

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, October 11, 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

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

As We Are Walking in the Light

Len Thomas

As we are walking in the light, through harmony unite, for the common good
with one another. As we are walking in the light, let harmony unite!

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

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

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.**

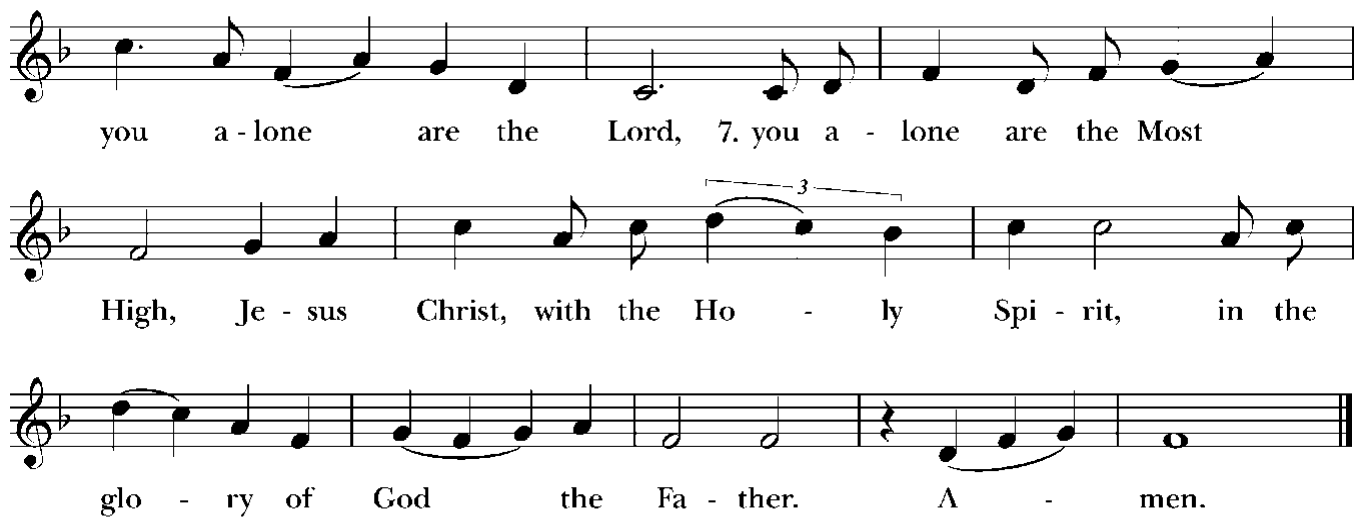
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**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,



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

- ¹O LORD, you are my God;
 I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
 for you have done wonderful things,
 plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ²For you have made the city a heap,
 the fortified city a ruin;
 the palace of aliens is a city no more,
 it will never be rebuilt.
- ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
 cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM 23

Dominus regit me
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.

¹The | LORD is my | shepherd; *
I | **shall not** | **be in** | **want.**

²He makes me lie | down in green | pastures *
and | **leads me** be- | **side still** | **waters.**

³He re- | vives my | soul *
and **guides me along right** | **pathways for his** | **Näme's** | **sake.**

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall | fear no | evil; *
for you are with me;
your | **rod and** **your** | **staff, they** | **comfort me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of | those who | trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my | **cup is** | **run- ning** | **over.**

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the | days of my |
life, *
and I will dwell in the | **house of** the | **LORD for** | **ever.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

The Hymnal 1982 645 (st. 1, 3, 5)



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
* 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion

1 fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
5 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the

streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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.*

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, Form 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, Liz Fuller, John Gannon, 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, Ruby Palmer, Pam, Pat, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce, Greg and Carrie Rauch, West Rial, Jim Rice, Linda Rigsby, Lisa Rodke, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Linda Schieve, Jan Sendzik, Bill Sharp, Frank Shoemaker, Ann Sikes, Alice Silva, Ray Snellgrove, Linda Stadnick, Barbara Staubs, Brenda Summers, Matthew Sundstrom, Sr., Jackie Thomas, 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, remembering John Walter, 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 all those confirmed, received, and reaffirmed last Saturday within the Episcopal Church.

We pray for those who are expecting childbirth, remembering Magdalena and Christian Funk.

We give thanks for the birth of Josephine Anne Elliott, daughter of Taylor and Brendan Elliott, granddaughter of Melissa and Scott Elliott, grandniece of Pam Watson, and great granddaughter of Barbara Elliott.

We give thanks for the birth of Griffin Zifton Clark, son of Claire Sikes-Clark and Zif Clark.

In our diocese, we pray for all Indigenous People and for the care of our creation. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

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 (10:30 a.m.)

Bringing in the Sheaves

Text: Knowles Shaw, (1834-1878)

Music: George A. Minor (1845-1904)

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

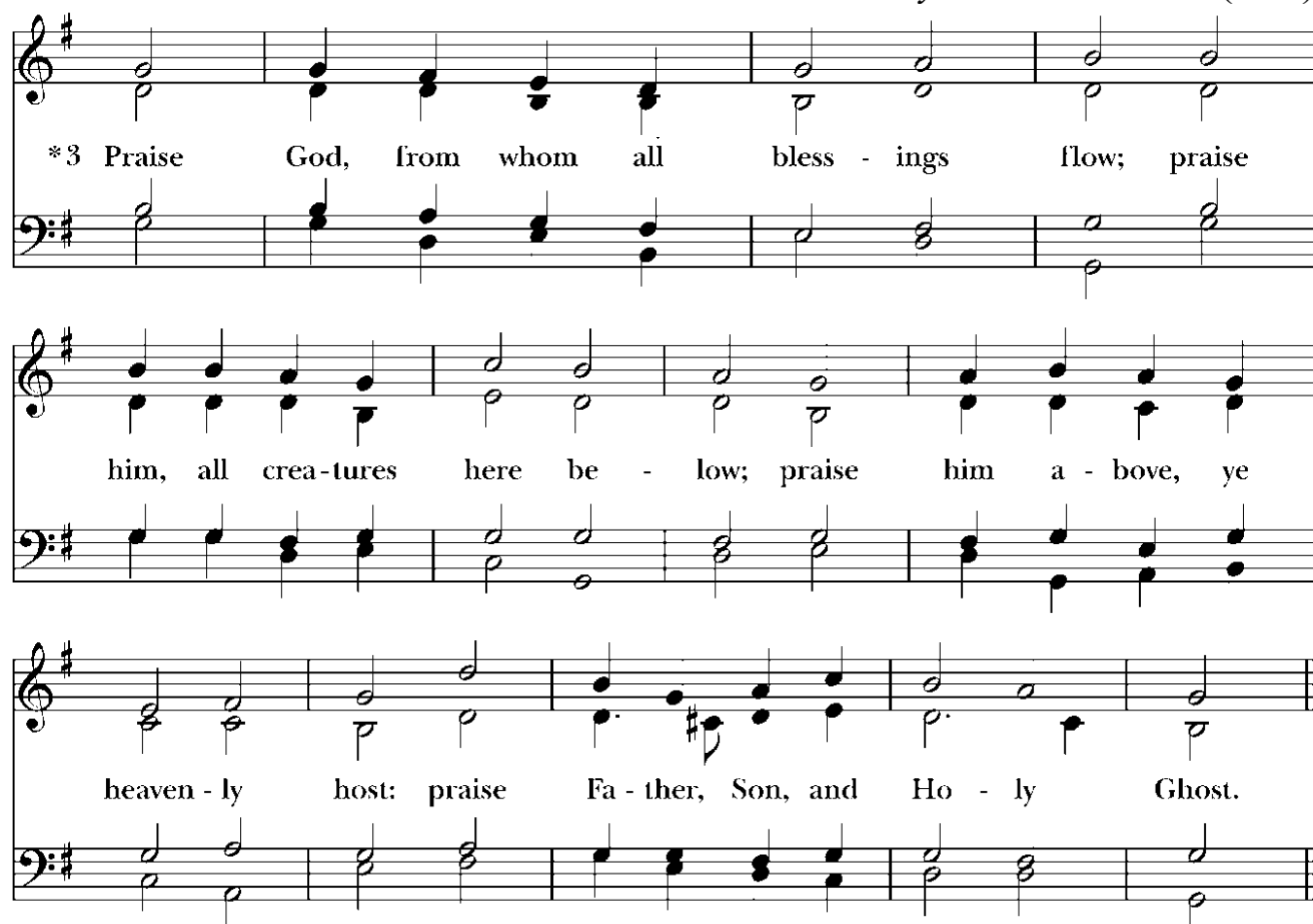
Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
by and by the harvest and the labor ended,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. *Refrain*

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
when our weeping's over He will bid us welcome,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY (10:30 a.m. only)

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



*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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, 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:

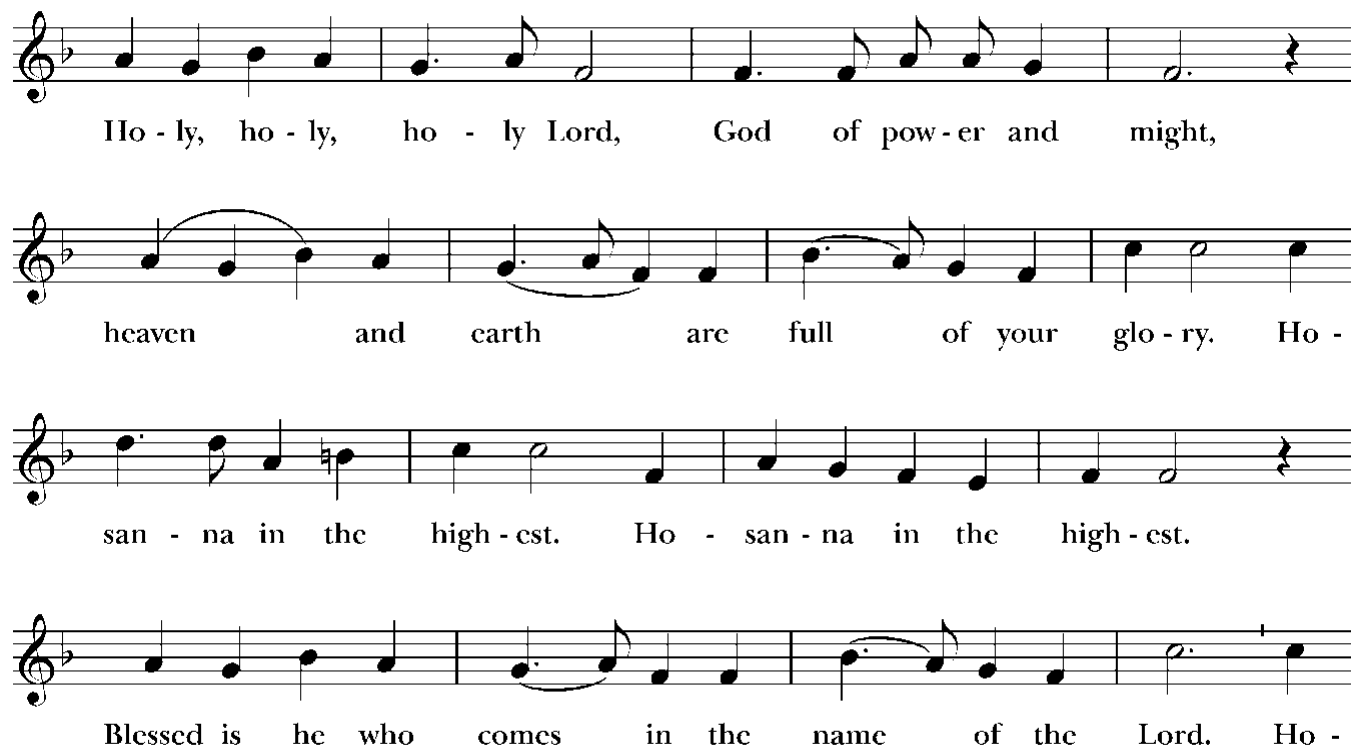
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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 four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). 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 -".

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 -



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**

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 (8:00 a.m.)

Arioso, BWV 156

J. S. Bach

COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 a.m.)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation
The Hymnal 1982 #664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my focs, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
or a guest, but like a child at home.____

CHANT

All Shall Be Well

David Keller

Text by Julian of Norwich

Choir and congregation sing five times together.



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.

INGATHERING PRAYER

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully—that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. May these pledges be a sign to us of your call to us to share your love and generosity with the world. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

The Hymnal 1982 #556 (st. 1, 4-5)

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant-ing as ye go, from
5 Still lift your stand-ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

re - joice, re - joice,

DISMISSAL

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

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Maestoso

Antonio Soler



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.
- ***Echoes of Eden* Book Discussion 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.

INGATHERING SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 11!

OUR ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS OUR MISSION TO GIVE

As you prayerfully consider your annual pledge with Generous Hands, Grateful Hearts, remember that your gift supports not only the daily life and worship of St. Philip's, but also individuals, nonprofits, and mission efforts with our Ministry Partners in our community, around our country and world. Polly Averette says: "It is an honor to be a part of the group who discerns the gifts we give to the community from our operating budget. We support organizations like Sharing House, The Bread of Life, and El Centro. Our focus for gifts is often women and children and affordable housing."

If you need a pledge card, you can [print one here](#) or pick one up in the narthex, Miller Hall foyer, or Parish Office. Every pledge—large or small—makes a difference and helps our church plan faithfully for the year ahead. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life of St. Philip's!

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.

ECHOES OF EDEN BOOK DISCUSSION SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 11, 18

Join us for a discussion of Craig Gralley's new book, *Echoes of Eden in Western North Carolina*, exploring the story of the Johnstone settlers and the larger questions of belonging, community, and the people who have called these mountains home. Our second session will be **The Johnstone Settlement, The Church, and The Cost of**

Silence: Using the history of the Johnstone Settlement, built on slavery, how might churches decide what feels safer left unsaid, and what are the potential near and long-term costs. . . and benefits?

Our discussion takes place Sunday, October 11, 2026 | 9:15–10:15 a.m. YAC (our large downstairs meeting room).

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL ACT!

Thank you for investing your treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our service to the community – building ramps, collecting food, tutoring children, growing vegetables, delivering meals, and many other activities. Visit <https://www.stphilipsbrevardnc.org/donate> to explore donating. To make a gift now use Realm or text STP to 73256.

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

12 Tim Hansen	14 Mike Wallace	16 Lynn Sherrick
13 John Harris	15 Mary LaVigne	17 Charlie Steele
13 Jasper Jones	15 Liam Gunnells	17 Ed Nezelek
14 Janet Houtsma	16 Julie Murray	

Anniversaries

12 Scott and Melissa Elliott

COVER ART: *The Good Shepherd* (19th-20th centuries. Painting by Julien Dupre, California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, California. Note: Images of women agricultural workers became a popular subject in French painting of the mid-late 19th century. Julien Dupre drew on that popular theme and moved it to allegory, with the naming of a shepherdess as the "good shepherd." Christ, the spiritual Good Shepherd, becomes a calming presence without being pictured, simply by the artist's use of sheep, staff/rod, and one who tends the flock. (Attribution: Dupre, Julien, 1851-1910. *The Good Shepherd*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/54256> [retrieved September 25, 2026]. Original source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/thomashawk/2202377733/>.)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant	The Rev. Elizabeth Roles
Seminarian	Brad Wilson
Director of Music Ministry	Dr. Brittnee Siemon
Organist	Roxanne Holt-Watson

8:00 a.m.

Acolyte	Kathryn Polmanteer	Ushers	Sheree Watt
Reader	Abigail Cooley		Terry Watt
Creed/Prayers	Gena Hawk	Liturgical Coordinator	
LEM	Bob Wesneski		Nancy Harger

10:30 a.m.

Acolyte	TBA	Ushers	Charlie Fisher
Reader 1	Bill Mellman		Janet Gralley
Reader 2	Christie Eberhardt	Offering Counters	
Reader 3	Wayne Eberhardt		Jeff Ambrose
LEM	Barbara Boerner		Janet Gralley
	Daphne Chalaron	Liturgical Coordinator	
	Christie Eberhardt		Ken Racht

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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.*