

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist
Sunday, May 17, 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 L'Ascension: I Olivier Messiaen
Majesty of Christ Praying that His Father Should Glorify Him

“Father, the hour is come: glorify thy son that was thy son also may glorify thee.”

All stand as they are able.

HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns *Diademata*
The Hymnal 1982 #494 (st. 1-2, 5)

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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)

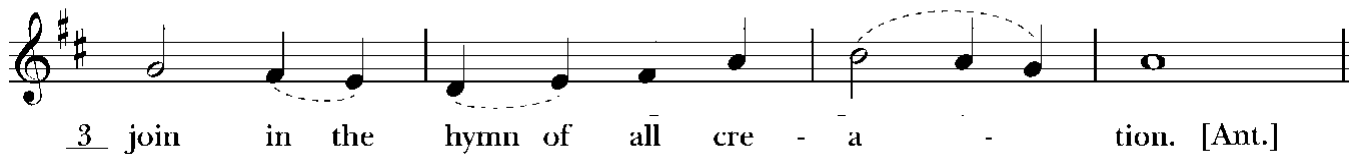
This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God *Festival Canticle*
The Hymnal 1982 #417 (st. 3)

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



Final Antiphon



COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

All sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This

Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

READER The Word of the Lord.

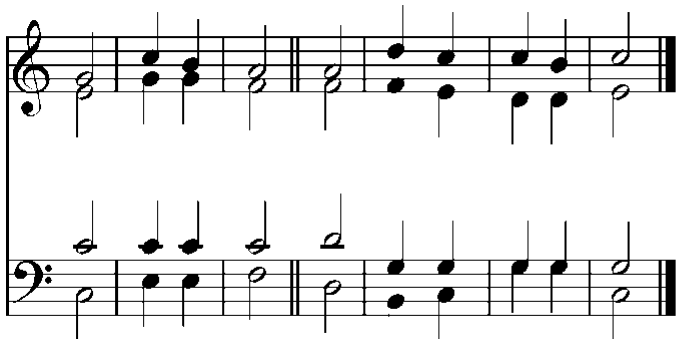
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-2, 5-10

Exsurgat Deus
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.*



¹Let God arise, and let his | enemies be | scattered; *
let those who | hate him | flee be- | fore him.

²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind | drives it a- | way; *
**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked | perish at the | presence
of | **God.****

³Father of orphans, de- | fender of | widows, *
God in his | ho- ly | ha- bi- | tation!

⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners | in- to | freedom; *

but the | rebels shall | live in dry | places.

⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your | people, *
when you | märched | through the | wilderness,

⁸The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the | God of | Sinai, *
at the presence of | God, the | God of | Israel.

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon | your in- | heritance; *
you refreshed the | land when | it was | weary.

¹⁰Your people | found their | home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have | made pro- | vision for the | poor.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

All stand as they are able.

HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord of Life Ascends

Parker

The Hymnal 1982 #222 (st. 1-2)

1 Re - joice, the Lord of life a - scends
2 No more his mor - tal form we sec;

in tri - umph from earth's bat - tle - field:
he reigns in - vis - i - ble but near:

his strife with hu - man ha - tred ends,
for in the midst of two or three

as sin and death their con - quests yield.
he makes his glo - rious pres - ence clear.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

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

¹Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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, 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, 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
Norah Davis and Mary Rose. Comfort all with the promise of the
Resurrection,

All shall be well. *(Refrain)*

In our diocese, we pray for Camp Henry and all the children and youth of the
diocese. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of
Papua New Guinea.

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the Glory of God and in
thanksgiving for our 2026 Education for Ministry graduates.

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

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GRADUATION LITURGY

CELEBRANT Will the EFM graduates and the mentors please come forward?
Also, will all current and past EFM students in the congregation
please stand up?

MENTOR Today we celebrate the graduation of Barbara Boerner, Kate Shober, Gerry Smith, Twighla Voglesong, and Glynda Wilkins who have completed four years in Education for Ministry — studying the scriptures, church history, and theology. For all students in EFM, these years are also marked by community, reflecting on living out our beliefs in our daily lives, and purposely seeking where God is calling us to ministry. Let us join with our EFM graduates in this celebration.

CELEBRANT Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. We are called to develop these gifts in programs like EFM and use these gifts to God's purpose.

CELEBRANT TO MENTOR

Are the persons you present prepared by knowledge of their faith, to exercise their ministries to the honor of God and for the wellbeing of all people?

MENTOR Yes, they are.

CELEBRANT The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

CELEBRANT TO GRADUATES

Will you continue to develop your gifts and learn about God and God's people; and execute the duties of your ministries faithfully and reverently to the honor of God, and the benefit of all people?

GRADUATES I will.

CELEBRANT TO CONGREGATION

Will you, support these graduates in their ministries and renew your own baptismal covenant to renounce Satan, repent of your sins, and follow Jesus?

PEOPLE **We will.**

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

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff continues: "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff continues: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth staff concludes with: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.".

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.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY L'Ascension: IV Olivier Messiaen Prayer from Christ ascending towards his father

“And now, O Father, I have manifested Thy name unto men... and now, I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to Thee.”

HYMN

Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray

Song 1

The Hymnal 1982 #315

Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
 3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

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

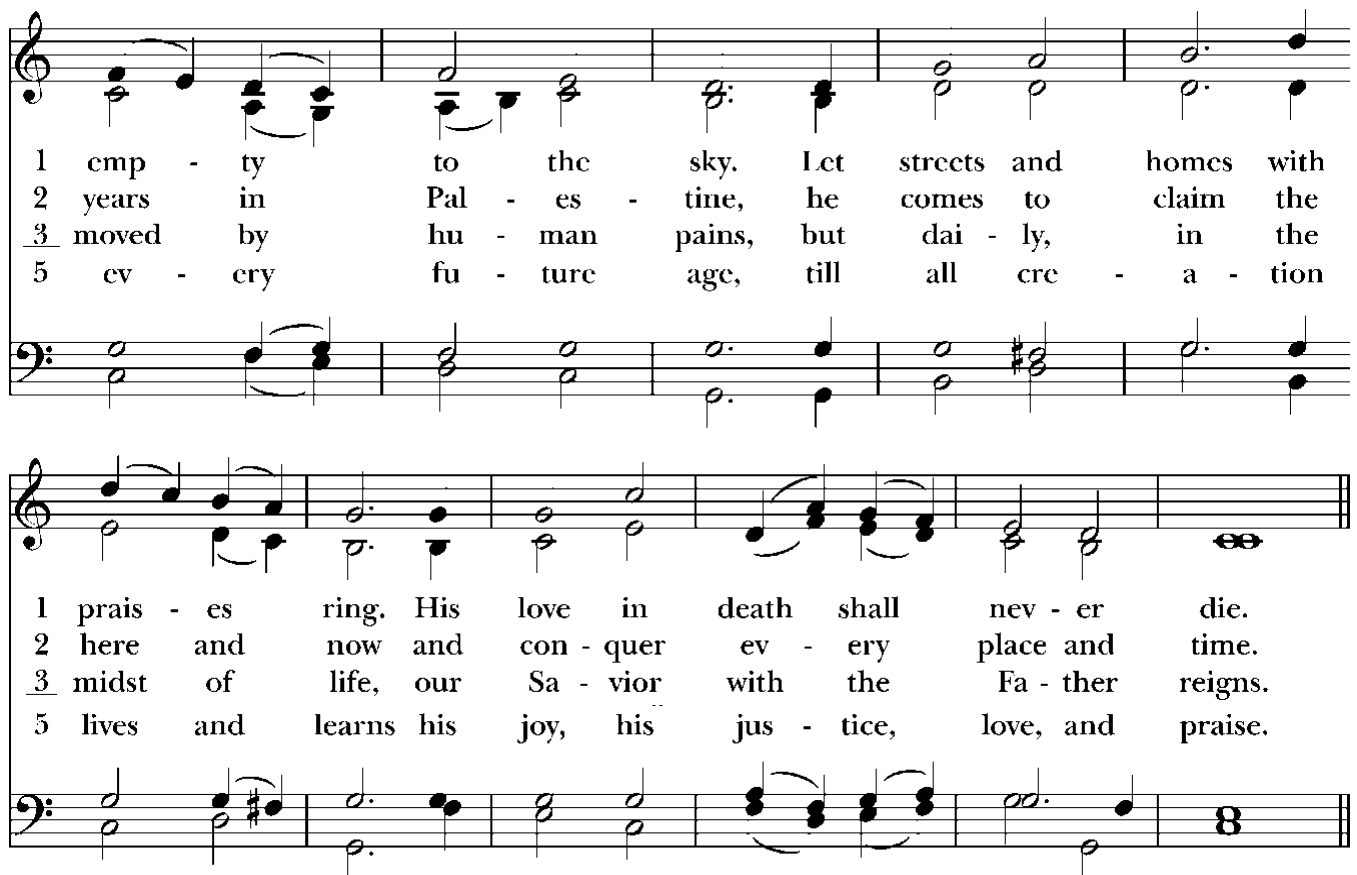
HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Truro

The Hymnal 1982 #182 (st. 1-3, 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
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
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
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in 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.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

L'Ascension: III

Olivier Messiaen

Outburst of joy from a soul before the Glory of Christ which is its own glory.

“Giving thanks unto The Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light... has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”



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.** – 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.

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET: THE FIRST NEWSLETTER (1959)

In the late 1950s, the Rev. Fred Valentine was Rector of St. Philip's. This was a very active time in the life of the Parish. The Rev. Valentine realized that many parishioners had little idea what was happening with various church groups. He decided that a "newsletter" should be published which would highlight parish events. The first

publication appeared in 1959; the exact date is unknown. It was titled “The Parish News-Trinity Edition.” The edition which is archived is Edition #3, from November 9, 1959.

The Rev. Valentine was so anxious to share news with the Parish, that he requested a mimeograph machine be purchased (noted in the Annual Budget) for the purpose of printing the newsletters. Each edition included the Rev. Valentine’s drawings. The following are a few of the events highlighted in the November newsletter.

1. Fruit Cakes for Sale: \$1/lb. (cakes range in size from 2-5 lbs.). Baked by Mr. and Mrs. Berger. Proceeds benefit the Parish.
2. St. Philip’s Bookstore: Mrs. John Quillian, Manager. Books of all types, including children’s books, are available: Proceeds benefit the Parish House Building Fund.
3. The Men’s Club: planning a Square Dance at Camp High Rocks. \$1/Adult Couple 50 cents/Teen Couple. Straw Ride from St. Philip’s to High Rocks.
4. Church Bazaar Workshops: held weekly at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm, or parishioners may work on items at home.
Christmas Bazaar: December 3-4, 1959.
5. EYC (5th grade-9th grade): planning a hot dog roast and hayride.

Beginning in April 1960, the single page newsletter evolved into a multi-page newsletter titled, “St. Philip’s Epistle To The Transylvanians.” This newsletter included articles, calendars, committee reports and the Rev. Valentine’s drawings. St. Philip’s newsletters have continued to be published and have been known as either “The Messenger,” “The Saint Philippian,” or “The Epistle.” The current e-newsletter “The E-pistle” debuted in 2007. *(Please see the Friday, May 15 edition of the digital E-pistle for photos.)*

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!

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*

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.

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.

TAIZÉ SERVICE May 31

By a pond a dragonfly lands near you, as if to greet you... Please join us in on Sunday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m. for a Taizé service with readings from the prayers and poetry of Steve Garnass-Holmes. Pastor Steve is a retired Methodist minister who writes a daily devotional called *Unfolding Light*. Our readings will feature selections from the last few years. His writings often emphasize the beauty of creation as well as how God can heal us and the world during trying times. Our service meets in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.

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

18 Beth Rich	19 Mary Dryselius	23 Grant Bullard
18 Ali McCabe	19 Rick Laws	23 Judy Mowery
18 Jeff Ambrose	19 Susan Whaley	23 Lauren Day
18 Jan Sendzik	20 Eric Stepling	

Anniversaries

17 Edward and Sarah McMillan	22 Michael and Joann McCarthy
19 Ryan and Sarah Richardson	

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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.*

