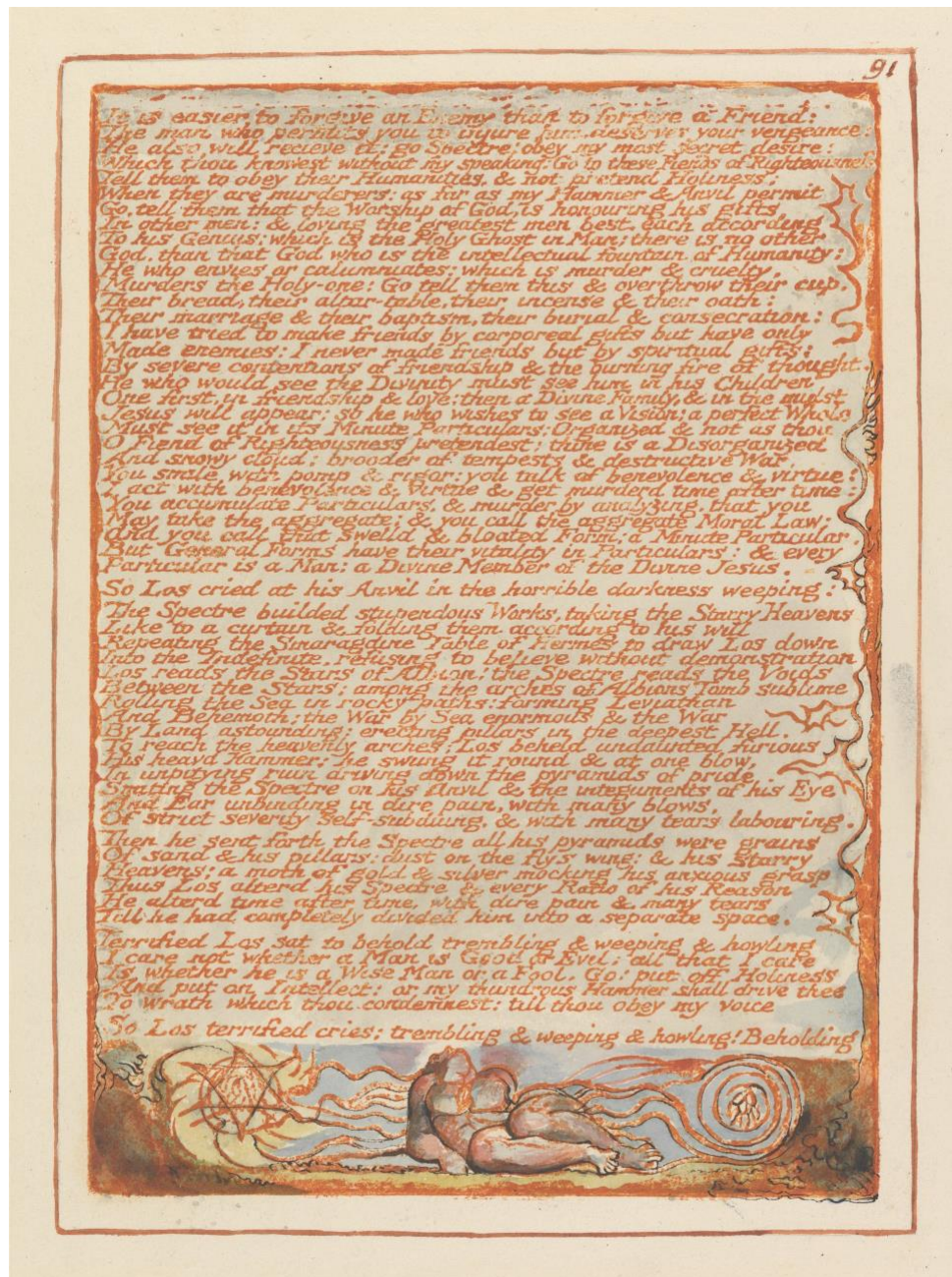


St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist
Sunday, September 13, 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 (8:00 a.m.) Prelude in C Major, BWV 553 J. S. Bach

(10:30 a.m.) *Cwm Rhondda* setting by P. Manz

INTROIT As We Are Walking in the Light Len Thomas

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*
The Hymnal 1982 #690

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

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

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

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

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield. thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

The Celebrant says to the People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (10:30 a.m. only)

Robert Powell
The Hymnal 1982 #S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:8-13

Benedic, anima mea
The Hymnal 1984 S-206
Richard Farrant (1525?-1580)

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.



(8:00 a.m.) Let us read the psalm responsively by half verse.

⁸The LORD is full of com- | passion and | mercy, *
slow to | anger and of | grëat | kindness.

⁹He will not | always ac- | cuse us, *
nor will he | keep his | anger for | ever.

¹⁰He has not dealt with us ac- | ording to our | sins, *
nor rewarded us ac- | cor- ding | to our | wickedness.

¹¹For as the heavens are | high a- bove the | earth, *
so is his mercy | great u- pon | those who | fear him.

¹²As far as the | east is from the | west, *
so far has he re- | moved our sïns | from us.

¹³As a father | cares for his | children, *
so does the LORD | care for | those who | fear him.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who

abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only) Where Charity and Love Prevail *Cheshire*
The Hymnal 1982 581 (st. 1-3)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) on a grand staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating the start of each line of the hymn.

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

PRIEST The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

NICENE CREED *All stand as they are able.*

Let us rise and reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

**He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Christy Adams, Alston, Kathy Ambrose, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Bill, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Cassidy, Holly Renee Copeland, Courtney, Darrington Crane, Jay Curwen, Carl Denny, Judy Caldwell Dexter, Lance Dickenson, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, Judith Egan, Ellen, Eugene, the Borgia family, Tim Courtois and family, Mike Farley, Liz Ford, Ann Franklin, Colten Frey, John Gannon, Tim Harris, Howard

Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane, Roxann Kibbin, Michael Kirwen, Kurt, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Rodge and Barbara Livengood, Kathleen Mallet, Dottie Marcinko, Buddy Marines, Johnny Martinez, Larry Maupin, Mark and Leslie Montgomery, Veronica Morrow, Tom Murray, Pam, Pat, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce, West Rial, Jim Rice, Linda Rigsby, Lisa Rodke, Lisa Rodke, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Linda Schieve, Bill Sharp, Frank Shoemaker, Alice Silva, Ray Snellgrove, Linda Stadnick, Barbara Staubs, Brenda Summers, Matthew Sundstrom, Sr., Mike Tiddy, Jenny Tierney, Jim Tso, Emily Walthall, Will, Eileen Gilson Williams, Dick and Susanne Williams, Ed Wiseman, Risdon Wood, Judy Yancey

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the flowers at the altar, given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Stewardship Committee who remind us of our generous hands and grateful hearts.

We pray for those who are expecting childbirth, remembering Claire Sikes-Clark and Zif Clark, and Magdalena and Christian Funk.

In our diocese, we pray for Holy Cross, Tryon; and Holy Cross, Valle Crucis. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Let There Be Music Gary A. Cornell
 St. Philip's Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY (10:30 a.m. only)

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

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Enriching Our Worship 1
Eucharistic Prayer 1*

All stand as they are able.

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People (8:00 a.m. only)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(10:30 a.m. only)

Proulx, *The Hymnal 1982* #S 125

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written 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 contains 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff contains 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth staff contains '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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Philip and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

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

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.**

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 Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace *Dickinson College*
The Hymnal 1982 #593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

CHANT

All Shall Be Well

David Keller

Text by Julian of Norwich

Choir and congregation sing five times together.

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

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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

*Lobe den Herren
The Hymnal 1982 #390 (st. 1-3)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

DISMISSAL

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

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

(8:00 a.m.) Trumpet tune

Brenda Portman

(10:30 a.m.) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr Michael Burkhardt



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.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13!

On Sunday, September 13, our program year begins with the return of adult formation, children and youth formation, nursery, our choir (at our 10:30 a.m. worship service), and Coffee Hour! All are welcome!

OUR ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The 2026 Giving Season starts on Sunday, September 13: Generous Hands, Grateful Hearts – Shape the Future. In the year of our Cornerstone Centennial, we remember the phrase from Acts 2:46 "gladness and singleness of heart." Going forward, our

opportunity to Shape the Future is now, and we should look gladly and joyfully on St. Philip's impact on each of us and the community. Please pledge generously in response to our Grateful Hearts.

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.
- **Walking The Episcopal Way at 9:15 a.m.** – see below.
- **Coffee & Conversation at 9:15 a.m.** – see below.
- **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.
- **Youth Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.** – Middle and high school youth are invited to join us for Sunday School! We meet weekly in the education wing downstairs to discuss youth-led topics and what we can learn about them from the Bible.
- **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.

EXPANDING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES IN A PROPHETIC AGE

This fall, Coffee & Conversation will explore spiritual practices for living out the Kingdom here and now—especially in a time of upheaval and change. Together, we'll expand our understanding of practices such as unhurriedness, radical hospitality, downward mobility, and consider how they shape the way we move through the world. Coffee & Conversation meets at 9:15 a.m. in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.

WALKING THE EPISCOPAL WAY: A FOUR-WEEK CLASS

Where did the Episcopal Church come from, and what do Episcopalians believe? Over four Sundays, “Walking the Episcopal Way” takes up both questions, along with the why behind them.

We’ll follow the church’s story from the first house gatherings in first-century Jerusalem, through the councils that gave us the creeds, the English Reformation and the first Book of Common Prayer, and across the Atlantic to the birth of the Episcopal Church after the American Revolution. From the first chaplain at Jamestown to the church you’ll walk into this Sunday, it’s a longer and more surprising story than most people expect.

We’ll also look closely at our faith itself: how Episcopalians read Scripture, why we worship the way we do, what happens in Baptism and the Holy Eucharist, and the many roles that make up the body of the church, from bishop to laity.

This is a class built for conversation. Bring your questions. If one comes up that stumps us, we’ll track down the answer together. Newcomers curious about this tradition and lifelong Episcopalians who’d like to know it more deeply are equally welcome. Walking the Episcopal Way meets in the YAC, our large downstairs meeting room, at 9:15 a.m. **Supervised playground time will be open for children during the class. *All are welcome!***

POTLUCK TRIVIA NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, AT 5:30 PM

Potluck Trivia Night, an evening for all ages, is almost here! Come join the fun on Wednesday, September 16, at 5:30. We’re serving delicious fried chicken, and you can bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. With friendly team competition, lots of prizes and a few “I never knew that” moments, a good time will be had by all!

To help us plan, please sign up in Easel Alley or on Realm. And if life gets busy and you don’t get around to signing up, come anyway. There will be food and seats waiting for you!

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET: A HISTORIC MOMENT: THE 1997 VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU

During 1997, Nontombi "Naomi" Tutu - daughter of South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu - served as a visiting distinguished professor of African Studies at Brevard College. She and her husband, Abie Ngomane, made their home in Brevard that year, quickly becoming part of the local community.

On August 10, 1997, St. Philip's hosted a historic service when The Most Rev. Desmond Tutu, retired Archbishop of South Africa, and his wife, Nomalizo "Leah" Tutu, visited



the parish. Archbishop Tutu joined the congregation to preach and preside over the baptism of their new grandson, Ntando Mpilontle William Ngomane, the son of Naomi and Abie. Although the Archbishop's presence had not been publicly announced, news of the visit quietly spread, filling the sanctuary to capacity.

During the service, Archbishop Tutu warmly shared with the congregation that Ntando was their sixth grandchild. The name "William" was chosen in

honor of his godfather, St. Philip's parishioner Bill Byers, who served as a godparent alongside fellow parishioner Jo Pumphrey. Reflecting on the memory years later, Jo noted that their godson has since grown into adulthood and prepared for his own wedding.

As reported in the diocesan newsletter, Archbishop Tutu delivered a powerful sermon that brought the congregation to laughter, applause, and tears. St. Philip's interim priest at the time, The Rev. Joe Weaver, served as the celebrant, while Archbishop Tutu closed the service with a poignant benediction in his native language, Xhosa. Recalling the unforgettable Sunday, Father Weaver remarked, "Members of St. Philip's parish were fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and worship with this very humble and gracious individual."

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children and youth is the presence of caring, consistent adults who encourage them and remind them that they are loved. By volunteering for Godly Play or Youth Sunday School, you'll have the opportunity to build those relationships and help nurture the faith of our younger church family. Our greatest need is for grades 6–12, though volunteers for younger children are needed, too. Our hope is to have enough volunteers that each person serves only once every 5–6 weeks. Questions? Please reach out to [Claire Sikes-Clark](#) or [Abby Glass](#).

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Thank you for investing your time in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your volunteer effort supports many ministries at St. Philip's. Visit Easel Alley (outside the parish office) or visit <https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/ministries> to find spiritual work that calls to you, and learn how to get involved.

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season after Pentecost is the sixth and final season of the church year. This season, sometimes referred to as "ordinary time," is the longest of the Church year, lasting through summer and well into late autumn, ending with the coming of Advent. During the season after Pentecost, we recount the stories of Jesus' ministry, read and study passages from the Old Testament, and discuss letters written by disciples for members of the early church. The color for the season after Pentecost is green, appropriate for the season of growth.

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*)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

13 Saretta Prescott	14 Anita Loveland	18 Nancy Harger
13 Mary Johnson	15 Lucas Bennett	19 Eva Carter
14 Dolores Brown	16 Bob Cantey	

Anniversaries

15 Jay and Penny Williams	16 Craig and Janet Gralley
15 Andrew and Sara Schmidt	17 Steve and Dianne Clay

COVER ART: *"It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend..."* (1804-1820). Print by William Blake, Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, Connecticut. Note: Page from Blake's poem "Jerusalem," subtitled The Emanation of the Giant Albion. The poem consists of 100 etched and illustrated plates. (Attribution: Blake, William, 1757-1827. "It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend...", from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/57592> [retrieved August 31, 2026]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:William_Blake_-_Jerusalem,_Plate_91,_%22It_is_easier_to_forgive_an_enemy....%22_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg.)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant..... The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
Seminarian.....Brad Wilson
Director of Music Ministry.....Dr. Brittnee Siemon
8:00 a.m. Organist Roxanne Holt-Watson
10:30 a.m. Organist Timothy Shepard

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Kathryn Polmanteer	Ushers	Sheree Watt
Reader	Jean Woods		Terry Watt
Creed/Prayers	Fred Brown	Liturgical Coordinator	
LEM	deRo Myers		Ed Nezelek

10:30 a.m.

Acolyte	Nancy Harger	Ushers	Charlie Fisher
Reader 1	Wayne Eberhardt		Leslie Lathrop
Reader 2	Holly Votaw	Offering Counters	
Reader 3	Christie Eberhardt		Jeff Ambrose
LEM	Denis Bolena		Janet Gralley
	Bill Mellman	Liturgical Coordinator	
	Jann Mellman		Nancy Harger

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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.*