

# St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Holy Eucharist**  
Sunday, May 3, 2026  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

## The Word of God

### PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in e minor

Niklaus Bruhns

*All stand as they are able.*

### HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation *Westminster Abbey*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #518*

*Descant*

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

*The Celebrant says to the People*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

PEOPLE

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (8:00 a.m. only)

*The following is said, all standing*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE** (10:30 a.m. only)

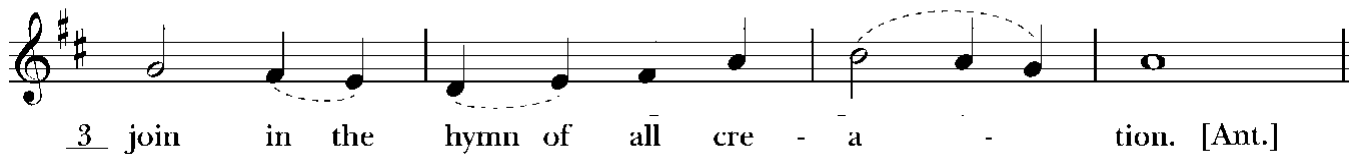
This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God *Festival Canticle*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #417 (st. 3)*

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT        The Lord be with you.  
PEOPLE            **And also with you.**  
CELEBRANT        Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

*All sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

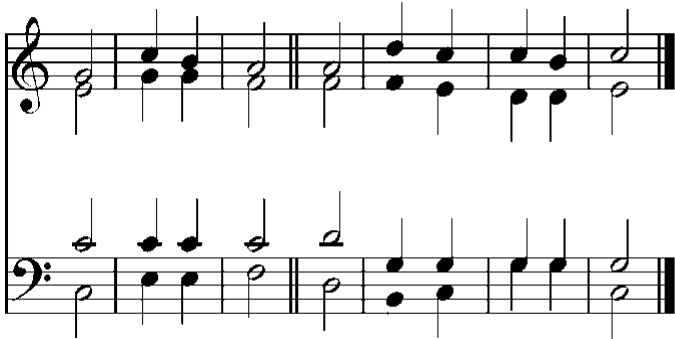
READER            The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

*In te, Domine, speravi*  
*The Hymnal 1984 S-229*

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

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



<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be | put to | shame; \*  
**de- | liver me | in your | righteousness.**

<sup>2</sup>In- | cline your | ear to me; \*  
**make | häste | to de- | liver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my | crag and my | stronghold; \*  
**for the sake of your | Näme, | lead me and | guide me.**

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have | secret- ly | set for me, \*  
**for | you are my | tower of | strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I com- | mend my | spirit, \*  
**for you have redeemed me,**  
**O | LORD, O | God of | truth.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your | hand; \*  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,**  
**and from | those who | perse- cute | me.**

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to | shine u- pon your | servant, \*  
**and in your | lo- ving- | kind- ness | save me.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:2-10

A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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

*All stand as they are able.*

**HYMN**

**Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

*Truro*

*The Hymnal 1982 #182 (st. 1-2, 5)*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 14:1-14

**PRIEST** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**PEOPLE** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples, <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to

the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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**      Offered by a member of the St. Philip's Community

*8:00 a.m.: The Leader reads each petition, and the People respond with the refrain "All Shall Be Well." At 10:30 a.m., all respond with the sung refrain.*

In this Easter season, help us to feel again the joy of the first disciples,

*8:00 a.m.*      **All shall be well.**

*10:30 a.m.*



All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all man-ner of thing shall be we - e - ll.

David Keller; Text by Julian of Norwich

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
**All shall be well.** (*Refrain*)

Teach us to use your creation for your purposes, that all may share the good things you provide,

**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

Bless our search for justice and peace and give our leaders wisdom to carry out your will in the world,

**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

Inspire us to generosity of spirit toward our neighbors,

**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair and help us be ready to minister to all in need: prisoners, victims of abuse, the homeless, the poor,

**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

Keep us conscious of all who are sick in mind or body, especially those on our parish prayer list, and strengthen all who give their energy to healing,

**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

*Christy Adams, Alston, Kathy Ambrose, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Bill, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Charles, Holly Renee Copeland, 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, Eugene, the Borgia family, Betsy Fletcher, 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, 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, John Welch, Penny Williams, Eileen Gilson Williams, Ed Wiseman, Risdon Wood, Judy Yancey*

Give a peaceful end to the dying and eternal rest to the departed, remembering Catherine Giller. Comfort all with the promise of the Resurrection,

**All shall be well.** *(Refrain)*

In our diocese, we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd, Cashiers; Church of the Good Shepherd, Hayesville; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Tryon. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of North India (United).

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Cornerstone Centennial Auction volunteers and their dedication and hard work for All God's Children of Transylvania County.

*The priest concludes with this collect*

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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**

If Ye Love Me

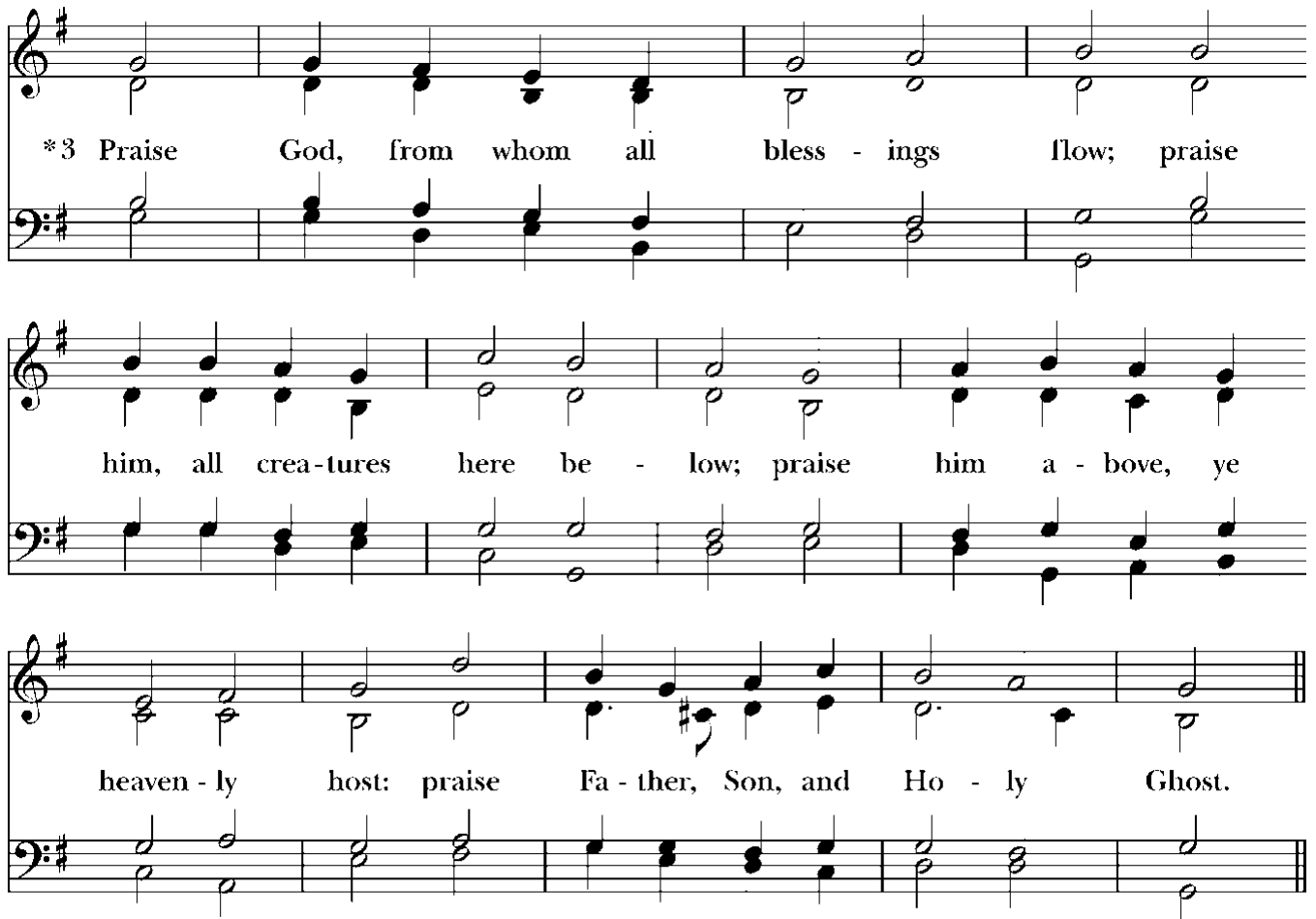
Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

Text: John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you  
for ever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

OFFERTORY HYMN

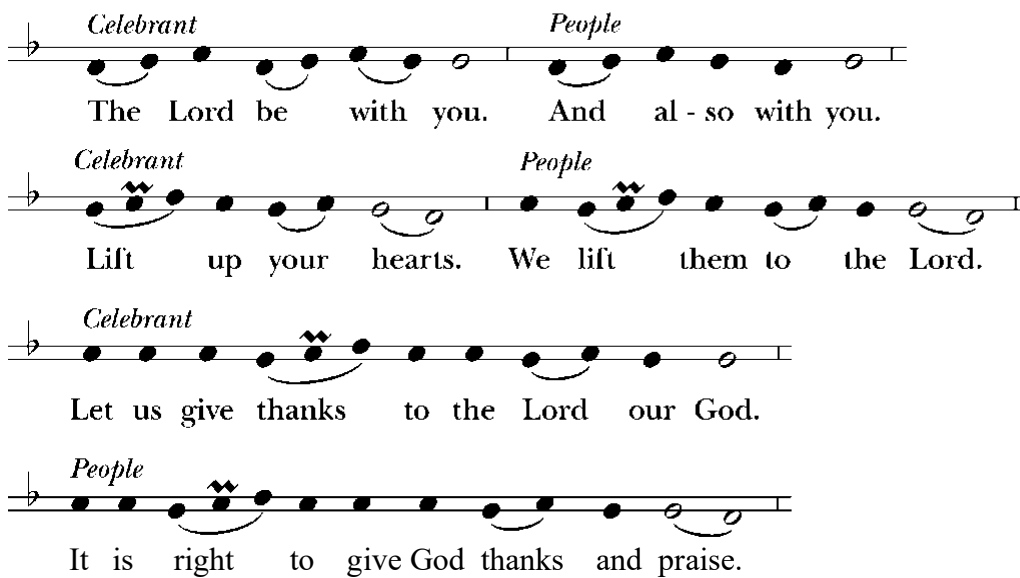
Old 100th  
The Hymnal 1982 #380 (st. 3)



\*3 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

Eucharistic Prayer A



*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

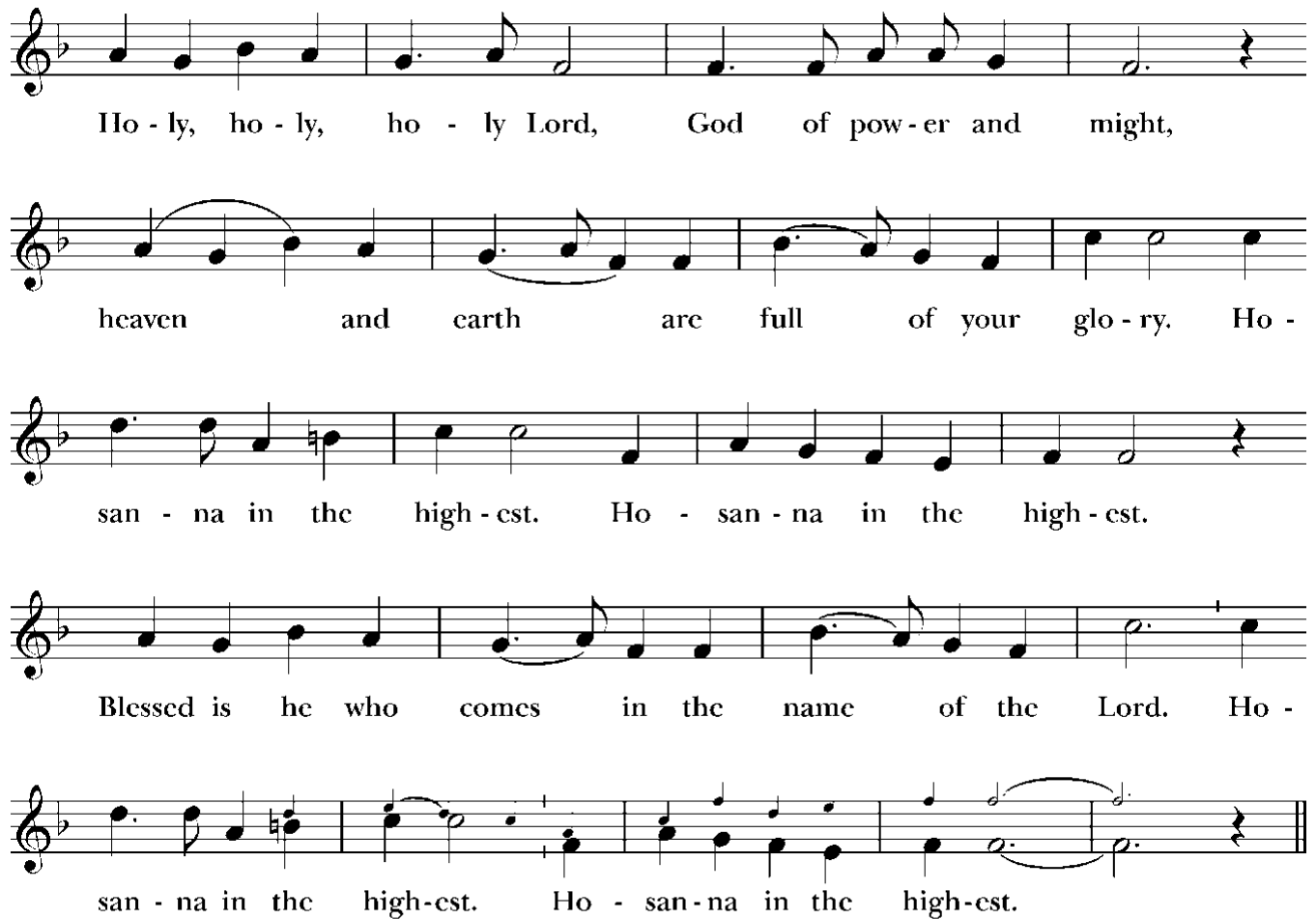
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

Richard Proulx  
*The Hymnal 1982 #S-125*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed 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 Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM**

*(8:00 a.m. only)*

CELEBRANT We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.

PEOPLE **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.**

*(10:30 a.m. only)*

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*  
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

## 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.*



Je - sus Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.  
 Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.  
 Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.  
 Je - sus, Mas - ter, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

### 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.**

## BLESSING

### HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

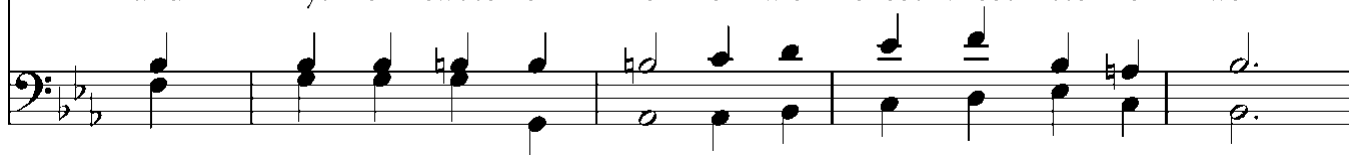
*The Hymnal 1982 #525 (st. 1-2, 4-5)*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she presses, with every grace ended.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

**DISMISSAL**

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

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE**

Deuxieme 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 sharing the same Holy Eucharist, Rite II liturgy in our Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. spoken service as the 10:30 a.m. service.
- **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](http://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 SUNDAY, MAY 3**

- **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** – In Coffee & Conversation on Sunday, May 3, Terry Decker will facilitate reflection and discussion on the topic of “What Would Jesus Do: What Does Being Christian Mean in the World.” Terry will share glimpses of Jesus in his time and place in 1st century Palestine with hopes to unpack themes of social justice, grace, and inclusion. Coffee & Conversation meets in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.
- **"WALKING THE EPISCOPAL WAY"** – The class meets at 9:15 a.m. in the YAC (our large downstairs meeting room) and will conclude on May 3. We will cover the Liturgy of the Eucharist (why we do what we do) and touch on the sacred beliefs of the Episcopal Church. If you missed the first round and are interested, please join us!

### **CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET: NEEDLEPOINT KNEELERS AT THE ALTAR RAIL**

In the Episcopal Church tradition, there are two types of kneelers commonly used. The first is in the pews. Worshippers typically use these for prayer, during confession and the Great Thanksgiving. The second type is at the Altar rail, and are primarily used during communion, or at other times for prayer or to receive a blessing.

The altar rail kneelers are padded and frequently hand-stitched or needlepoint crafted by parishioners. They are often designed to represent biblical images, symbolic themes or local representations (such as plants or flowers).

On January 17, 1957, Mrs. John W. Quillian, a parishioner, made an offer to St. Philip's to make needlepoint kneeler coverings for the altar rails in the church and chapel. The coverings would be beige in color with a design of wheat and ivy leaves. The Vestry withheld a decision on the offer pending the receipt of a sketch of the proposed design from Mrs. Quillian. Apparently, the original design was adjusted to include other religious symbols.

Although there was no further mention of the needlepoint covers in the Vestry notes, it is believed that the design was accepted and the covers made. Later, in the mid 2000s, a second set of needlepoint covers was designed by a group of parishioners. Those were crafted with a medium blue background and a wide variety of biblical symbols. The kneelers were completed in 2010-2011 and are currently in use.



### **HEALING PRAYER AND HOLY ANOINTING CONTINUE**

Healing prayer and holy anointing are now a regular part of our worship life at St. Philip's. Rooted in the New Testament and carried through the Church's tradition, this ministry offers prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing with holy oil as signs of God's presence, mercy, and healing grace.

You are invited to come forward for any need—physical, emotional, or spiritual: illness, anxiety, grief, major decisions, or simply a desire to rest in God's care. All are welcome to receive these prayers and the healing love of Christ.

### **EASTERTIDE**

The Season of Easter begins with the first Alleluia of Easter and ends 50 days later on the Day of Pentecost. During this season, the liturgical color is white and the liturgies are uplifting and joyful. From the ashes of Ash Wednesday, God has brought us into the fullness of life and joy!

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

### **Birthdays**

03 Holmes Desmelik	06 Mimi Pomeroy	08 Ryan Richardson
04 Chappie Powell	06 Cormac Farlow	09 Carole Orr
04 Susan Hansel	07 William Begg	09 Ben Long
04 Sally Rausch	07 Wyatt Topper	09 Dorothy Trotter
06 Lucia Bennett	07 Julie Workman	09 Sarah McMillan

### **Anniversaries**

04 Teejay and Jessalyn Valentine	06 Reid and Kat Usedom
06 Mac and Veronica Morrow	09 Brian and Emily Farlow
06 Chris Foster and Pauline Merrill-Foster	

## **GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!**

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our Connection in Community – creating bonds of affection through play, shared meals, and study in our welcoming space within our buildings and on our grounds. Visit <https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/donate> to explore donating. To make a gift now use Realm or text STP to 73256.

## **WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. PHILIP'S**

Join us each week at our services of Holy Eucharist!

- Sundays, 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*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:** *I am the Road, the Truth and Life* (ca. 1909). Anonymous mosaic, Vasakyrkan, Gothenburg, Sweden. Note: Detail of the upper part of the door way, main entrance, Vasakyrkan, Gothenburg, Sweden. On the top it says “Jag är Vägen och Sanningen och Lifvet,” meaning “I am the Road, the Truth and Life.” Photo and text from Jopparn. (Attribution: Anonymous. I am the Road, the Truth and Life, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59756> [retrieved April 10, 2026]. Original source: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Vasakyrkan,\\_close-up\\_external\\_art1.JPG](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Vasakyrkan,_close-up_external_art1.JPG).)

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**8:00 a.m.**

Acolyte	Betty Creese	Ushers	Scott Elliott
Reader 1	Jennifer Maupin		Terry Watt
Reader 2	Jean Woods	Liturgical Coordinator	
Reader 3	TBA		Nancy Harger
LEM	Sallie Mullikin		

**10:30 a.m.**

Acolytes	Nancy Harger	LEMs	Peggy Bridges
	Lena Polk		Jann Mellman
Reader 1	Molly Tartt		Wayne Eberhardt
Reader 2	Mary Whitson	Offering Counters	
Reader 3	Jann Mellman		Bru Izard
Ushers	Pat Dunham		Jann Mellman
	Leslie Lathrop		
Liturgical Coordinator	Ken Racht		

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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.*

