

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 27, 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 Variation on a Theme of Corelli Aaron David Miller

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, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness *Finnian*
The Hymnal 1982 #492 (st. 1-2, 4)



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



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



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



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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.**

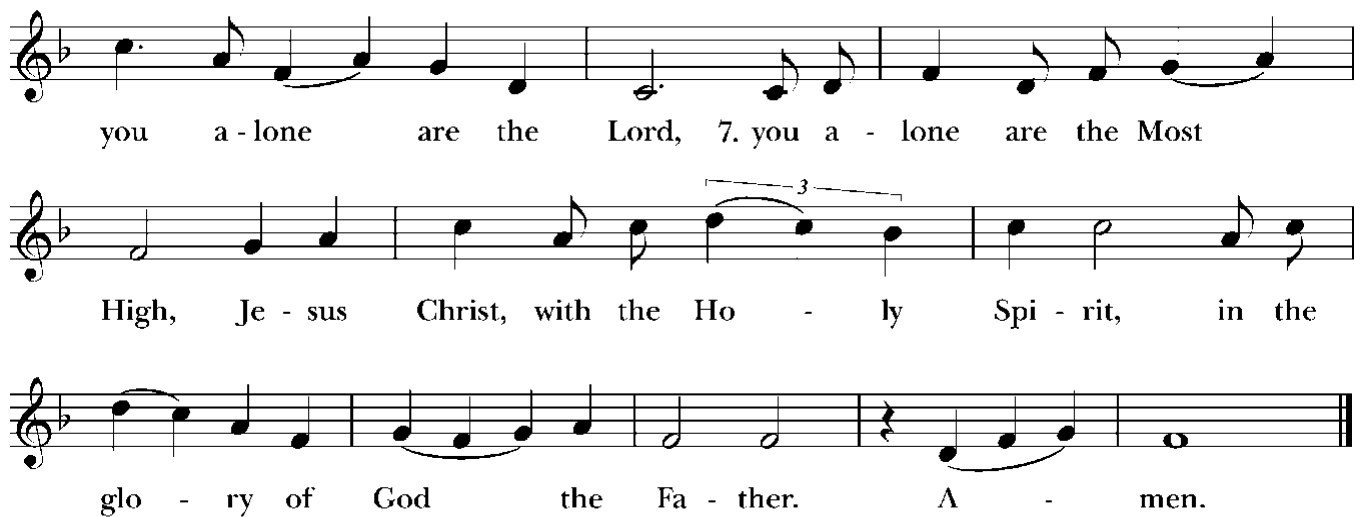
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**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 - mighty 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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³“As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways,” says the Lord GOD. “Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,” says the Lord GOD. “Turn, then, and live.”

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-8

Ad te, Domine, levavi

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.

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my | trust in | you; *

**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my | ene- mies | tri- umph | over me.**

²Let none who look to you be | put to | shame; *
let the treacherous be disap- | poin- ted | in their | schemes.

³Show me your | ways, O | LORD, *
and | tëach | me your | paths.

⁴Lead me in your | truth and | teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted | all the | däy | long.**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your com- | passion and | love, *
for | they are from | e- ver | lasting.

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and | my trans- | gressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the | sake of your | goodness, O | LORD.**

⁷Gracious and | upright is the | LORD; *
therefore he teaches | sin- ners | in his | way.

⁸He guides the humble in | do- ing | right *
and teaches his | wäy | to the | lowly.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13a

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

All stand as they are able.

HYMN (10:30 a.m. only) Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*Toplady
The Hymnal 1982 685*

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

The image shows a three-part musical score for the hymn 'Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are provided for three parts: 1 (Soprano), 2 (Alto), and 3 (Tenor/Bass). The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee; 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know, 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death, let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed, all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone; when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne, be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power. in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling. Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you

by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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, 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, 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, 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 Jo Buescher and all who volunteered to share our local Episcopal history.

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 St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh.

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.)

Walk in the Kingdom

Words: Nancy Price (b. 1958) and Don Besig (b. 1936)

Music: Don Besig

I wanna walk in the kingdom, Lord.
I wanna walk in the kingdom, Lord.
I'm gettin' tired of trav'lin' down this lonesome road,
I wanna walk in the kingdom, Lord.

Seems like ever since I was born
I've been travelin' down this road.
Not sure where I'm goin',
but I'm carryin' a heavy load.
Up with the sun each mornin',
doin' the best that I can,
but when that ev'nin' sun goes down
I'm just a lost and a lonely man.

Sometimes when I am trav'lin',
I find myself singin' a song.
It helps to make the day go faster
helps to keep my spirit strong.
I sing to the birds above me,
I sing about the places I've known;
but when that sun goes down at night
I know I'm gonna be singing' along.

I wanna sing in the kingdom, Lord.
I wanna sing in the kingdom, Lord!

I'm getting tired of singin' my song all alone,
I wanna sing in the kingdom, Lord.

I've been trav'lin' a long, long time,
but I've still got along way to go.
And, even though I'm feelin' weary,
I'm tryin' not to let it show.
I really need to find an answer,
Searchin' for it eve'ry day,
'cause something deep inside my soul
says there's gotta be a better way!

I wanna live in the kingdom, Lord.
I wanna live in the kingdom, Lord!
I'm gettin' tired of trav'lin' through life all alone,
I wanna live in the kingdom, Lord!

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, 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:

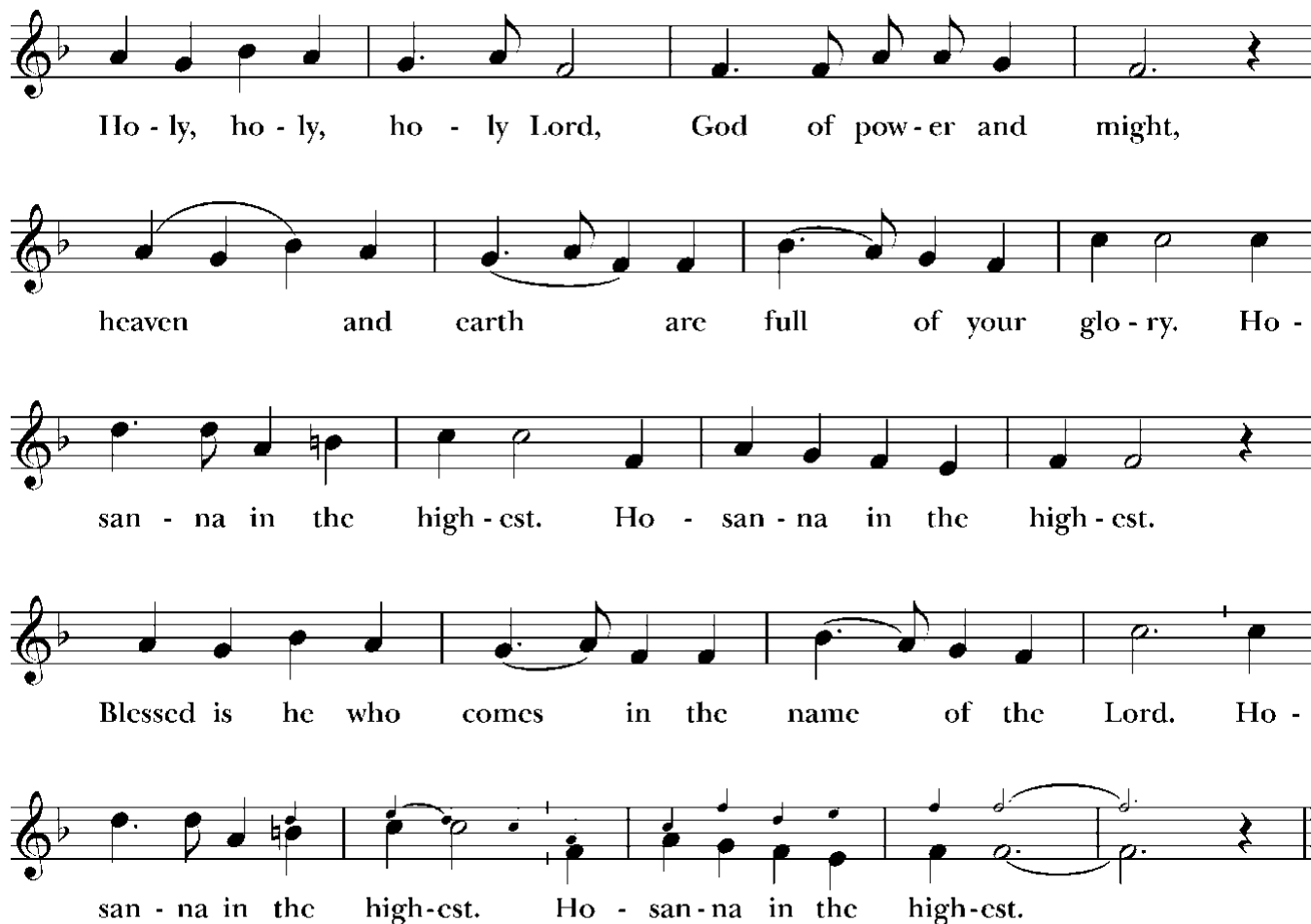
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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 score ends with a double bar line.

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**

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.)

Meditation

Benedetto Marcello

COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 a.m.)

Trust and Obey

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #205



1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His word, What a glo - ry He
2. Not a shad - ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick - ly
3. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth
4. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love Un - til all on the
5. When in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His

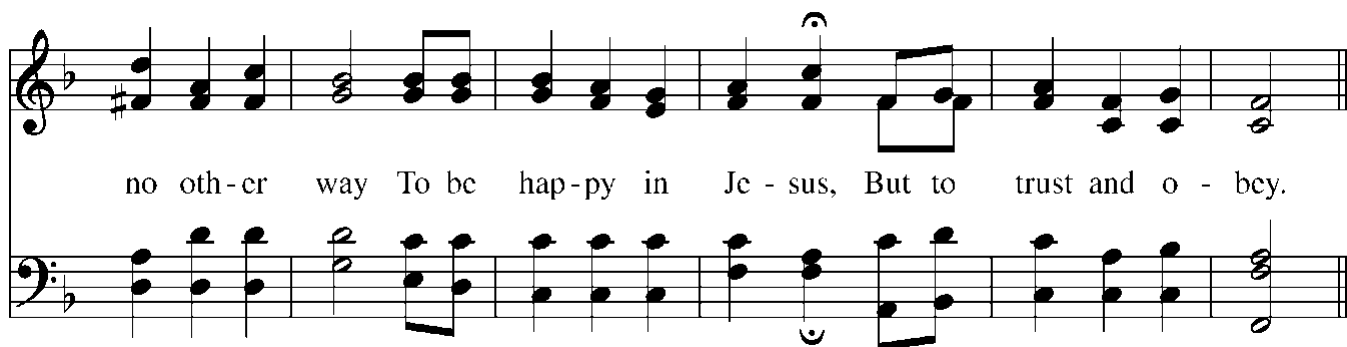


1. sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,
2. drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,
3. rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,
4. al - tar we lay; For the fav - or He shows, And the joy He be - stows,
5. side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go,—



1. And with all who will trust and o - bey.
2. Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
3. But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
4. Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
5. Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.





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.

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

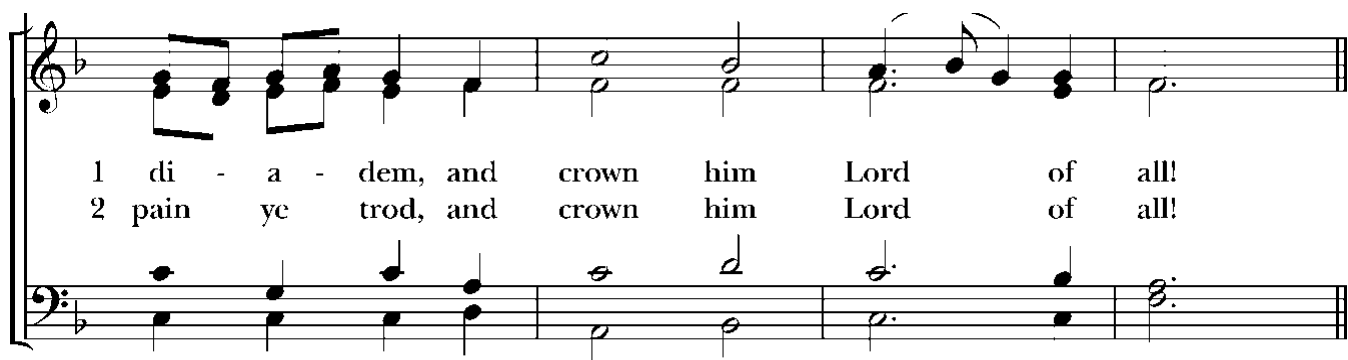
Coronation

The Hymnal 1982#450 (st. 1-2, 6)

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of



6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

DISMISSAL

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

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young



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.
- **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.

OUR ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS OUR MISSION TO CONNECT IN COMMUNITY

Strengthening relationships in the parish, the larger church, and the community. Creating bonds of affection through play, shared meals, and study in our welcoming space for worship, fellowship, and community both within and beyond. Jan Bolena says: "The sense of belonging is amazing as people get involved in the life of the church. I help organize the annual church picnic, and it is a joy to see St. Philipians of all ages come together to sing, talk, laugh, play, and break bread together in God's creation."

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.

WALKING THE EPISCOPAL WAY

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

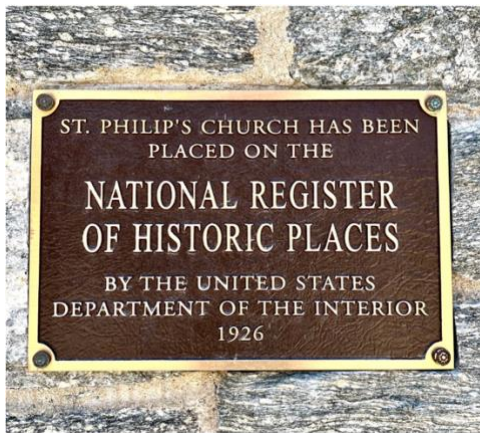
We’ll follow the church’s story from the first house gatherings in first-century Jerusalem, through the councils that gave us the creeds, the English Reformation and the first Book of Common Prayer, and across the Atlantic to the birth of the Episcopal Church after the American Revolution. From the first 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.

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET: A HISTORIC LANDMARK: ENTERING THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

On December 30, 1997, St. Philip's reached a significant milestone in its history when it was officially certified by the U.S. Department of the Interior and entered into the National Register of Historic Places.



Established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is our nation's official list of properties deemed worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture. The registry encompasses over 100,000 listings across the country - a broad spectrum reflecting the American story through ancient native sites, shipwrecks, pioneer log cabins, houses of slaves, farmers and townspeople, mansions, and historic houses of worship. Of the approximately 3,000 listed properties in North Carolina, only about 240 are

churches and religious structures, making St. Philip's designation a rare honor.

Achieving this national recognition required extensive historical research and painstaking documentation. Every architectural and historical detail was closely reviewed prior to final approval - a process diligently let by Ken Hay, Senior Warden, and Al Chilson, Jr. Warden.

To commemorate this designation, a brass plaque is mounted to the left of the sanctuary entrance, serving as a daily reminder of St. Philip's rich heritage and our continuing call to preserve it for generations to come.

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 treasure in the work and mission of St. Philip's. Your gift supports our Worship – in Word and Sacrament and music. 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

27 Craig Gralley	28 Jane Tiffany	02 Carolyn McKee
27 Teddie Tiffany	29 Andrea Hamilton	03 Sallie Mullikin
28 Kevin Elliott	01 Laurie Bigelow	
28 Liz Henry	01 Jo Wallace	

Anniversaries

30 Butch and Debbie Turbert	03 Joe and Abby Moore
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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	Megan McCabe	Ushers	Gordon Murray
	Melissa McCabe		Julie Murray
Reader	Gena Hawk	Liturgical Coordinator	
Creed/Prayers	Abigail Cooley		Keith Hawk
LEM	Bob Wesneski		

10:30 a.m.

Acolyte	Charlotte Cook	Ushers	Denis Bolena
	Nancy Harger		Jan Bolena
Reader 1	Kiran Mehta	Offering Counters	
Reader 2	Christie Eberhardt		Bill Mellman
Reader 3	Mary Whitson		Liz Fuller
LEM	Christie Eberhardt	Liturgical Coordinator	
	Wayne Eberhardt		Nancy Harger
	Kathryn Polmanteer		

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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.*