



St Philip's

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**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
11 AM, AUGUST 23, 2026**

Welcome!

The Season after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Philip's! The long season between Pentecost and Advent, called the Season after Pentecost, is also known as Ordinary Time. This is the greening, growing season of the church year. In the small details of our small lives, we try to live according to the faith, hope, and love we've experienced in our half-year journey with Jesus through his life, death, and resurrection. We tend the seeds the Word has planted, longing patiently to bear the fruit of God's reign in God's time.

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: Light refreshments 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.

Worship Schedule

*If you're new, please ask if you need help.
We'll make sure you get to the right place.*

Sunday

8am	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
9am	Holy Eucharist for all ages (Parish Hall)
10am	Social Hour (Garden Close)
11am	Holy Eucharist with choir (Church)
12:30	Light refreshments (Parish Hall)

Tuesday

8:30am | Morning Prayer (Chapel)

Wednesday

5:30pm	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30pm	Engage! Adult formation (Library)

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.

Nursery

8:45 a.m. - End of 11 a.m. service

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

Opening Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal 518

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Gloria

Cantor

All sing



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards all. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might y.
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

8. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. thou

on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.____

A - - - - - men.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1881-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

GRANT, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

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The First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

LISTEN to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

The Psalm is sung by all.

Anglican Chant by C Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)



I will give thanks to you, O God, with my | whole | heart; *
before the gods | I will | sing your | praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your | Name, *
- | because of • your | love and | faithfulness;

³ For you have | glorified • your | Name *
and your | word a- | bove all | things.

⁴ When I | called, you | answered me; *
you in- | creased my | strength with- | in me.

⁵ All the rulers of the earth will | praise you, • O | God, *
when they have | heard the | words of • your | mouth.

⁶ They will sing of the | ways of | God, *
that | great is • the | glory of | God.

⁷ Although on high, God | cares for • the | lowly *
and per- | ceives the | haughty • from a- | far.

⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me | safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
| your right | hand shall | save me.

⁹ You will make good your | purpose • for | me; *
O God, your love endures for ever;
do not a- | bandon • the | works of • your | hands.

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The Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Take my life, and let it be

Hymnal 707

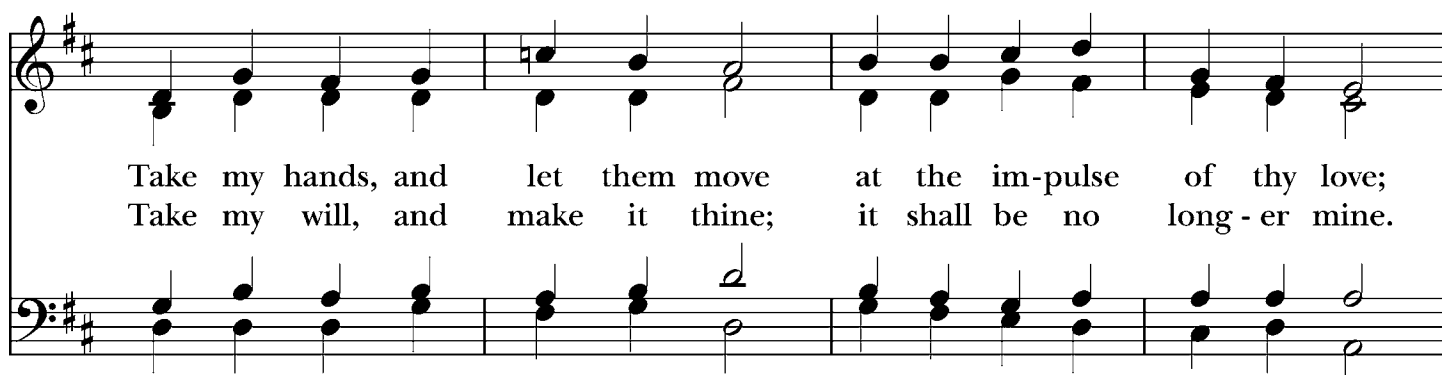
Please stand as you are able and sing.



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Please stand.

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

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

WHEN Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Maryann D. Younger

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

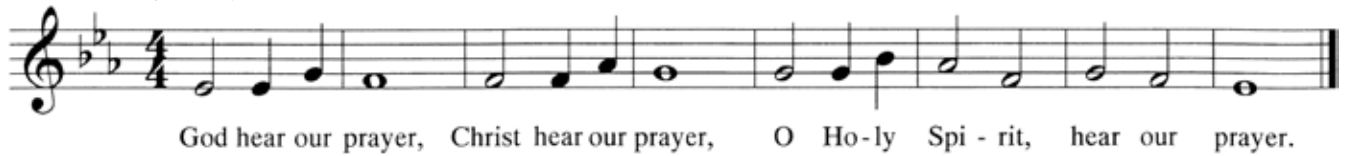
WE believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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

We invite you to use the note cards to write or draw your own prayers during the prayers of the people. Please place your prayer cards in the basket as we sing this refrain:



I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishops Sam and Jennifer; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Refrain*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Refrain*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, especially those in the Durham County Jail who have asked for our prayers: **Michael, Wilson, Cleveland, Roddrick, Alexander, John, Jason, Quinzelle, Kidane, and Joseph.** And in our parish we pray for **Anne, Coye, Erin, Claudia, Lisa, Nilda, Diane, Nick, Angie, Diane, Karen, Lily, Sam, Becky, Federico, Lindley, Michele, Brenda, Clara, Kappy, Robert, Giles, Mark, Donna, Cristina, Rick, Ciara, Charlotte, Madison, Frances, William, Jennifer, Annette, Justin, Rowena, Sarah, Louise, Donna, Seth, Lisa, Phil, Dale, John, Lauren, Elizabeth, Jim, Ed, Emily, Roberto, Dan, Jonathan, David, Mark, Tremaine, and Doris.** Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Refrain*

I ask your prayers for the departed. We pray especially for Carolyn Ryan, mother of Kelly Ryan. Pray for those who have died. *Refrain*

God, we ask your help for . . . *The Intercessor reads the petitions from the prayer cards.* *Refrain*

God, we give you thanks for . . . *The Intercessor reads the thanksgivings from the prayer cards.*
And for Hetty Abeles, sister of Amanda Joan Smith, on her 95th birthday. *Refrain*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant concludes

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant continues with the offertory sentence.

Offertory Anthem

Tu es Petrus	You are Peter,
et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam	And upon this Rock I will build My Church:
et portae inferi non praevalerunt adversus eam.	and the gates of hell shall not overcome it.
Et tibi dabo claves regni caelorum.	And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Music by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

For more about this anthem, see the last page of this bulletin.

Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

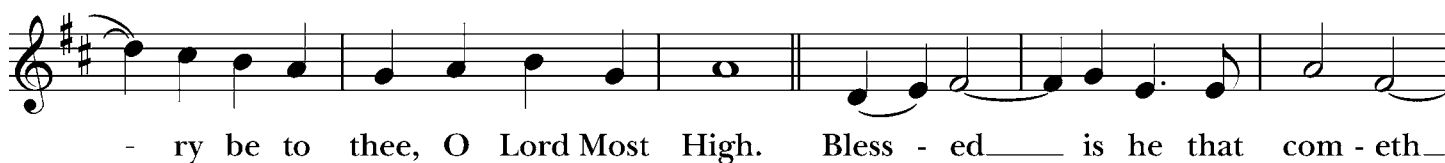
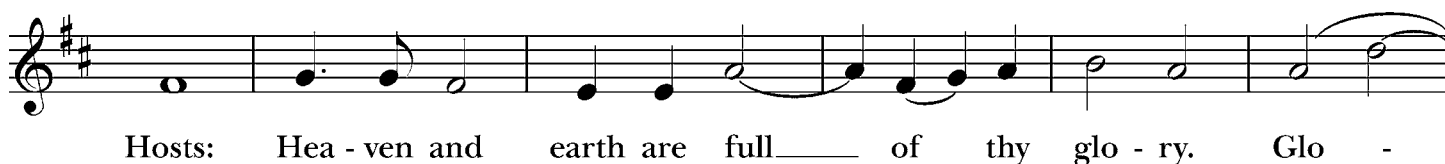
The Celebrant proceeds

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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

Sanctus et Benedictus

All sing.



Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

All sing.

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.

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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 w 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 Anthem

O sacrum convivium,	O sacred feast
in quo Christus sumitur;	in which Christ is received!
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;	The memory of his passion is recalled.
mens impletur gratia;	The mind is filled with thanks,
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.	and a pledge of future glory is given to us.
Alleluia	Alleluia.

Music by Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)

Communion Hymn

All sing.

Lord, whose love through humble service

Hymnal 610



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

The Post-Communion Prayer

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

E^T**ERNAL** 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.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

M^A**Y** the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymnal 523

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

The Dismissal

Assisting Minister
People

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Worship Leaders

Eucharistic Ministers

Sue Guptill
Andrew Sprouse

Crucifers

James Sommerville
Treat Harvey

Torchbearers

Anne Killough-Sparks
Tyler Nordgren

Lectors

Ann-Louise Aguiar
Carol Linden

Intercessor

Rebecca Hix

Verger

Bill Pierson

Livestream Support

Henry Sommerville

Altar Guild

Lauren Goslin
Jean Hughes
Louise Lavine
Bynum Walter

Ushers

Alec Motten
James Rives
Lemac Tubman
Freda Tucker

Healing

Martin Fowler

Choir

Soprano

Sarah Ázeline
Julie Bennett
Erin Conn
Nancy Davis
Barrett Madre
Laura Nichols
Salome Sandoval
Anna Wheeless

Alto

Jenny Anderson
Vanessa Bak
Carolyn Coolidge
Valerie Wettlaufer

Tenor

Mitchner Howell
David Smith
Gabe StClair

Bass

David Graham
Jacob Groff
Jack Mitchell
Johnny Reis
Alex Smith

This week's updates:

S^tPhilip's Summer Renovations

Paint • Plaster • Planning

We're back in the church!

*Thank you to everyone who made our
renovations possible.*

After a great summer worshipping in the parish hall, we're back in the church! Painting and plaster repairs are complete, and this week furnishings and worship items were moved back into place.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility this summer. It's wonderful to return to worship in our freshly repaired and repainted church.



Movers carefully brought the pews back into the church this week, taking care to put each one in the right place.

Learn more at
stphilipsdurham.org/renovation

What's Happening at St. Philip's

Parking Update: New system delayed

Watch for new signs the week of August 24

Due to a delay in installing our new parking signs, our new parking system did not begin August 15 as originally planned. The signs are now expected to be installed next week, and the new system will begin once they're in place.

Until you see the new signs, keep parking as usual – no validation is needed. Once the system goes live, remember that parking for St. Philip's activities will remain free. We'll keep you posted as we have a confirmed start date.

Parking FAQ: stphilipsdurham.org/parking

Help choose the Book Group's Fall reads

Sunday, August 30 • 12:30pm • Parlor

What should we read next? Join the St. Philip's Book Group as we choose our books for the fall. Bring a title or two to suggest—or just come hear what others recommend! The group reads one book each month and gathers for lively conversation. Newcomers are always welcome.

20s/30s Group: Puzzle Afternoon

Sunday, August 30 • 2–4pm

Hi-Wire Brewing (800 Taylor Street)

Join the 20s and 30s group at Hi-Wire for an afternoon of puzzling and fellowship! For more information contact Julie Bennett at juliebennett1121@gmail.com.

Celebrating Emily Sparks

Sunday, August 30

10am social hour



After more than eight years of ministry with St. Philip's families, Emily Sparks will conclude her time as our Ryals Minister for Families at the end of August. Her last Sunday will be August 30 – join us during the 10am social hour that day as we celebrate her ministry and give thanks for the many ways she has nurtured children, youth, and families at St. Philip's.

Come surround Emily with gratitude and wish her well as she begins this next chapter.

Program year starts September 6

Sunday, September 6

Children's and Youth Formation begins

Wednesday, September 8

Wednesday night dinner and programs begin



Register for 2026-27

Children's & Youth Formation:

[Tinyurl.com/Formation2026-27](https://tinyurl.com/Formation2026-27)

Carry Kindness kits available to give away

Pick up a kit in the parish house vestibule

We recently assembled more than 70 Carry Kindness kits! Each kit is filled with personal care items like toothbrushes and paste, deodorant, cleansing wipes, sunscreen and fans, as well as non-perishable snacks that can be given to our neighbors in need. Pick up kits in the parish hall vestibule.

Help keep Sandwich Brigade going

New ministry leaders needed for 2027

After several years leading the Sandwich Brigade, organizer Lori Woodward and food driver Anne Pilgrim will step down at the end of this year. New leaders are needed for this ministry to continue! Every Wednesday, volunteers make sandwiches at home, then drop them off at Susan Day Moore's house for delivery to Urban Ministries of Durham. This ministry began during COVID as a way to provide meals for our downtown neighbors, and it quickly became a source of connection for volunteers.

Could this be a ministry for you? New leaders could divide or reshape the responsibilities to fit their schedules. Please consider taking on a piece of the leadership, or teaming up with others! To learn more, contact Lori Woodward (lori.jdwoodward@gmail.com) or Anne Pilgrim (annempilgrim@gmail.com).

Ministry Fair is coming!

Sunday, September 20

Make sure your ministry is represented

We're bringing back the St. Philip's Ministry Fair! It's a chance to discover the many ways St. Philippians are putting their gifts to work – and for our ministries to share what they're doing and invite others to get involved.

Ministry leaders: If your ministry is new since our last fair in 2023, or if its leadership has changed, contact Sue Guptill at sueguptill@icloud.com.

We need YOU to host social hour

Our social hour is lay-led. It takes you to make it work! We'll continue meeting at 10am for a few more Sundays; on September 6 we'll return to social hour after the 11am service.

Available dates: Aug. 23, Sept. 6, Sept. 13, Sept. 20, Sept. 27. Sign up on the parish hall easel, or email office@stphilipsdurham.org.

Be part of our diocese's next chapter

Applications open for bishop search and transition committees

The Diocese of North Carolina is beginning the process that will lead to the election of our 13th bishop. Laypeople from across the diocese are invited to take part! Applications are now open for the **search committee**, which will help discern and identify candidates for bishop, and the **transition committee**, which will help guide the diocese through the election and transition process.

If you're interested in lending your gifts to this important work, apply by August 25.

Learn more: episdionc.org

Explore Your Faith with EfM

Program begins in September

Looking for a place to explore your faith questions and connect what you believe with everyday life? Education for Ministry (EfM) brings laypeople together for weekly study, prayer, conversation, and theological reflection. Choose the classic four-year program (one year at a time) or Wide Angle, a one-year introduction to EfM.

Learn more: stphilipsdurham.org/efm



Events at The Trees

TheTreesDurham.org

DOCUMENTARY WATCH PARTY

Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World

Wednesday, August 26 • 6–8pm
The Trees (1701 Pleasant Green Rd)



A new documentary from PBS's American Masters series tells the story of beloved poet Mary Oliver's life and work. Join us at The Trees to watch it together and discuss. Bring your favorite poem and maybe a snack to share. RSVP requested but not required.

RSVP: [Tinyurl.com/TreesMaryOliver](https://tinyurl.com/TreesMaryOliver)

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Help grow a pollinator garden at The Trees

Local scout member Alaina Steele is working on her Eagle Scout project at The Trees: designing and building a pollinator garden near the outdoor classroom. The new garden will provide habitat for pollinators while creating a space where children can learn about and experience the natural world. Alaina hopes to raise approximately \$600 to purchase materials for the project. Gifts of any amount will help bring the garden to life! *When giving, please write "Eagle Scout Pollinator Garden" in the memo line.*

Donate: [Tinyurl.com/TreesGift](https://tinyurl.com/TreesGift)

Community News

Sip, See & Support with L'Arche NC

Today, August 23 • 4–7pm
North Street neighborhood

L'Arche North Carolina creates communities where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and people without disabilities share life together. This summer, L'Arche is expanding its work in Durham with the purchase of two neighboring homes known as the Friendship Houses, continuing their longtime tradition of community between adults with disabilities and Duke Divinity students. You're invited to Sip, See & Support – tour the houses, meet members of the L'Arche community, and learn about the vision for their future. Light hors d'oeuvres, wine, and sparkling juice will be served. Free; advance reservations are encouraged.

Tickets: givebutter.com/SipSupport

Behind the Music: “Tu es Petrus”

TODAY’S 11 a.m. Offertory Anthem, “Tu es Petrus” by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, is a setting of today’s gospel, in which Jesus says to Peter, “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.”

Palestrina (1525-1594) spent his life in Rome, the center of Catholic Christianity, at a time when that form of Christianity faced the challenge of Protestant faiths. We don’t know when he wrote “Tu es Petrus,” but any time during his life would have been a time of religious and political uncertainties. The words of Jesus in this piece, responding to Peter’s declaration of faith in Jesus’ divinity, are a message of affirmation and comfort at any time like Palestrina’s (or ours!) when faiths are shaken and we long for comfort.

The Council of Trent, an eighteen-year effort to codify many aspects of the Catholic doctrine, took place during Palestrina’s early maturity, and he was probably aware of a proposal made there: “The entire manner of singing in musical modes should be calculated not to afford vain delight to the ear, but so that the words may be comprehensible to all; and thus may the hearts of the listeners be caught up into the desire for celestial harmonies and contemplation of the joys of the blessed.”

Certainly this piece seems like a response to a demand for clarity. Although it is written for six different voices from high treble to bass, most of the time we hear no more than four at one time, and often they are singing the same words.

Unlike the earlier style, where musical lines are interwoven and words are not always clear, here we usually can understand the text, and variety is introduced in several ways. One is imitation of one group of singers by another. For example, at the beginning, a three-part treble choir is imitated by three lower voices, bringing out the text, “You are Peter and on this rock....”

Another way of bringing out the text is word-painting. The sopranos and later the tenors soar to their highest note on, “I will build my church;” Later they both ascend to “coelorum,” the heavens. To bring out, “And the gates of Hell shall not overcome it [the church],” the notes of both groups descend.

All six voices singing “claves” (keys) together for the first time, introducing the final statement, the high notes of the sopranos, and very long notes held by the altos and basses all combine to create a majestic ending, illustrating, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.”

by Carolyn Coolidge and Tim Riggs



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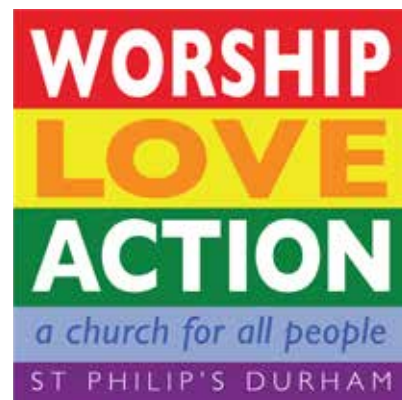


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