

# St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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8:00 am and 10:30 am



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## WELCOME!

I am so glad you are here, and I hope you find worship at St. Philip's Episcopal Church to be inspiring, spirit-filled, and nurturing for your faith journey. Here are two ways to take a next step:

- 1) Simply fill out the visitor card in the pew. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. Your responses are confidential, and we will contact you only if you make that request.
- 2) A calendar of events can be found on our website at [stphilipsrva.org](http://stphilipsrva.org) or in our e-News (subscribe on the website) as an invitation to you! All of our classes, services, and programs are open to all. If you are interested in learning more about St. Philip's or the Episcopal Church, please let me know!

As you prepare your heart, soul, mind, and body for worship, may the love of God and the mercy of Christ fill your heart with peace.

The Rev. Marlene E. Forrest  
Rector of St. Philip's

### **About Today's Worship:**

- ◆ We welcome all people to meet Christ in the sharing of our sacred meal. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacraments of bread and wine, please come forward during communion and place your arms across your chest.
- ◆ **A gluten-free alternative** is available. Please communicate this preference to our priest.

Holy Baptism is our rite of initiation into the Christian faith and primary to membership in our parish. If you would like to learn more about this sacred rite and membership in our church, please speak with Rev. Marlene or contact our office at 804-321-1266.

## HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite II

PROCESSIONAL HYMN\*

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Hymn 556  
(stanzas 1-3, 7)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

*(Refrain:)*

Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints of earth,  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. *(Refrain)*

Your clear hosannas raise,  
and alleluias loud;  
while answering echoes upward float,  
like wreaths of incense cloud. *(Refrain)*

See! Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high  
the cross of Christ your King. *(Refrain)*

**Leader:** ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

**People:** THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 *(sung)*

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.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 148

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN\***

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Hymn 660

**O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

**in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

## THE GOSPEL

John 13: 31-35

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

*(8 am)* Janettarose Greene, Seminarian

*(10:30 am)* The Rev. Dr. Gayle Fisher-Stewart

## 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

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*(A brief silence.)*

Loving God, lead us to follow your spirit, rather than our own prejudices and desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those in pain or distress, especially Deborah Bowser, Mary Carter, Alexander Corbett, Bradley Fassett, Lorraine Fassett, Eva Hicks, Robinette Miller, Edmund Moore, Romaine Morgan, Lela Morris, Pam Southall, Eileen Sullivan, Clementine Washington, Ed West, and Beverly Woody. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of praise and healing on their lips. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Anetra Mikell, Corey Osman, and Moses Wright as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVEL BLESSINGS**

## **LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

### **OFFERTORY**

### **DOXOLOGY\***

LEVAS 56

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Philip, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

**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.**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM\***

*Lamb of God*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

**COMMUNION HYMN\***

*There's Power in the Blood*

AA Hymn 258  
(stanzas 1-2, 4)

**Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.**

*(Refrain:)*

**There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
In the blood of the Lamb;  
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.**

**Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide—  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. *(Refrain)***

**Would you do service for Jesus, your King?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Would you live daily His praises to sing?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. *(Refrain)***

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

## EASTER BLESSINGS

May the Risen Christ who meets us at the tomb turn our tears into joy. **Amen.**

May Christ who comes through our locked doors turn our fear into courage. **Amen.**

May Christ who visits us in our daily routines turn our failures into new vision. **Amen.**

May Christ who provides us with bread and wine turn our despair into hope. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## CLOSING HYMN\*

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

Hymn 529

**In Christ there is no East or West,  
in him no South or North,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both East and West,  
in him meet South and North,  
all Christly souls are one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbor. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

*\*Music referenced is for the 10:30 am service.*

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

#### Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

Pauletta James (8 am)

Thomas Beatty and Brad Mackey (10:30 am)

#### Lectors:

Thomas Beatty (8 am)

Alma Doyle and Sarah McDermott (10:30 am)

**Ushers:** Tamaika Floy and Kimion Walker

**Organist/Minister of Music:** Dr. Willis L. Barnett

**Verger:** Nathaniel Lewis

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**May 15th**, 10:30 am: Women's Day

**May 20th**, 11 am - 4 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive

**June 4th**: Special Convention To Elect the 14th Diocesan Bishop  
(livestreamed)

**June 12th**, 10:30 am: Youth Sunday and celebration of graduates

**June 18th**: SoulFire Saturday (more details to come)