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ASH WEDNESDAY
IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY EUCHARIST
12 PM & 7 PM, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Welcome!

St. Philip's Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist – Chapel

9 a.m. – Intergenerational Holy Eucharist – Parish Hall

9:50 a.m. – Children & Youth Formation

Birth - 5th Grade: 2nd Floor of Parish House

6th - 12th Grade: Parish House Basement

10 a. m. – Sunday Forum – Wealth, Poverty, Race – Parish Hall

11 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Choir – Church & Online

Social hour follows the 11 a.m. service

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist – Chapel

5:30-6:30 p.m. – Dinner – Parish Hall

6 - 6:25 p.m. – Family Choir – Gathering Room

6:30 - 7 p.m. – Bell Choir – Room B-18

6:30 - 7 p.m. – Junior Choir – Gathering Room

6:30-7:30 p.m. – Engage! “Will You?” Our Baptismal Covenant



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Ash Wednesday

Please observe silence so that all may have quiet time available for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship.

Please silence all electronic devices upon entering the worship space.

The Ministers enter in silence. Please stand if you are able.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Please be seated.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

The reading continues on the next page.

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-14

Sung by the choir.

- ⁸The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- ⁹He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- ¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

Anglican Chant by Kellow J. Pye (1812-1901)

- ¹²As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- ¹³As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- ¹⁴For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Reader A reading from Second Corinthians.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,
"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 559

Please stand as you are able and sing.

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt. Music: *Dulce carmen*, melody from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782; adapt. *Collection of Motets or Antiphons*, ca 1840; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Maryann D. Younger

The Invitation to a Holy Lent

Please stand as you are able. The celebrant says,

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Please kneel as you are able.

The Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

The celebrant says,

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The ashes are imposed with the following words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Organ Voluntary

Erbarm' dich mein, O HerreGott

Attributed to J.S.Bach

Following the Imposition of Ashes, Psalm 51 is said by all, kneeling as able.

Psalm 51

Psalm recited in unison

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
- ² Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³ For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.**

- 4 **Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 **And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.**
- 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 **For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**
- 8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 **Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- 10 **Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 **Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- 12 **Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 **Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**
- 14 **I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.**
- 15 **Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.**
- 16 **Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
- 17 **Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.**
- 18 **The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

The Litany of Penitence

Said together, all kneeling as able

Most holy and merciful Father:

**We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us,
People **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Celebrant Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
People **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Celebrant By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
People **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant continues with the offertory sentence.
Please stand as the bread and wine are brought forwardd.*

Offertory Anthem

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake,
deliver us from all our sins.

Music by Richard Farrant (c1525 - 1580)

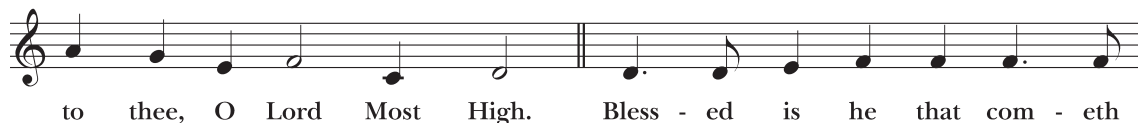
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus et Benedictus



Music: John Merbecke (1510?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*; acc. Thomas Foster (b. 1938). Melody: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

The Celebrant continues

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is offered in the form of bread and wine. To receive bread only, open your hands, where the priest will place a wafer (gluten-free wafers available).

Wine is offered through intinction by the priest. Indicate to the priest if you would like wine on the host.

If you would like to receive a blessing in place of communion, please come forward to the altar and place your hands across your chest.

Communion Motet

Emendemus in melius
quae ignoranter peccavimus;
ne subito praeoccupati die mortis,
quaeramus spatium poenitentiae,
et invenire non possimus.

Attende, Domine, et miserere;
quia peccavimus tibi.

Adjuva nos, Deus salutaris noster,
et propter honorem nominis tui libera nos.

Let us amend for the better in those things
in which we have sinned through ignorance;
lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death,
we seek space for repentance,
and be not able to find it.

Hearken, O Lord, and have mercy:
for we have sinned against thee.

Help us, O God of our salvation,
and for the honour of thy name deliver us.

Music by William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

The Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us living members
of your Son our Saviour 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.**

The Solemn Prayer

The Assistant Minister says,

Kneel before the Lord.

Please kneel as you are able. The Celebrant continues,

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Eternal Lord

Hymnal 149

What's Happening at St. Philip's

Wednesday Night Schedule

Resumes February 21

- 5:30 p.m. – Eucharist – Chapel
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. – Dinner – Parish Hall
- 6 p.m. – Family Choir – Gathering Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Junior Choir – Gathering Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir – Basement
- 6:30 p.m. – Engage!

Engage! “Will You?” Our baptismal covenant

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m.
Library and Zoom



Get the book

Our baptismal covenant calls us to live our faith through a series of “Will you?” questions. Join us for our Lenten Engage! series exploring how these questions impact our faith journey. Participants will engage the baptismal covenant in short daily devotionals and group discussions. Join us as we consider what God really wants for us.

Early Spring Forest Bathing Walks

The Trees

Join Elizabeth Newman in treating yourself to a Forest Bathing walk. Elizabeth will guide participants in three upcoming walks to connect with nature through the senses.

- Sunday, March 3 walk, 1-3 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 19 Equinox walk, 3-5 p.m.
- Sunday, April 7 walk, 1-3 p.m.

Clinical studies have shown Forest Bathing to have positive effects on physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being. Join us in this simple and meaningful practice. Walks are open to anyone age 12 years and older. All ability levels welcome.

Contact Elizabeth Newman at EQNewman27@gmail.com with questions. Sign up for March 19 and April 7 walks in *The Epistle*.



Sign up for
March 3 walk

Sign up to host social hour

New dates available

Hosting social hour is a great way to meet people, share hospitality, and even spread the word about your ministry. You'll bring and set up food, host, then tidy up afterward – always peppered with tasting, talking and a good time.

Sign up on the easel in the parish hall.

Community News

Introducing The Beloved Community at The Trees

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 18, at 4:45 p.m.

The Beloved Community at The Trees is a new Episcopal faith community focused on exploring what a life of faith “outside of a church” may look like. Led by the Rev. Phillip Bass, a priest and licensed clinical and mental health counselor, this new church plant strives to offer community to those who’ve experienced religious trauma and anyone wanting to know more about living a life of authentic faith in community outside a traditional church setting. All are welcome! The Beloved Community will meet Sunday evenings at 4:45 p.m. Worship with Eucharist will be followed by a simple meal of soup and bread.

St. Philip’s is pleased to be supporting this new community through our gift of place, offering use of The Trees at no cost. Please be in prayer for this new community and all who seek healing.

For more information drop in on one of the upcoming “Coffee with Community” meetings – each Thursday in February from 9-11 a.m. at Starbucks (3801 Guess Road). Or visit their website: belovedcommunitydurham.org

Tutor with LEAP

*Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m.
Downtown Durham County Library*

Make a difference in the life of a child: LEAP (Latino Educational Achievement Partnership) is recruiting volunteer tutors to work with elementary-aged children twice a week in person at the downtown Durham Library. Volunteers will receive training and ongoing support. Ideally volunteers would tutor once a week for two hours or twice a week for one hour.

Email George Hendrix at george@durhamleap.org with any questions.



Apply to tutor



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Lector
Gail Belvett
Richard Stickney

Ushers
Darrell Powell
Tom Murray

Vergers
Ron Thompson

Crucifier
Henry Sommerville

7 PM

Lector
Ann-Louise Aguiar
Marcus Southern

Altar Party
Livestream Support
Henry Sommerville

Ushers
Carol Linden
Richard Ammons
Darrell Powell
Newman Aguiar

Vergers
Richard L Williams

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