



St Philip's

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST
11 AM, MAY 10, 2026

Welcome!

Easter Season

Welcome to St. Philip's! Easter is too deep and wide, too full of hope and forgiveness, to celebrate in a single day. We need fifty days to remember and joyfully affirm the resurrection of Christ rightly. As we travel along, we realize once again that new life is not just then and there, but here and now. Our calling is to become Easter people, living out the hope revealed at the empty tomb and witnessing to our faith in the Risen Christ's renewal and re-creation of our worlds. So let's clothe ourselves in Alleluias and face God and one another with confidence. Christ is risen, indeed!

Bathrooms are in the parish house (in hallway outside parish hall).

Social time available after all services:

Following 8am: Breezeway entrance

Following 9am: Garden close

Following 11am: Social hour in parish hall

Visitor cards can be found throughout the campus.

If you're here for the first time, please fill out a visitor card! Put your completed visitor card in the offering plate, or hand it to one of our clergy after the service.

Please ask if you need help – we'll make sure you find the right place.

Worship & Formation

Sundays

8am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Chapel</i>)
9am	Holy Eucharist for all ages (<i>Parish Hall</i>)
10am	Adult Forum (<i>Parish Hall</i>) Children's Formation (<i>2nd floor</i>) Youth Formation (<i>Lower level</i>)
11am	Holy Eucharist with choir (<i>Church</i>)
12:30	Social Hour (<i>Parish Hall</i>)

Wednesdays

5:30pm	Holy Eucharist (<i>Chapel</i>)	
5:30-6:30	Dinner (<i>Parish Hall</i>) →	
6-6:25	Family Choir (<i>2nd floor</i>)	
6-6:45	Handbell Choir (<i>Lower level</i>)	
6:30-7	Junior Choir (<i>2nd floor</i>)	
6:30pm	Engage! Adult formation (<i>Library</i>)	

Worshipping with Children

Children are welcome at all services. We know kids wiggle and make noise – that's okay! Tips for engaging children in worship: Sit where they can see what's happening and point out what's happening during the service; help your child follow along in the bulletin; and bring quiet toys that are special for church. If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to walk them out and encourage them to come back and try again. Know that you probably notice your child's noises and wiggles more than anyone else.

Children's worship materials are available in the parish hall and church.

Sunday Nursery

8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

First floor, off of Parish Hall

Infants – kindergarten

Please sign your children in and out of the nursery. You'll be asked to complete a registration form if it's your child's first visit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Kyrie from the Parish Mass

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Opening Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal 405

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

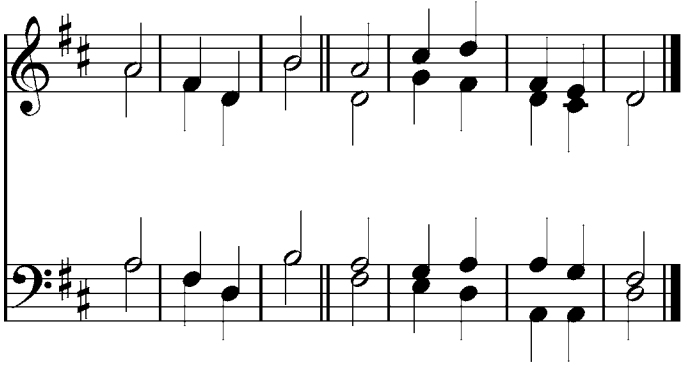
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant continues,

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.**

Pascha Nostrum

All sing.



- 1 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
- 3 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 9 Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 10 For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 11 For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 12 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.

Music: Oxford Chant.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 17:22-31

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

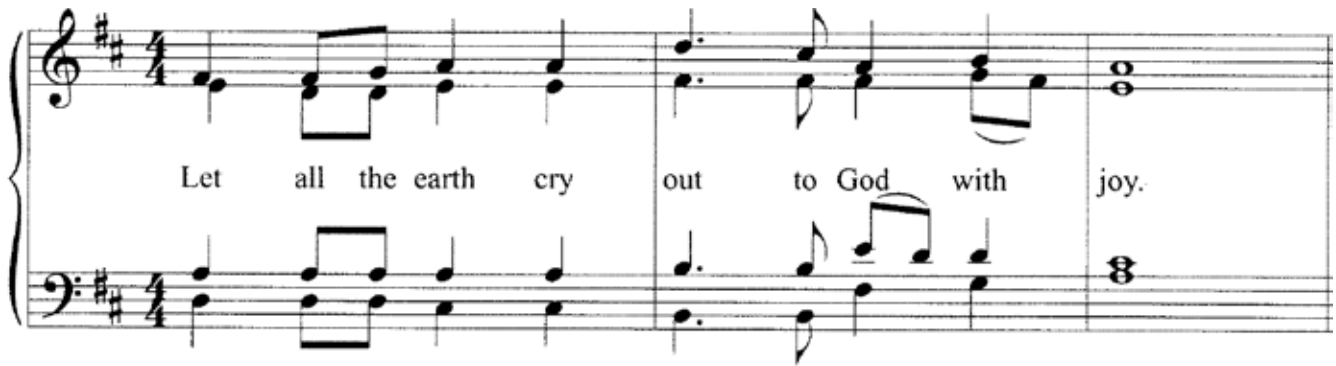
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18

Setting by M. Accurso (b. 20th century)

All sing the Antiphon at the beginning and where indicated. The choir sings the verses.



⁷ Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

⁸ Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹ For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰ You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

Antiphon

¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.

¹² I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in
trouble.

¹³ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁴ Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

Antiphon

¹⁵ I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁶ If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁷ But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

¹⁸ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Antiphon

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymnal 455

Please stand as you are able and sing.

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Please enjoy listening to the music.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Gabe Lamazares

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**

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor bids the prayers.

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world. For all who believe in your Name and carry your Spirit, and for those baptized around the world this Easter.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow, especially those in the Durham County Jail, **Jamarii, Randy, Joseph, Kidane, Jason, Carl, Irik, Alexander, Nathane, Darius**; in our parish we pray for **Anne, Coye, Erin, Claudia, Cal, Lisa, Nilda, Diane, Nick, Angie, Diane, Karen, Lily, Sam, Becky, Federico, Lindley, Michele, Brenda, Clara, Kappy, Robert, Giles, Mark, Ciara, Charlotte, Sandy, Madison, Mike, Frances, Beth, William, Jennifer, Annette, Justin, Rowena, Sarah, Mitali, Louise, Donna, Seth, Lisa, Aileen, Phil, Eileen, Gwen, Connor, Dale, Perry, Lynn, Carolyn, John, Lauren, Elizabeth, Gwenetta** and for those we name either silently or aloud (*pause*).

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, let your saints and angels surround those who have died trusting your promises.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant

O God, from whom all good proceeds: You established your covenant with all creation. Guide us and all your people, that we may walk upon the earth in righteousness and peace, and honor you in our kinship with all your creatures; through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

The Celebrant proceeds,

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus et Benedictus



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.

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Then the Celebrant continues

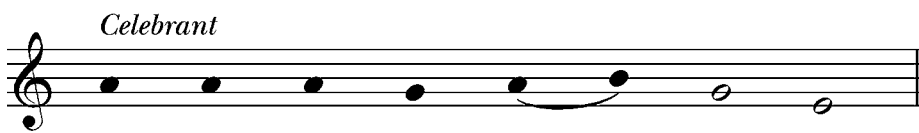
We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

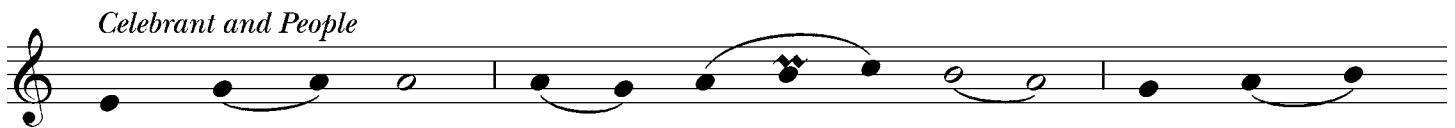
And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

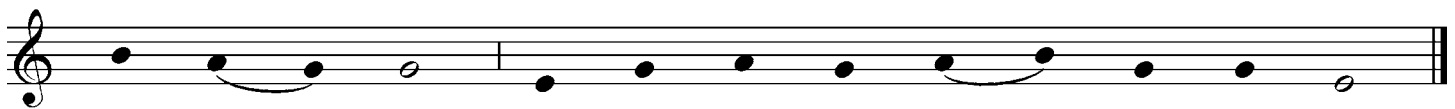
Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup,



... we praise you and we bless you.



We praise you, we bless you, we give



thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

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Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with our patron, Philip the Deacon, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 sipping from the cup or intinction by the chalice bearer.

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.

To drink from the cup, first consume the bread. When the chalice bearer approaches, gently guide the cup to your mouth. For intinction, the chalice bearer will take the bread, dip it in the wine, and place it back in your hand.

Communion Hymn

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

Hymnal 512

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: *Mendon*, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1981; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Communion Hymn

Come down, O Love divine

Hymnal 516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Communion Hymn

O thou who camest from above

Hymnal 704

1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -
 2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -
 3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and
 * 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of

les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of
 bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its
 speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the
 faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less

sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.
 source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.
 ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.
 mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Hereford*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Hymnal 492

Please stand as you are able and sing.



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
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
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,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
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
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought 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.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Dismissal

Assisting Minister

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Lectors

Joe Chambliss
Sue Guptill

Intercessor

Barrett Mardre

Eucharistic Ministers

Amanda Harrison
Treat Harvey

Ushers

Ashley Njai
Alec Motten
David Kneeburg
Freda Tucker
Richard Ammons

Verger

Bill Pierson

Crucifer

James Irven-Moore
Trot Sappenfield

Acolytes

Louise Downs
Walter Yeatts

Healing

Martin Fowler

Livestream Support

Jamal Njai

Altar Guild

Virginia Bristol
Courtney Caiola
Rebekah Radisch
Cynthia Gration

Choir

Soprano

Erin Conn
Erin Gasch
Barrett Mardre
Rebekah Shamberger

Alto

Vanessa Bak
Carolyn Coolidge
Erica Jackson

Guest Organist

Anne Parks

Tenor

David Smith
Mitchner Howell
Del Wigfall

Bass

Jack Mitchell
Johnny Reis
Chase Taylor

We surpassed our fundraising goal and now have a nice buffer – thank you, St. Philip's!

S^tPhilip's Summer Renovations

Paint • Plaster • Planning

Worship moves to parish hall June 7.

It's happening! Thanks to your generosity, this summer we'll undertake Phase 2 of our renovations: repairing plaster, painting, and planning for future work.

Our last Sunday in the church will be May 31. Starting June 7, worship will move to the parish hall for 8–10 weeks.

Our worship schedule remains the same: Sundays at 8, 9, and 11am, and Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Summer social hour will shift to 10am in the garden close.

Help us move!

During the first two weeks of June, we'll pack up and move out of the church.

We need YOU! Can you help pack boxes of books?
Move items on a dolly?
Sign up below!



Help move:
Tinyurl.com/HelpPrepChurch

Learn more at
stphilipdurham.org/renovation

What's Happening at St. Philip's

Sunday Forum: The Unknown God

Today • 10am • Library and Zoom

As Ascension approaches, the readings grapple with what it means to be left behind – but not abandoned. Paul finds himself in Athens defending faith to philosophers. The psalmist testifies to surviving hard places. Peter calls the church to be ready to account for its hope. And Jesus promises the Spirit to people afraid of being left alone. We'll ask together: what does faith look like when you're speaking in unfamiliar territory? And what does Jesus actually leave us?

Feast of the Ascension

Thursday, May 14 • 7pm • Church

Join us in celebrating the Ascension! A kind of Pentecost preview, the Feast of the Ascension commemorates Jesus being taken up into heaven forty days after his resurrection. It's always ten days before Pentecost, and it marks the end of Jesus' time on earth, and a beginning of the story of the church – of the disciples going out into the world to spread Christ's love with everyone. We'll celebrate with Holy Eucharist and Ascension Day hymns that come only once a year.

May Book Group: “Hope Fights Back”

Sunday, May 17 • 12:30pm • Parlor

Join the Book Group in discussing “Hope Fights Back,” by Andrea Lytle Pete and Meredith Atwood. Andrea was diagnosed with ALS at the age of 33... but that didn't stop her from running in marathons in all 50 states. Be inspired, be brave!

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24

Wear red • Bring a red dessert!

Get your red outfit ready – it's almost time for Pentecost. On this holy feast day, we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to dwell among us. We'll celebrate with baptisms, red streamers, celebratory cake at TWO social hours (after the 9am service and after the 11 am service), and 10am Pentecost-themed activities in the garden close. **Wear red and bring a red dessert** to either social hour – after 9 am or 11 am worship.

More info: <https://tphilipdurham.org/pentecost-2026>

Host Social Hour

Sundays after the 11am service

Our social hour after the 11am service is lay-led – it takes you to make it happen! Hosts bring snacks, set them up, and hang around to talk to folks.

Open dates: May 31, June 7, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2.

To sign up: Write your name on the parish hall easel, or email office@stphilipdurham.org.

Get a nametag

If you've requested a nametag, look for it 1–2 weeks later in the breezeway vestibule, and remember to wear it on Sundays. Visitors (and anyone who forgot theirs) can use a temporary nametag. Planning to return? Sign up here or at any nametag station.

Nametags: <https://tinyurl.com/StPhilipsNametags>



Get a
nametag



OPEN HOUSE AT THE TREES

THURSDAY, MAY 14

NOON – 6 PM

Schedule:

- 12pm Shared Silence and prayers for the Earth
- 1pm Mini Forest Bathing walk
- 2pm Mini Nature Journaling session
- 3pm Mini poetry reading with Prayers & Poetry
- 4pm Games and crafts offered by LEAP friends
- 5pm Mini drumming session

*Join us as we celebrate
all of the Beautiful Things
that God is doing here
at The Trees!*

Check out our new website: thetreesdurham.org

Beautiful Things: The Trees Open House

*Thursday, May 14 • 12-6pm
The Trees (1701 Pleasant Green Rd)*

Come experience the beautiful things happening at The Trees! Drop in any time 12–6pm to experience offerings from The Beloved Community, LEAP, Prayers & Poetry, Nature Journaling, Forest Bathing, yoga, and more. Our new website will be live, and new Trees merchandise will be available. Come see what's growing at The Trees!

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/TreesOpenHouse>

Reorienting to Wonder: A SoulCollage Day Apart

*Saturday, May 16 • 9:30am–1:30pm
The Trees (1701 Pleasant Green Rd)*

You're invited to slow down and reconnect at this SoulCollage® Day Apart. This contemplative, creative practice uses images and simple materials to help you listen deeply and explore the many layers of your inner life — in the presence of God and community. Whether you're new to SoulCollage® or have practiced before, come for a morning of reflection, creativity, and shared discovery.

Cost: \$50 • Please register in advance.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/TreesSoulCollage>

Coming soon:

Clothing and Textiles Collection

Sunday, May 17-31 • Breezeway Vestibule

Expanded collection to benefit UMD

This May, the Creation Care and UMD Collaborating committees are teaming up to expand our textiles collection! In addition to recycling worn-out items, we'll also collect clean, gently used clothing to donate to Urban Ministries of Durham

Bring clean textiles of any kind to the breezeway vestibule bins:

- **Clothing in good condition** will be shared with neighbors in need
- **Stained, torn , or no longer wearable items** will be recycled
- Please note we're unable to accept carpets.

Questions? Contact Leslie McClellan at leslie.mcclellan@gmail.com or 919-638-9417.

Save the date:

Palestine: Context and Storytelling

Friday, June 5 • 7-8:30pm

Saturday, June 6 • 8:30am-2pm

Parish Hall

Join us for a weekend of storytelling, reflection, and conversation exploring Palestinian, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim perspectives on Palestine and Israel. Friday evening will feature a staged reading imagining conversations across differing experiences and viewpoints, followed by discussion. Saturday's gathering will include personal storytelling, panel conversations, and reflections from local participants who traveled to Palestine last fall. All are welcome as we listen, learn, and engage together across difference.

More details and registration info coming soon.

Community News

The Rev. Javier Alemendárez-Bautista celebrates new ministry

Earlier this week, Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill celebrated the new ministry of the Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista as rector. Some St. Philipians may remember Javier from his earlier service as a lay minister at St. Philip's. We give thanks for his ministry and join Holy Family in celebrating this new season in his leadership!

To Love and Live Free

*Pride exhibit opening Friday, May 15 • 6-8pm
Museum of Durham History (500 W Main Street)*

The Museum of Durham History will open a new exhibit exploring the 1986 mayoral recall fight and the origins of Durham Pride. To Love and Live Free commemorates the 40th anniversary of the “Out Today, Out To Stay” Pride march and tells the story of how citizens, faith leaders, activists, and community members came together to support LGBTQ+ rights in Durham.

All are invited to the exhibit opening on May 15 – a celebration of LGBTQ+ Durham, past and present.

Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/LoveLiveFree>

Amped for Stagville

*Saturday, May 16 • 2-5pm
Bull McCabe's Pub (427 W Main Street)*

Enjoy an afternoon of live music, food, and community at this benefit concert supporting the Historic Stagville Foundation. Live music will be provided by Vertigo Conspiracy, and entry is by donation — give what you can to support the ongoing work of preserving and interpreting Historic Stagville.

No registration required — come by if you can!

Pauli Murray Retreat Day: Nurturing the Flame of Liberation

*Saturday, May 16 • 8am–5:30pm
Pauli Murray Center (906 Carroll Street)*

The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray used their personal religious convictions to advocate for a just world. What can their theology and activism teach us about this moment we're living through? And what is the role of spirituality in today's liberation work? During this retreat, you'll be invited to journey mindfully to three sacred spaces foundational to Murray's spiritual formation: the Chapel of the Cross, St. Titus' Episcopal Church, and the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice.

Sliding Scale: \$75-\$100. Space is limited and advance tickets are required!

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/NurturingFlame>

Inside the Manosphere

*Friday, May 22
The Beloved Community at the Trees
1701 Pleasant Green Rd*

Join The Beloved Community at The Trees for a screening of *Louis Theroux: Inside the Manosphere* and a conversation exploring masculinity and misogyny in today's social and political climate. Dinner will be provided.

Ages 13 and older welcome. Please note: the documentary is rated TV-MA.

Questions? Contact communications@belovedcommunitydurham.org.



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The Rev. Maryann D. Younger, *Rector*
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Jill Downs	Bynum Walter
Sue Guptill	Emily Yeatts

Non-voting members:

Treasurer: Marcus Southern **Clerk:** David Kneeburg



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Join our email list

tinyurl.com/StPhilipsEpistle

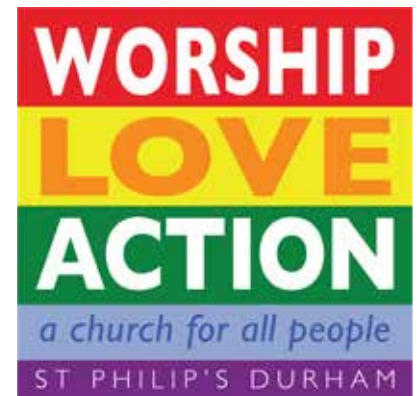


Calendar

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St. Philip's is a church for all people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Philip's. We believe God loves us all – no exceptions!