.

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

PEOPLE **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."
Mark 12:29-31

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People together say

**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.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The following is sung, all standing

TRISAGION

*Archangelsky
The Hymnal 1982 #S 102*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Levavi oculos

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

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

⁶So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

All stand as they are able.

HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Liebster Jesu
The Hymnal 1982 #440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

PEOPLE **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

PEOPLE **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

PEOPLE **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

PEOPLE **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

PEOPLE **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

PEOPLE **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Christy Adams, Alston, Kathy Ambrose, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Bill, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Charles, Courtney, Jay Curwen, Norah Davis, Carl Denny, Judy Caldwell Dexter, Lance Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, Dianne and Howard Dyer, 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 Rice, 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

Hear us, Lord;

PEOPLE **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

In our diocese, we pray for St. David's, Cullowhee. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican-Episcopal Church in Japan).

We will exalt you, O God our King;

PEOPLE **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

PEOPLE **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant says a concluding Collect.

Holy God,

our lives are laid open before you:

rescue us from the chaos of sin

and through the death and resurrection of your Son

bring us healing and make us whole

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Let My Prayer Come up into Thy Presence

Music: Henry Purcell (1658-1695)

arr. Frederick Bridge

Let my prayer come up into Thy presence as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be as a morning sacrifice. *Text: Psalm 141:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Eighth Tune

The Hymnal 1982 #43 (st. 4)

4 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

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, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody. There are some fermatas and slurs in the piano part, particularly in the second and third systems.

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 VOLUNTARY Lead Me, Lord Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) Text: Psalm 5:8

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only
That makest me dwell in safety.

COMMUNION HYMN Lead Me, Guide Me *Lift Every Voice and Sing #194*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lead Me, Guide Me" from "Lift Every Voice and Sing #194". The score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Lead— me, guide— me, a - long the way,". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a treble line with chords and triplets. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staff.

For — if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, — let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. — **Fine**

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

The people stand as they are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. 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.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord *Foundation* *The Hymnal 1982 #636 (st. 1-3)*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.

DISMISSAL

PRIEST Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Deuxième Fantaisie

Jehan Alain



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’**

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.

- **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.

DON'T BE LATE TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday, March 7, 2026, before you go to bed.

CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZÉ SERVICE FOR LENT MARCH 8

On Sunday, March 8th, we will worship with a contemplative Taizé service for Lent. Our readings will be from several contemporary spiritual leaders who bring these sacred 40 days into perspective with modern language and beautiful imagery. Please join us at 5:00 p.m. in Miller Hall – and don't forget that it will be the first day of Daylight Saving Time.

CENTENNIAL NUGGET: WE'RE STILL USING THE SAME ALTAR

Harry Perry served as rector of St. Philip's for 23 years, from 1925 to 1948, and helped lead the church through times of growth, economic challenges, and change. During his ministry, Mary Lock Sledge and Sherril B. Verner became the first women to serve on the vestry in 1936 and The St. Philip's Young Peoples Society (later EYC) began in 1938. In 1939, the new stone church was consecrated, a milestone in the life of the parish.

In the photo, you see Rev. Perry standing before the altar built by local woodworker Felix Norton. The altar frontal has three arched panels echoing the sanctuary windows, with the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, reminding us that Christ is the beginning and the end. The center panel is a Christogram, with a cross and the letter "S," representing the name of Jesus and reminding worshipers of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. The processional cross beside the altar is still carried today, and the light fixtures now hang in Miller Hall. You will notice the altar is against the back wall of the sanctuary; it was moved to its present location during renovations completed in 2006. Rev. Perry retired in 1948 and died in 1956. In remembering him, Bishop Horner said "It was during his rectorship that the present church in Brevard was built, and it will ever stand in testimonial to his leadership." The Perrys are buried at St. Paul's-in-the-Valley cemetery.



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING (DEADLINE MARCH 27)

To make an offering for the Easter flowers 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 Friday, March 27, 2026, will be acknowledged in the service leaflets for the Easter services.

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our service to the community – building ramps, collecting food, tutoring children, growing vegetables, delivering meals, and many other activities. Visit <https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/donate> to explore donating. To make a gift now use Realm or text STP to 73256.

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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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

01 Anna Sheedy	02 Clare Desmelik	06 Mooneyan Wood
01 Darby Dame	02 Russ Pomeroy	06 Stephen McCabe
02 Mary-Blair Valentine	06 Jackie Thomas	07 Janet Gralley
02 Celia Richmond	06 Tim Sloan	

Anniversaries

02 Steve and Kay Walker	06 April Méndez and Juan Vargas
02 Bill McCleery and Linea Warmke	Méndez
	07 David and Beverly Yeager

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 MinistryDr. Brittnee Siemon
 Organist Jackson Morton
 Altar Guild.....Polly Averette
 Kathryn Polmanteer

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Sallie Mullikin	Ushers	Melissa Elliott
Reader 1	Melanie McKague		Scott Elliott
Reader 2	Jean Woods	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 3	Jennifer Maupin		Nancy Harger
LEM	Nancy Harger		

10:30 a.m.

Acolytes	Charlotte Cook	Liturgical Coordinator	
	Kathryn Polmanteer		Billie Begg
Reader 1	Kiran Mehta	LEM's	Daphne Chalaron
Reader 2	Mary Whitson		Wayne Eberhardt
Reader 3	Chris Whatley		Bob Wesneski
Welcomer	Jayne Chapman	Offering Counters	
Ushers	Don Stubbs		Bru Izard
	Susie Stubbs		Jann Mellman



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