

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent



Holy Eucharist
Sunday, March 8, 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 Hymne “A solis ortus”: I. Fugue Nicolas de Grigny

All stand as they are able.

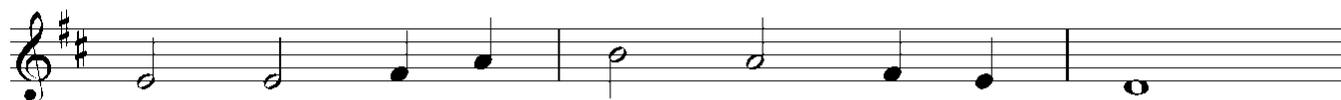
HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Nettleton*
The Hymnal 1982 #686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



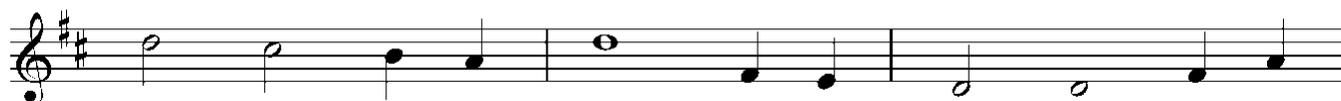
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



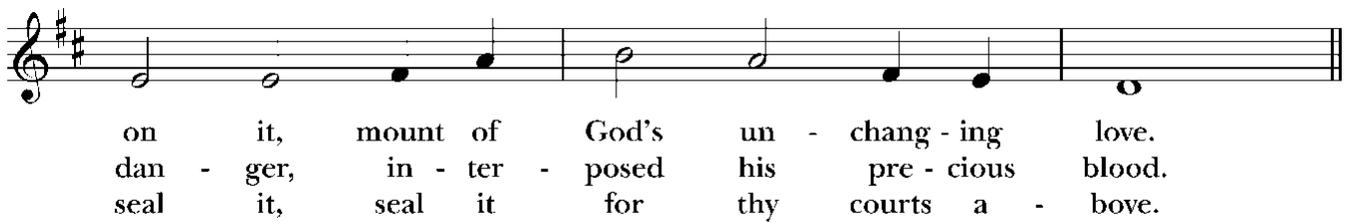
ccas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



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.**

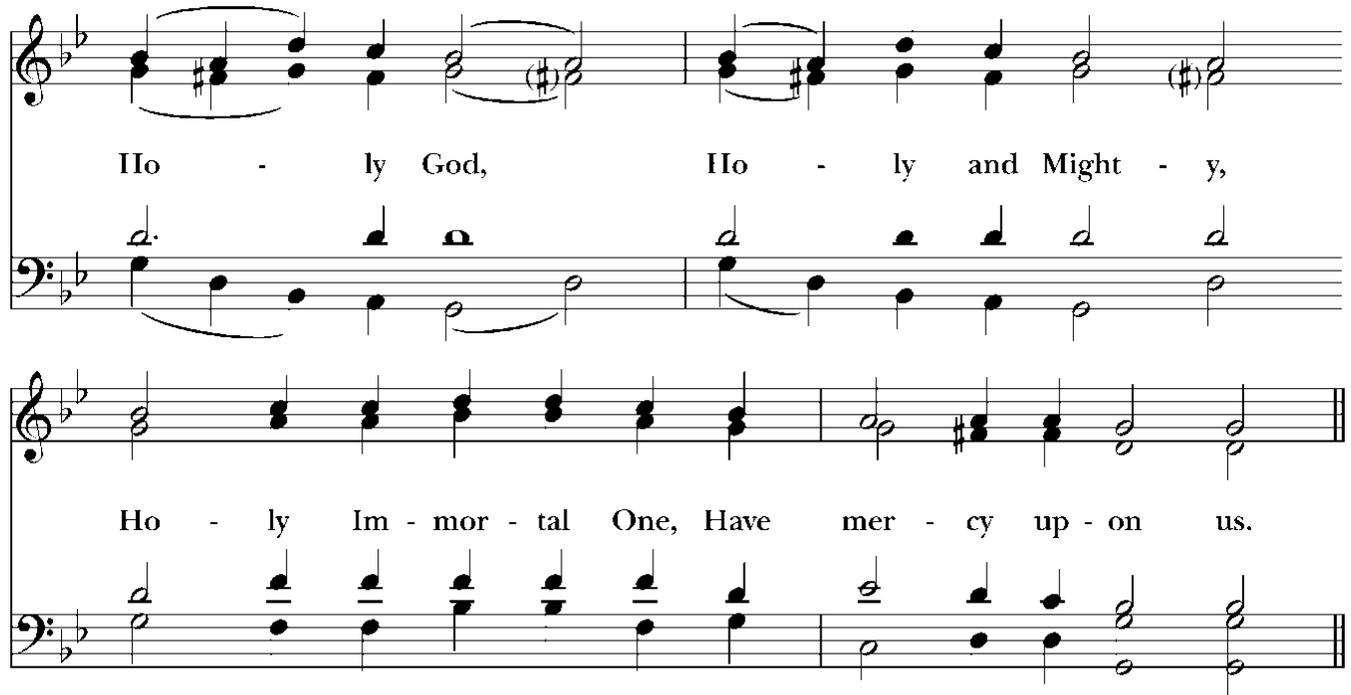
The Priest stands and says

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.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was

no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95

Venite, exultemus

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

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

³For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

⁸Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**

⁹They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

¹⁰Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
**“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”**

¹¹So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the

**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, Jamie Ross, 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 The Diocese of Western North Carolina Commissions, Committees, Agencies, and Boards; and Diocesan Staff. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East.

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

VOLUNTARY

Hymne "A solis ortus": trio

Nicolas de Grigny

OFFERTORY HYMN

Eighth Tune

The Hymnal 1982 #43 (st. 4)

1 2

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



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship
Eucharistic Prayer 2

The people stand as they are able.

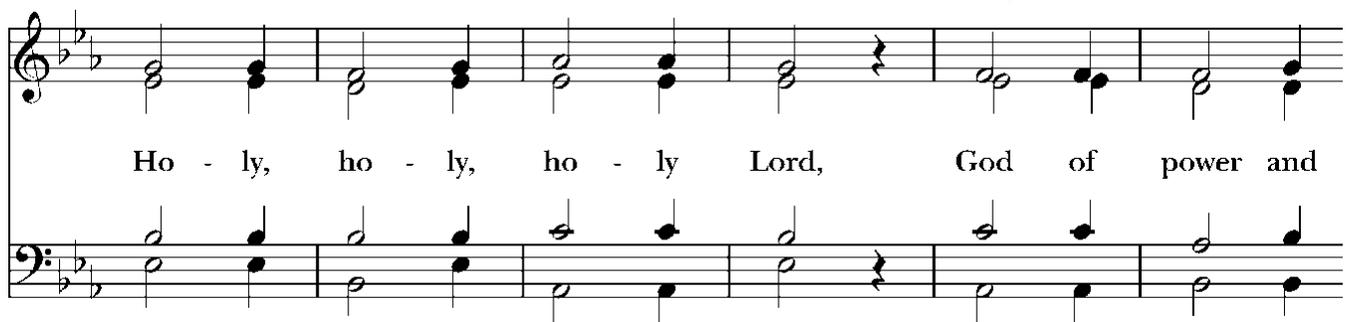
- CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
- PEOPLE **And also with you.**
- CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.
- PEOPLE **We lift them to the Lord.**
- CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- PEOPLE **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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



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 -

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.**

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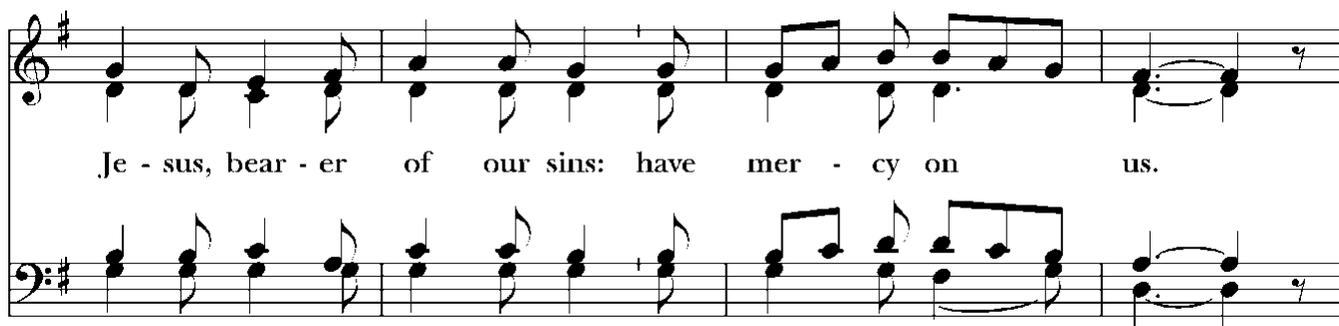
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Jesus, Lamb of God

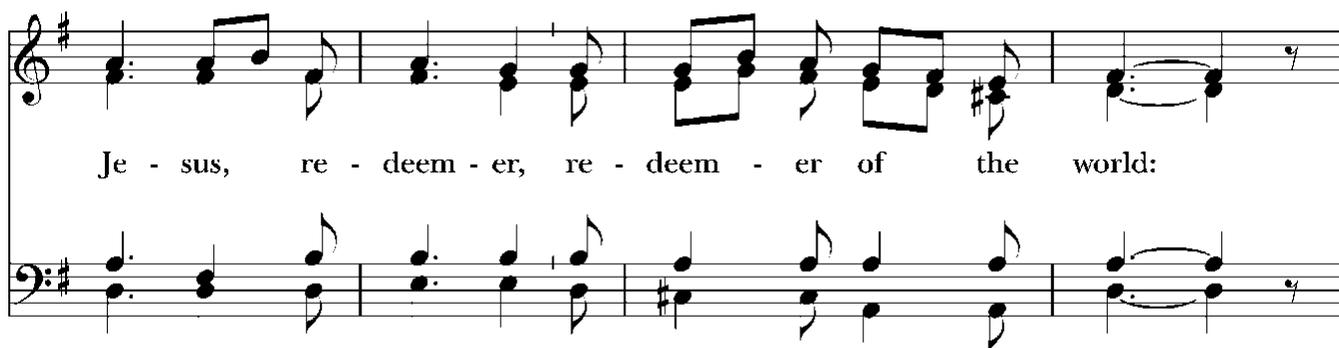
Schubert/Proulx
The Hymnal 1982 #S-164



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 ANTHEM

God Is a Spirit

W. Sterndale Bennett (1816-1875)

God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. For the Father seeketh such to worship him. (Text: John 4:23, 24)

COMMUNION HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Lift Every Voice and Sing #203

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first line of the hymn: "There_ is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound - ed". The second system contains the second line: "whole; There_ is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul." The score ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And_ think my work's in vain, — But —
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can
 3. Don't — ev - er be dis - cour-aged For — Je - sus is your friend, — And —

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. _____
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. _____
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. _____

D.C.

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.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

The Hymnal 1982 #690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with three verses of text.

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

DISMISSAL

The priest or seminarian offers a dismissal, and the people respond

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Hymne “A solis ortus”: IV. Point d’orgue sur les grands jeux

Nicolas de Grigny



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

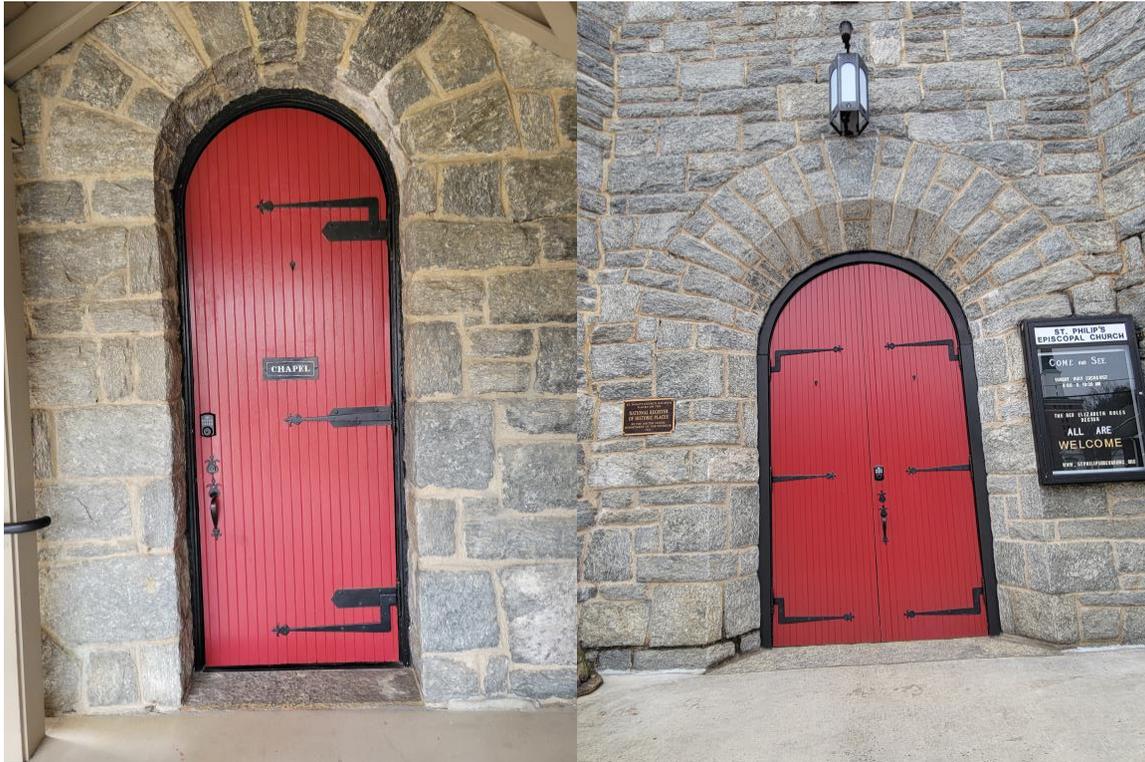
These conversations are led by David Yeager and will meet in the YAC (our large downstairs meeting room) at 9:15 a.m.

- **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.

CENTENNIAL NUGGET: THE RED DOORS

On March 14, 1954, a called Vestry meeting was held to discuss the red paint that had been placed on the Church and Chapel doors. Objections were raised by Mr. David Ward. The color red, while meant to represent Christ’s blood, might also be interpreted as “shedding of blood,” or violence which some might find unwelcoming. Miss Elizabeth Davis gave a brief explanation for the red paint. The color was selected to harmonize

with the church's structure and had no religious significance. The doors were badly in need of repair and varnish or paint was needed. Traditionally, red doors signified the church as a place of safety and open to all. In some Episcopal churches, it might also indicate the mortgage had been paid in full. In this case, only a few Vestry members had been made aware of the red paint. Although the painters were allowed to finish their work, any further decisions concerning the doors would be heard by the entire Vestry. Seventy-two years later, the red paint is still on the Church and Chapel doors.



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.

UNITED THANK OFFERING 2026

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that encourages a daily, personal spiritual practice of gratitude. Participants recognize daily blessings, offer thanks to God, and place monetary offerings in a “Blue Box.” These funds are gathered annually to provide grants supporting innovative missions and ministries. UTO will be celebrated at St Philip's from March 1st to March 22nd. New this year: donate to UTO online! <https://unitedthankoffering.com/?form=FUNQCMCHBTH>

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.

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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

08 David Morrow	09 Susan Andresen	10 Tom Loveland
08 Addie Shober	09 Butch Turbert	11 Mary Lee Fennessy
08 Jim Pierce	09 Dick Crull	14 Stuart Nelson
08 Rosemary Duckworth	10 Rodge Livengood	14 Selah Bauman
08 Mark Strutz	10 Laura Cunningham	14 Abigail Cooley

Anniversaries

13 Darby Dame and Jason Karol

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.

Acolytes	Booth Powell	LEM	Peggy Bridges
	Cora Powell	Ushers	Gordon Murray
Reader 1	Jean Woods		Julie Murray
Reader 2	Ruffin Benton	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 3	Ken Adams		Keith Hawk

10:30 a.m.

Acolytes	Nancy Harger	Liturgical Coordinator	
	Nathaniel Slaughter		Peggy Bridges
Reader 1	Christie Eberhardt	LEMs	Billie Begg
Reader 2	Christine Wright		Peggy Bridges
Reader 3	Wayne Eberhardt		Christie Eberhardt
Welcomer	Sharon Mosher	Offering Counters	
Ushers	Steve Clay		Jeff Ambrose
	David Yeager		Janet Gralley



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