# ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easthampton, MA 01027

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## **CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost [Proper 28]

> 19 November 2023 10:00 a.m.

# **Community Notices**

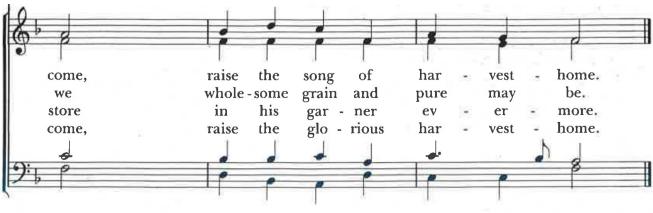
Prelude

Opening Hymn #290

"Come, ye thankful people, come"

St George's, Windsor The Hymnal, 1982





#### Thanksgiving Day.

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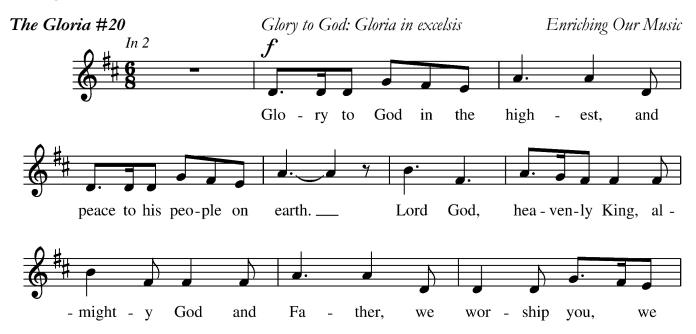
#### **Opening Sentences**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### All sing the Gloria.





Music: Peter Crisafulli, from Music for the Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

## A Brief Teaching Word

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE LESSONS:

## The First Lesson:

Judges 4:1-7

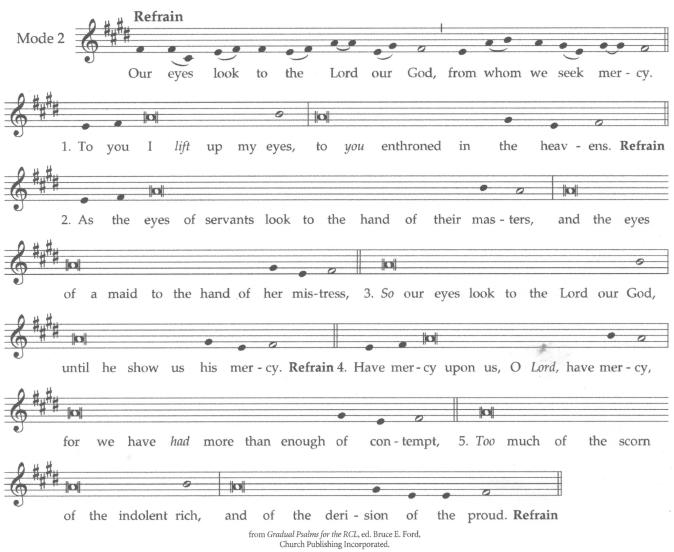
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Lector

Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*People:* Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept for a time. Then the People offer the Psalm.



#### Psalm 123 Ad te levavi oculos meos

#### **Epistle:**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

#### Elle Morgan, Lector

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. *Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept for a time. Then, at the organ's introduction, the People STAND to sing.



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Matthew 25:14-30

said to him,

Well done, good and

# Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master

Gospeler:	The Gospel of the Lord.
People:	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saving, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Bullock

Sermon Reflection Music "Meryton Townhall" Henry Purcell Susan May, mandolin; Clare Bullock Boyd, cello; Stephen Bailey, alto recorder

Reflection time is taken. Then at the Celebrant's invitation, the Creed is recited, all STANDING.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 FORM VI

Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Intercessor

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

#### Silence

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor:	For this community, the nation, and the world;
<b>People:</b>	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Intercessor:	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<b>People:</b>	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Intercessor:	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<b>People</b>	For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Intercessor:	For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
<b>People:</b>	For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Intercessor:	For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, for Douglas Fisher our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God;
People:	For all who serve God in his Church.
Intercessor:	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For all who live and work in this community, especially for our elders, Mary Rubeck, Barbara Weeks and Addie Radford. For Lee Baker for healing. For Maureen Lee who is dealing with a heart condition. For Deborah Murray

Hrubesh who is coping with stroke issues. For Don Bird and Peter Blanchard who have health issues. And Andrzei Rutkowski who is battling cancer.

#### Silence

The People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor:Hear us, Lord;People:For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

#### Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

	We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Intercessor:	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

*Intercessor:* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *People:* Who put their trust in you. The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

## **Confession of Sin**

Enriching Our Worship

Silence is kept for a time. With the Celebrant's bidding, the congregation joins in the General Confession.

GOD OF ALL MERCY,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant says

## The Absolution

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 service continues with the exchange of The Peace.

## The Peace

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

## **Community Blessings**

## OFFERTORY

Celebrant:	All things come of thee, O Lord.
People:	And of thine own have we given thee.

## THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

All those who hunger for the God-life revealed in Jesus are welcome to receive at this altar. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If reception in the pew is required, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A Book of Common Prayer, pg 361 Sursum corda ["Lift up your hearts"] #S120 The Hymnal, 1982 Celebrant People T The Lord be with you. al - so with you. And Celebrant People the Lord. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to Celebrant Т Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## The Celebrant proceeds.

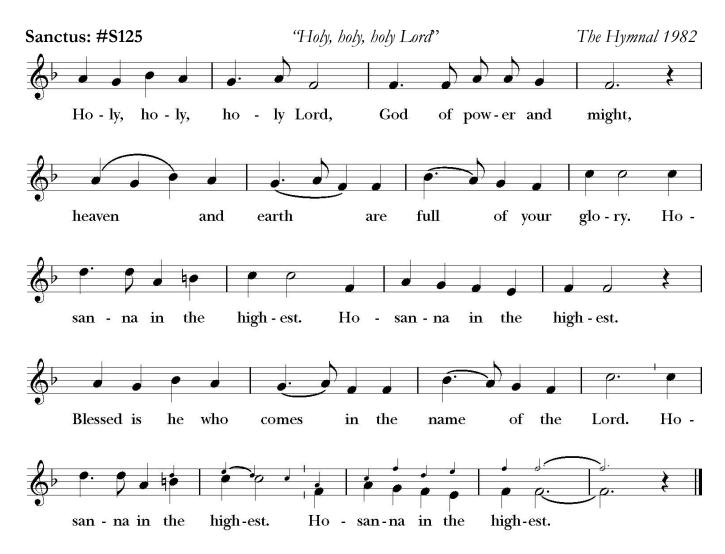
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

## **Proper Preface**

For you are the source of light and life: you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore 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:

Celebrant and People



Music: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people STAND or KNEEL for the Eucharistic Prayer.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People offer the Memorial Acclamation.

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.** 

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

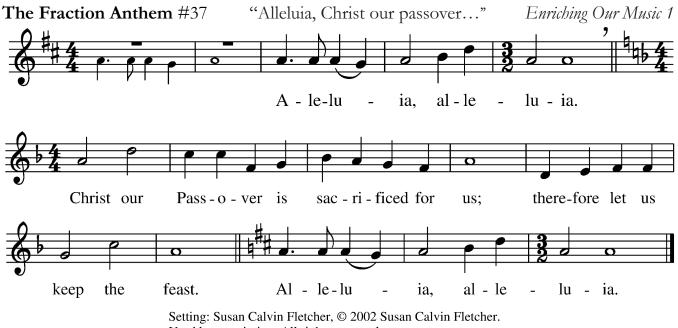
Our Father in Heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be your Name,	who sin against us.
your kingdom come,	Save us from the time of trial,
your will be done,	and deliver us from evil.
on earth as in heaven.	For the kingdom, the power,
Give us today our daily bread.	and the glory are yours,
Forgive us our sins	now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### Then all join in the singing of the Fraction Anthem



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*Celebrant:* 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.

#### THE SHARING: The Invitation to Communion

If you choose not to receive from the common cup, please reverently hold the chalice's base and acknowledge "the blood of Christ."

> The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

Book of Common Prayer, pg 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

ETERNAL GOD, HEAVENLY FATHER,

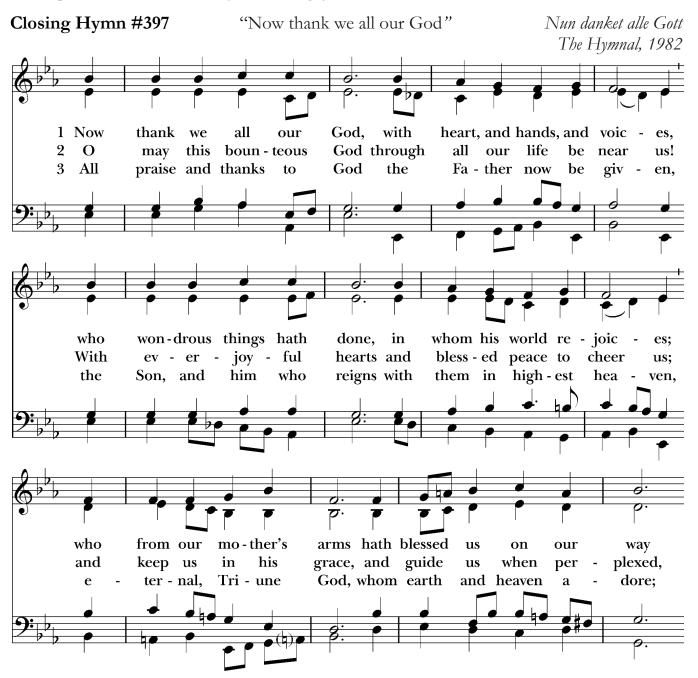
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

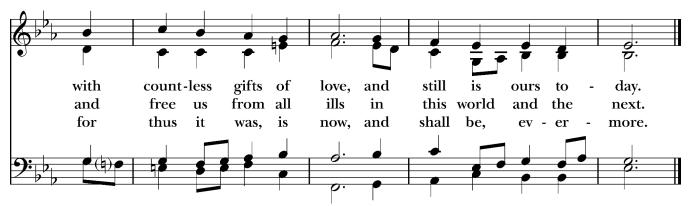
## to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All STAND for the blessing.

## The Blessing

The People remain STANDING for the closing hymn.





Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant:	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People:	Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Postlude on a Melody from "Southern Harmony" Sa

Sam Batt Owens

# Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

## **Prayer List**

Lee Baker, Addie Radford, Don Bird, Mary Rubeck, Maureen Lee, Peter Blanchard, Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Barbara Weeks, Andrzei Rutkowski

## Birthdays

Em Boldvay, Nov 21 John Ewell, Nov 22 Maureen Lee, Nov 23

## Announcements

November 19, 2023

#### TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Rev. Michael A. Bullock, Celebrant/Preacher David Brown, Verger/Crucifer Elle Morgan, Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Lectors Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Intercessor Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director St. Philip's Choir Singers Susan May, mandolin Clare Bullock Boyd, cello Stephen Bailey, alto recorder Bonnie Katusich, Lay Eucharistic Minister Joan & Dave Haines, Ushers Weyehn Reeves, Tech Minister Susan Sachs, Altar Guild Janet Couch, Robert Shaw, Counters

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

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**COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is hosted by Glee Miner. Thank you so much!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY** ~ This week, as we anticipate celebrating Thanksgiving Day, the children and their teachers will name what they are thankful for. We will start a new prayer practice in class: building a "Gratitude Garland." Come visit the classroom upstairs in the parish hall to see what our children are thanking God for. Add your own prayers of gratitude! And please: take a tag or two off the Christmas Giving Tree!

CHILDREN'S **CHRISTMAS** EVE **CHOIR** Our St Philip's tradition is to form a children's choir for Christmas Eve We're Easter. readv to sing! and Rehearsals: Sundays, December 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 11:30 am, in the church. We will learn one carol to sing together on Christmas Eve at 4:30. Rehearsals will be over by noon, and it's okay if a child cannot attend all four. Please contact me with your child's interest!

KAREN BANTA, Minister of Music, kdbanta@gmail.com; 413-548-5076

**VOTE FOR PIONEER VALLEY POWER PACKS at** Florence Bank, Customers Choice Community Grants program. We need to get as many votes as we can by Dec.31 to hopefully qualify for an award.

If you have an account at Florence Bank, you can vote for us. Go on their website: <u>https://www.florencebank.com/customer</u> <u>s-choice-community-grants</u> or see this week's N.O.W. for a link.

ST. PHILIP'S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2023. The Easthampton Community Center provides children in need with pajamas and socks each Philip's has played a Christmas. St. significant role through our annual Christmas Giving Tree and we are proud to announce that our Sunday School children will be continuing this tradition. Last year we donated 94 sets of pajamas and 323 prs of socks!

The Giving Tree will be set up for Sunday, November 19th. Ornaments handmade by our Sunday school children will be placed on the tree with the sizes needed. Please take an ornament or two.

A box will be set up next to the tree for your donation of unwrapped pajamas and socks. Please return your donation by Sunday, December 12 th . After church on the 12 th , the children will deliver the pajamas and socks to ECC. The Community Center will be packing bags for Christmas that week.

St. Philip's is such an important member of our community, and your generosity is unmatched. Thank you so much for your commitment to helping those in need.

# ADVENT RETREAT with the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

Dec 16, 9:30am ~ Online Enjoy a morning of listening, prayer, and conversation as we open ourselves to the presence of Divine Love. Our time together will include presentations, guided meditation, and gathering in small groups. If you like, bring a candle and wear something comfortable for an optional walk outdoors. All are welcome to join our fourth annual Advent retreat.

This year's Advent retreat takes its name from the opening line of a 15th-century hymn attributed to Thomas á Kempis.

See this week's N.O.W. to register.

**SUNDAY LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP meets on Zoom every Sunday** at **8:15 a.m**. The gathering of the curious and the prepared reads, reviews, and discusses the scripture lessons that will be offered in the day's liturgy. The link will be printed in the bulletin announcement in the NOW. Please join us in what has always been a lively and helpful discussion.

# TO JOIN SUNDAY SERVICE &/or LECTIONARY STUDY:

The Sunday Service is on live-streamed on our website:

https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/liv e-stream-channel

Lectionary Study is on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83207829066 ?pwd=N0k0emc5NGkxdGFxQVpKMUN laWJTdz09 Meeting ID: 832 0782 9066; Passcode: 270862

## TO JOIN BY TELEPHONE:

Audio conferencing participant (joining by telephone) will need to call:

+1 929 436 2866 and follow the verbal instructions. Enter the meeting ID you wish to join followed by the # key. If you are asked for a password, enter the password followed by the # key. You will be asked to enter your participant ID. If you do not know your participant ID, simply press the # key.



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