

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist
Sunday, May 10, 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

La Villageoise

Jean-Philippe Rameau

All stand as they are able.

HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *Mit Freuden zart*

The Hymnal 1982 #408



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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

3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]

Final Antiphon

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

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

All sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he

needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

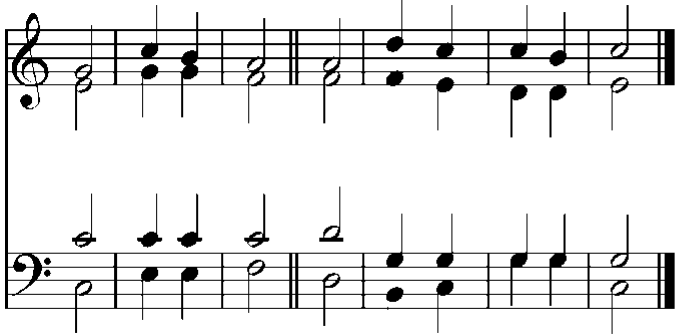
(Psalm continues on the next page.)

PSALM 66:7-11, 14-15, 18

Jubilate Deo
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.



⁷Bless our | God, you | peoples; *
make the | voice of his | praise to be | heard,

⁸Who holds our | souls in | life, *
and will not al- | low our | feet to | slip.

⁹For you, O | God, have | proved us; *
you have tried us | just as | silver is | tried.

¹⁰You brought us | into the | snare; *
you laid heavy | burdens up- | on our | backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through | fire and | water; *
but you brought us out | into a | place of re- | freshment.

¹⁴Come and listen, all | you who fear | God, *
and I will | tell you | what he has | done for me.

¹⁵I called out to | him with my | mouth, *
and his | praise was | on my | tongue.

¹⁸Blessed be God, who has not re- | jected my | prayer, *
nor with- | held his | love from | me.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

The Hymnal 1982 #460 (st. 1-3)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans arc wc
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

PRIEST The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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, Carl Denny, Judy Caldwell Dexter, Lance Dickenson, 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, Will, 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 Nancy Dillard and Norah Davis. Comfort all with the promise of the Resurrection,

All shall be well. *(Refrain)*

In our diocese, we pray for Trinity Church, Spruce Pine; and Trinity Church, Asheville. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United).

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the anniversary of the consecration of this stone church on May 7, 1939.

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

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

To those who gave birth this year to their first child -
We celebrate with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day
and wear the badge of food stains -
We appreciate you.

To those who lost a child this year -
We mourn with you.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms -
We need you.

To those who experienced loss this year through miscarriage,
failed adoptions, or running away -
We mourn with you

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests,
and the overall testing of motherhood -
We are better for having you in our midst.

To those who have warm and close relationships
with your children -
We celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heart ache,
and distance with your children -
We sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year -
We grieve with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility,
and experience tears, and disappointment -
**We walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things.
We don't mean to make this harder than it is.**

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year -
We grieve and rejoice with you.

And to those who are pregnant with new life,
both expected and surprising -
We anticipate with you.

This Mother's Day, we walk with you.
Mothering is not for the faint of heart. We have real,
remarkable women in our midst. We remember you.
We thank God for you.

The Holy Communion

ANTHEM

Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me

Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Text: Traditional

Let the life I've lived speak for me.
Let the life I've lived speak for me.
When I come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heavy load,
Let the life I've lived speak for me.

Let the friends I've made, let them speak for me.
Let the friends I've made, let them speak for me.
When I come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heavy load,
Let the friends I've made, let them speak for me.

Lay down your burden, and rest with the setting sun.
All the beauty of your life will shine when your day is done.
Let the love I've shared speak for me.
Let the love I've shared speak for me.
Let the love I've tried to share, and the burdens I've struggled to bear,
All this life of joy and care
Speak for me.

The Celebrant proceeds

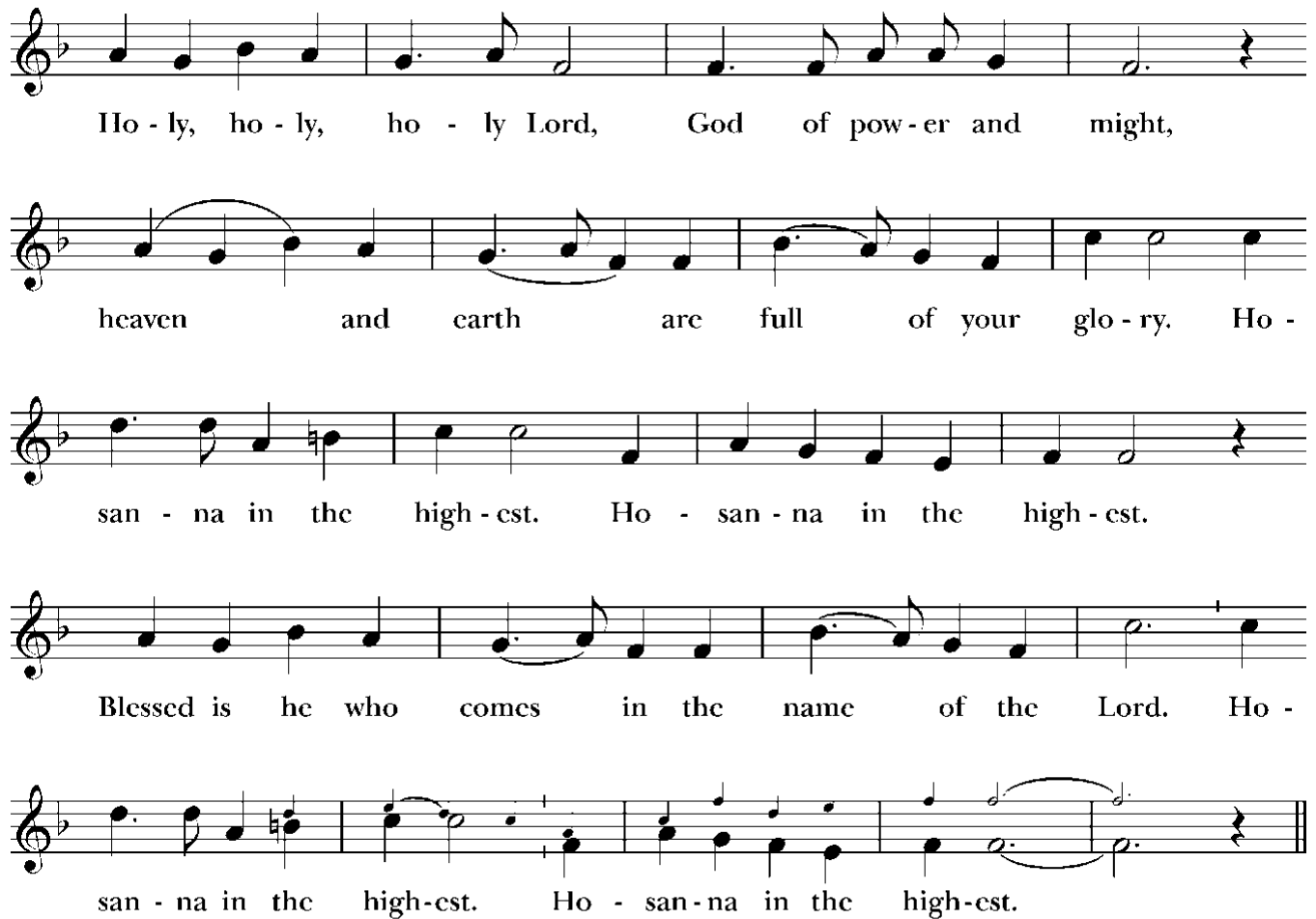
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

HYMN

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Mendon
The Hymnal 1982 #512

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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

Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness

Finnian
The Hymnal 1982 #492



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE Gott, Durch Deine Güte (Canon at the octave)

J. S. Bach





Hearing Loop assistance is available inside this building. Set hearing aid on “T” (telecoil) setting. Headsets are also available in both the narthex and Miller Hall that will allow access to the Hearing Loop. Please see an usher for help.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We welcome children of all ages in all our worship services. In the narthex, you can find worship bags with quiet activities for children. **Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today beginning at 10:15 a.m. for our 10:30 a.m. service.** An usher can direct you to our nursery located on the lower level of our parish building.

HEARING THE WORD

On Sunday, May 10, 2026, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Judith A. Davis to preach at our Sunday morning services. Judith is an adjunct priest at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, an adjunct professor of Religion at Brevard College, a faculty member of the Diocese of Western North Carolina’s IONA School for Ministry, and a board member of the Transylvania Choral Society. She is an artist, especially of religious icons, and in her free time she goes birdwatching and plays golf. She retired as rector of Christ Church Episcopal in Harwich Port, MA on Cape Cod in 2018 when she and her family moved to Brevard. Her son Jamie Gilson is a choral scholar at St. Philip’s. Please join us in welcoming Judith!

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.** – Coffee & Conversation is an adult spiritual formation opportunity that convenes Sundays between services and consists of discussions of relevant issues from a Biblical perspective. Coffee & Conversation meets in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.
- **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.

TODAY’S COMMUNION BREAD

The recipe for the Communion bread this week is from the June 1983 issue of the parish newsletter, *The St. Philippian*, and came from the Holy Spirit Monastery in Converse, Georgia. There’s no indication that this bread was actually used at the Sunday services; rather, the recipe was one of the monthly recipe columns that appeared in *The St. Philippian*. Instructions following the bread-making recommended that “This bread should be made by one in a joyful mood. Take time, don’t rush. Do it with a smile and love. The Lord is watching, waiting to change this bread into His Body. Speak with Him and thank Him.”

May we be blessed and reminded of our past, present, and future call as the people of St. Philip's.

DID YOU KNOW ?

You can share caring and concern where there is sorrow, grief, or sadness. It may be for a family member, a neighbor, a friend, or you. Just select an item from the basket in the parish hall foyer – a scarf, a shawl, a throw which has been blessed to offer comfort, warmth and enfolding. – *Fiber and Friends Ministry*

CELTIC GATHERING MAY 16

Our next Celtic Gathering will be Saturday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m. in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room. Join us for a twilight service of praise, contemplation, reflection, poetry and sharing. Rooted in the Celtic traditions, our service will offer a monthly time of community and contemplation. Invite your friends and neighbors. Designed for families; no childcare is provided.

CELEBRATE OUR SENIOR JACKSON MORTON SUNDAY, MAY 17!

On Sunday, May 17, we celebrate St. Philip’s graduating college senior Jackson Morton. A gift bag for Jackson will be provided in the narthex on Sunday, May 10 and 17 (and in the parish office during the week) and presented to him during the 10:30 a.m. service -

we invite you to add a card, prayer, or small gift to help honor him. We look forward to celebrating Jackson!

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.

VETERANS ROLL CALL OF HONOR ON SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

The Veterans Roll Call of Honor on Sunday, May 24, 2026, will be held at 10:15 a.m. at the foot of the flagpole in front of St. Philip's. We encourage parishioners to give us the names of departed veterans so their names may be read aloud during the ceremony. Remember to sign up your departed veteran on the roster in the parish house foyer or e-mail office@stphilipsbrevardnc.org by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026, to make sure they will receive the honors due to them.

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

10 Marcia Millar	12 Phillip Thomason	14 Bru Izard
10 Beth Busbee	12 Felicity Myers	16 Susan Winsor
10 Mary Thigpen	13 Barbara Walter	
12 Ida Smith	13 Megan Shepherd	

Anniversaries

10 Rick and Jeanie Rowan	14 Greg and Carole Hilderbran
11 Jared and Jen Silva	16 Bill Byers and Jo Pumphrey
14 Jim and Judy Pierce	

Notes



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The Rev. Elizabeth Roles, Rector



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



OUR MISSION: *Guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and informed by Scripture, tradition and reason, we will:*

- *Learn and teach by word and example how God continues to be at work in the world and in our lives;*
- *Love and serve all people as Christ loves us;*
- *Grow in faithful stewardship of the resources God has given us; and*
- *Celebrate joyfully this faith in our life, worship, prayer, and service.*

