ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easthampton, MA 01027

Be careful: If you come here, you will grow!



The Parable of the Virgins, Sir John Everett Millais

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

[Proper 27]

8 November 2026

10:00 a.m.

Prelude "Lord Christ, on Thee My Hope is Stayed" Johann Pachelbel

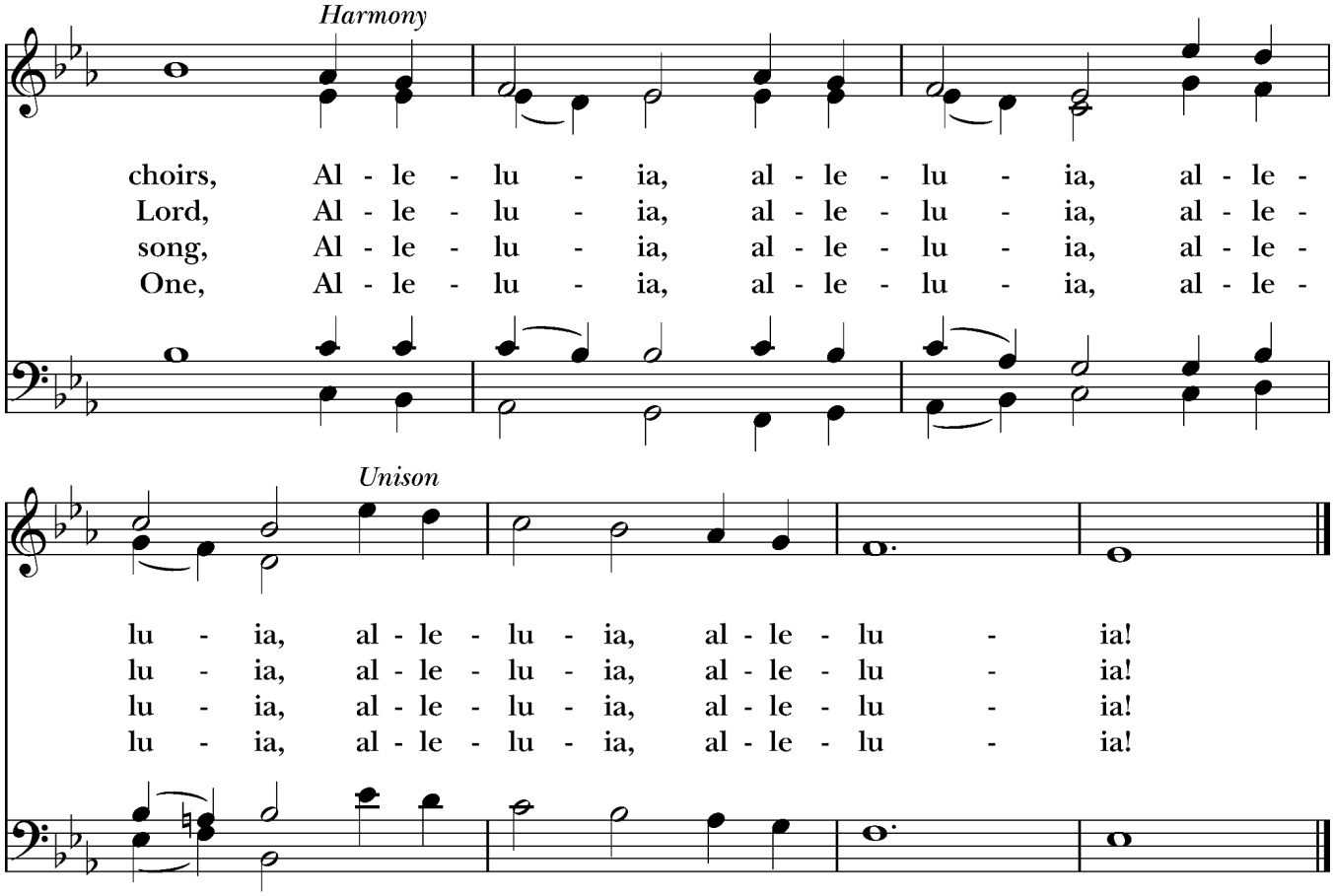
Community Notices

At the opening hymn, the People STAND and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

The Entrance Rite

Opening Hymn #618 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones" *Lasst uns erfreuen*
The Hymnal, 1982





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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

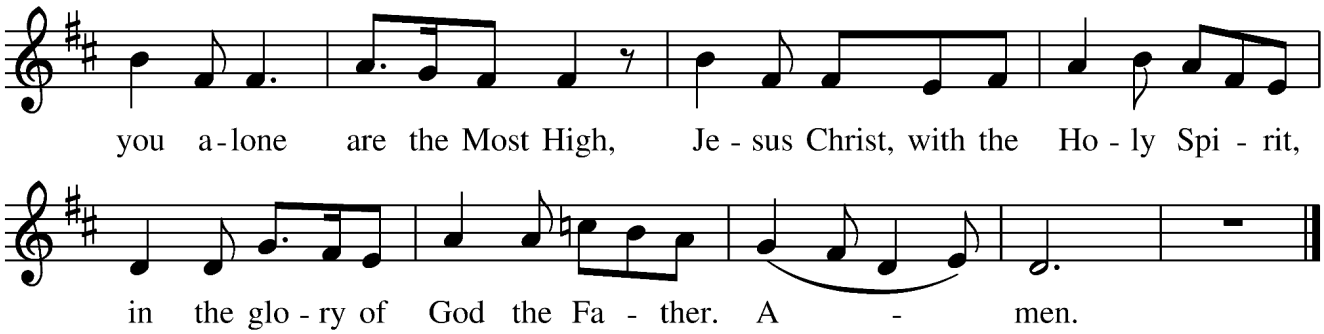
ALMIGHTY GOD, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All sing the Gloria.

The Gloria #20 "Glory to God" Peter Crisafulli

Enriching Our Music





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The Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The People SIT.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons:

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Elizabeth McAnulty, Lector

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out

before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

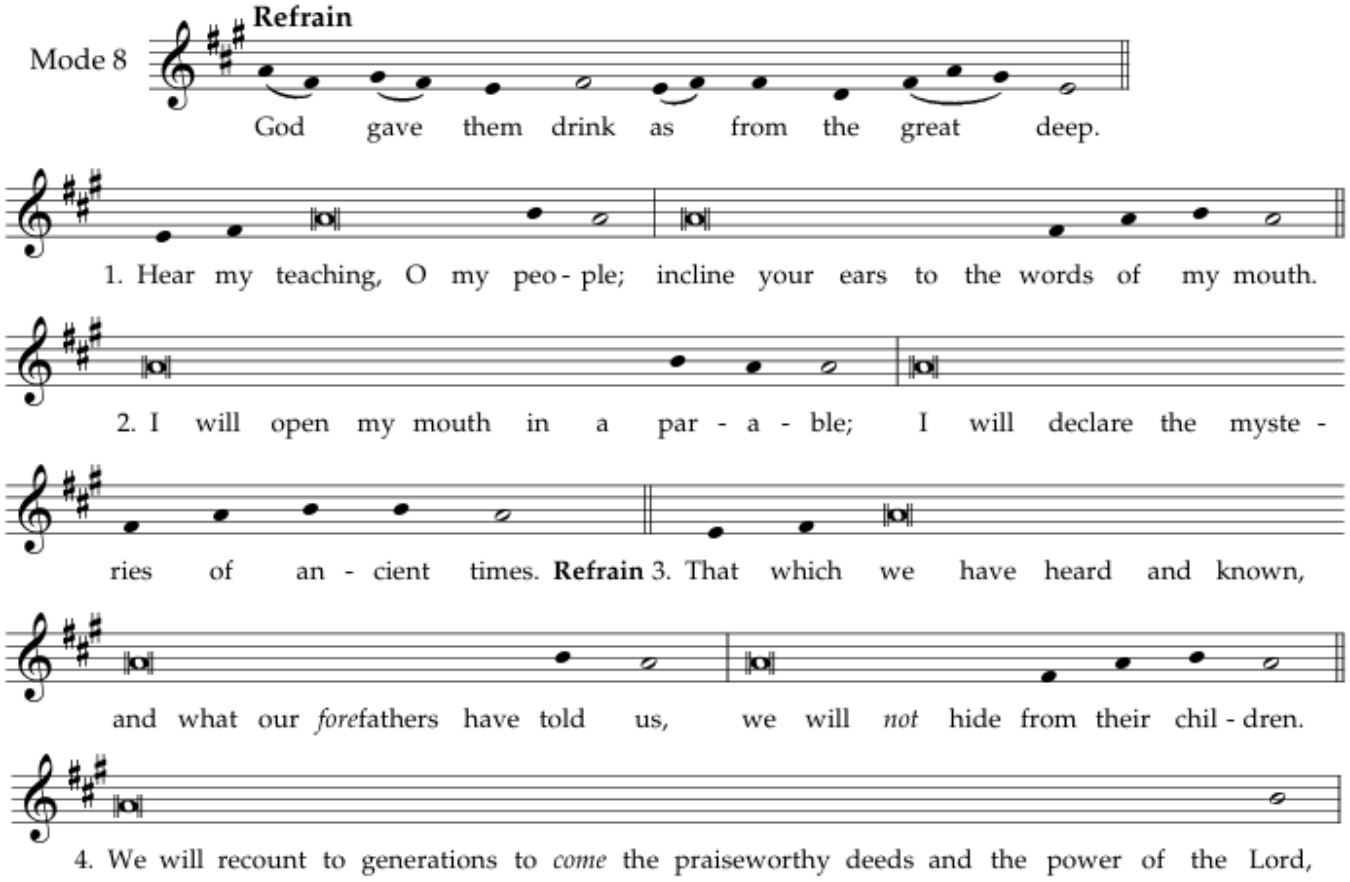
But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!"

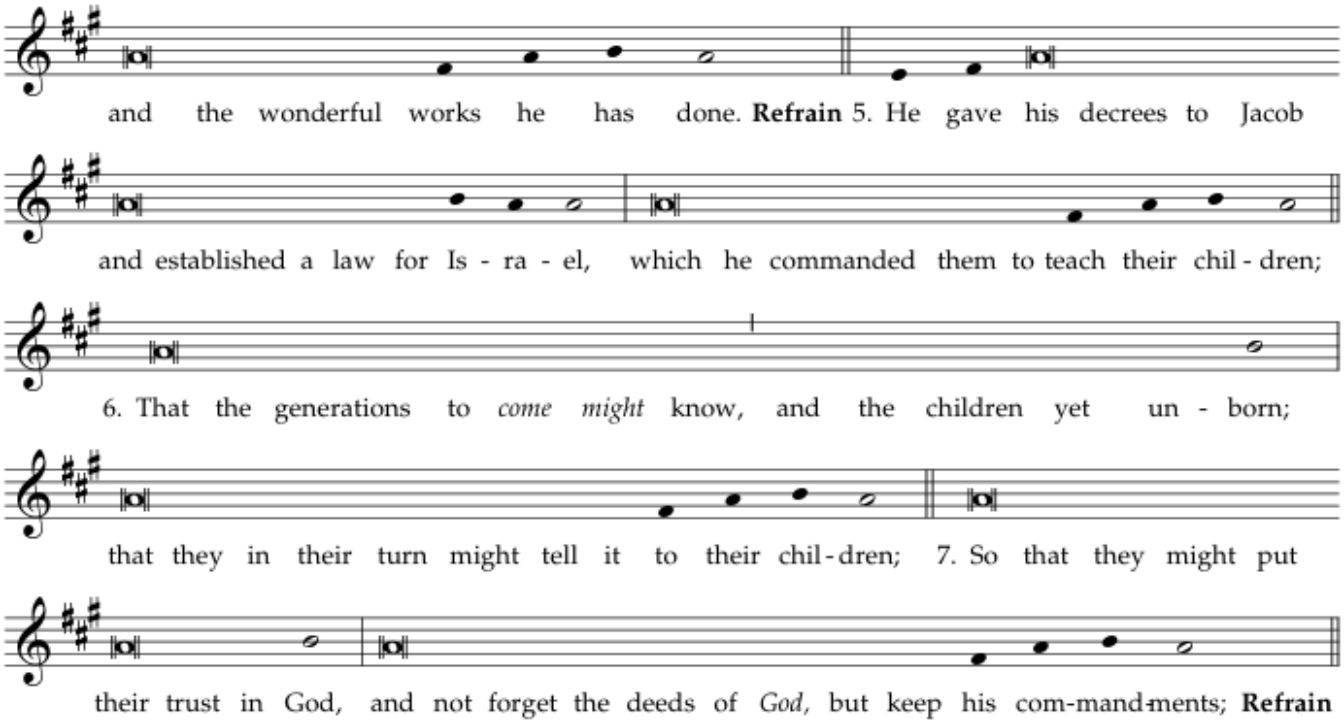
Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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.

The Psalm 78:1-7 ***Attendite, popule***





from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford,
Church Publishing Incorporated.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Jean Blakeman, Lector

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

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

Sequence Hymn #620 "Jerusalem, my happy home" *Land of Rest*
The Hymnal, 1982



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Gospel Matthew 25:1-13 The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates

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

The Nicene Creed *Enriching Our Worship, pg 54*

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 III** Elizabeth McAnulty, Intercessor
Book of Common Prayer, pg 387

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. KNEELING or STANDING, we pray.

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church: for our Bishop, Miguelina Howell; for our Bridge Pastor, Alan Gates; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. And in the weekly prayers of the diocese we remember Christ the King-Epiphany in Wilbraham and the Secretary of Convention, Wende Wheeler. We also pray for St. Philip's, that in this time of transition, all of us may be open to the promise of new life.

People: **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People*:** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray for healing and the strength of new life for our elder, Mary; for Nancy who is recovering from a heart attack; for Cecilia who is undergoing cancer treatment, and for her wife Kathryn and their daughter; for Noah, Graciela,

and Pru, for Cristosal in Latin America, and for all the people they serve; for Josh, Andy, and Jon with their struggles with cancer; for Maureen as she recovers from a broken hip and manages heart failure.

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.
***People*:** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
***People*:** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin *Enriching our Worship*, pg 19

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

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 People STAND for the exchange of the Peace.

The Peace

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

The People greet one another in the Holy One's Name.

Community Blessings
Stewardship testimonial: Chris Felizzi

OFFERTORY

The Celebrant extends an Offertory Sentence.
As the Congregation's gifts are gathered, the Celebrant prepares the altar.

OFFERTORY CHOIR ANTHEM "A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester"
Choir Singers L.J. White

The People STAND for the Presentation of the gifts.

Offertory Presentation and Proclamation

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

The Liturgy of the Altar

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A *Book of Common Prayer*, pg 361

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

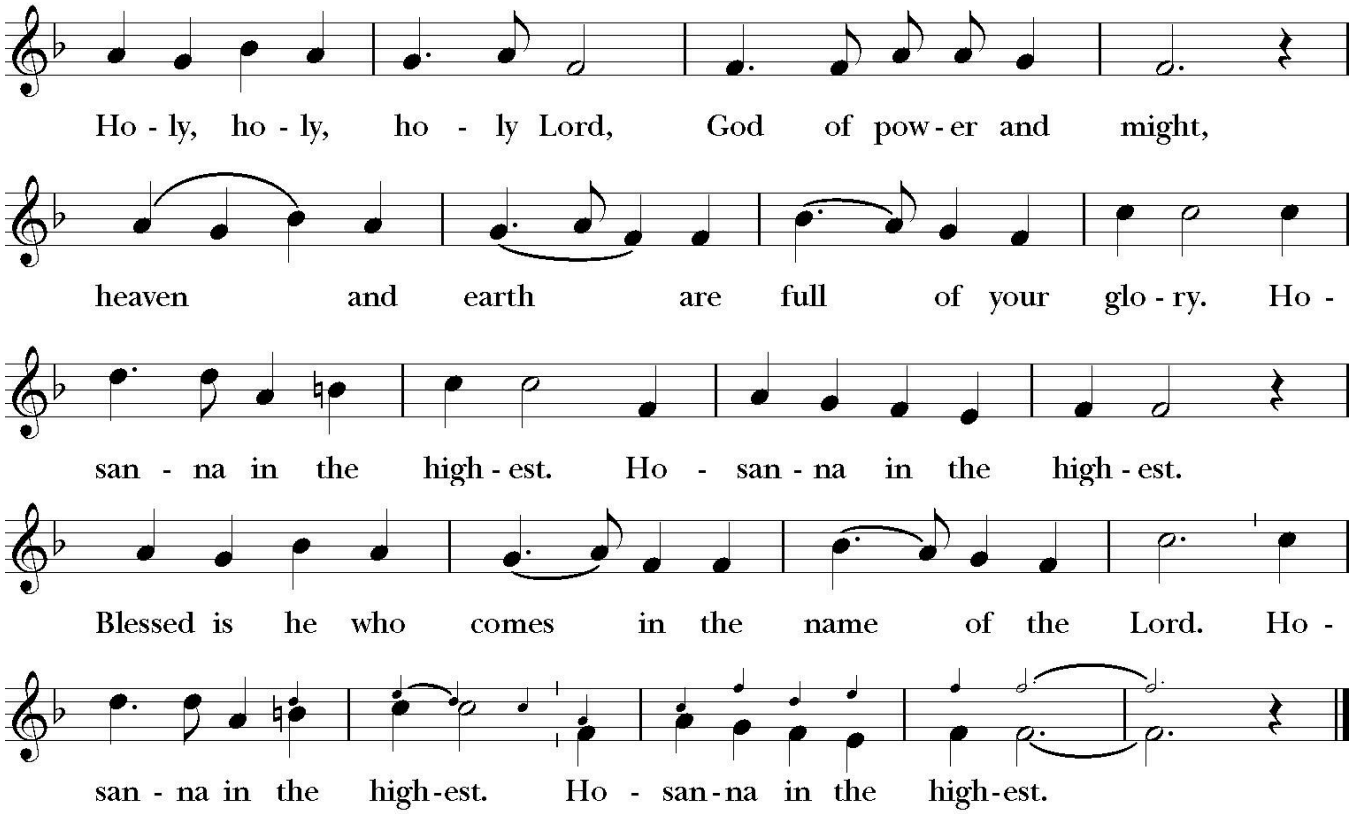
The Celebrant proceeds.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Sanctus: #S125 *"Holy, holy, holy Lord"* *The Hymnal, 1982*



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

The People STAND or KNEEL.

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

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:

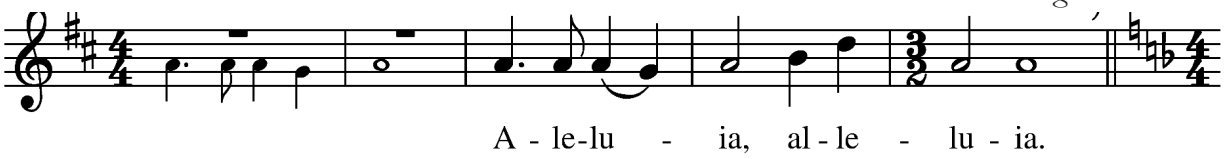
OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

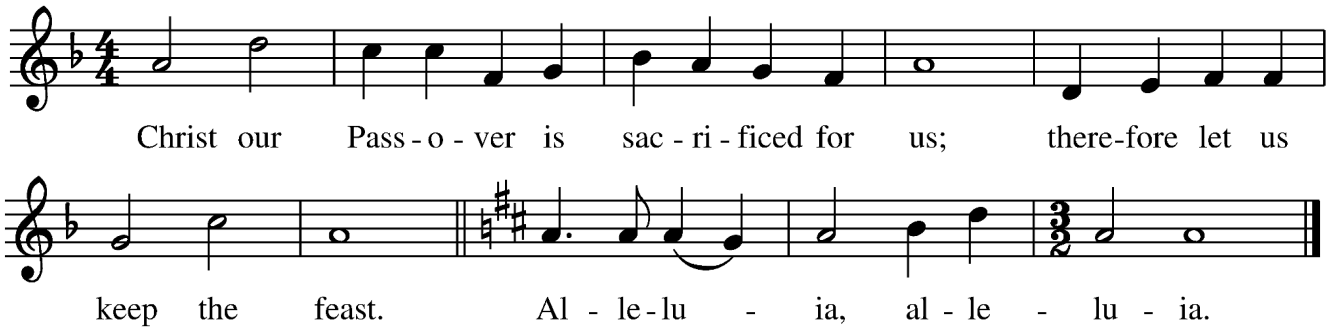
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: THE FRACTION

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

Then all join in the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

The Fraction Anthem #37 "Alleluia. Christ our Passover" Susan Calvin Fletcher
Enriching Our Music 1





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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

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.

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO RECEIVE FROM THE COMMON CUP,
PLEASE REVERENTLY HOLD THE CHALICE'S BASE AND ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BLOOD OF CHRIST."

PLEASE DO NOT INTINCT.

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.

Closing Hymn #436 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" *Truro*
The Hymnal, 1982



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude "Lasst uns Erfreuen" Truuke Marijke Ameigh

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

Mary R., Cecilia D., Nancy D.
Noah, Graciela & Baby Pru and Cristosal in El Salvador,
Josh, Andy, Jon, Maureen L.

Please keep in your prayers the groups that use our facility during the week, including the Easthampton Family Center (Tues-Fri) and AA Meetings (Sat-Wed)

Birthdays

David H ~ Nov 8
Julie P ~ Nov 8

Announcements

November 8, 2026

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS
The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates,
Celebrant/Preacher
Weyehn Reeves, Verger/Crucifer
Jean Blakeman, Elizabeth McAnulty,
Lectors
Elizabeth McAnulty, Intercessor
Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director
St. Philip's Choir Singers
Henry Reeves, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Justin Wolfe, Jeanne Michaels, Ushers
David Brown, Altar Guild
Julie Flahive, Janine Murphy, Counters

COFFEE HOUR this week is hosted by Becky and Steve Taylor . Thank you!

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY our young people are reflecting on the story "Exile & Return." God's People made the astounding discovery that God was present in a foreign and strange land. God is present everywhere, waiting to be found and to find us.

The **LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP will resume meeting on November 15** from 9am to 9:45am as a hybrid gathering: in-person in the Parish Hall and on Zoom. Conversation and study will focus on the prayer, psalm, and scripture readings appointed for that day. All are welcome to participate as they are able. Please feel free to bring your coffee or tea with you!

Our annual **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** benefits the food pantry at the Easthampton Community Center. This year, our young people are working with kids from four other congregations in Northampton to gather enough groceries to feed 200 families. Our parish's contribution to this effort is to gather 200 cans of pie filling and 200 boxes of bread mix (corn, banana, etc.). So far we have 41 bread mixes and 49 cans. We are on our way to reaching our goal by November 15th!

OUR PARISH has launched its **ANNUAL CANVASS**, a time to consider our level of commitment to St. Philip's and how we might demonstrate that commitment with gifts of time, talent and money next year. **In-gathering will be November 15th.**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the ALL 4 HER Consignment Sale! A special thank you to the leadership team: Janet Couch, Glee Miner, Deborah Murray Hrubesh, and Julie Flahive.

BROWN BAG LUNCH GROUP meets on Tuesdays at noon. This is a "come as you can" event. If you have some free time, pack a lunch and come to church! The gathered group offers Noonday Prayers and then enjoys a simple meal and lively conversation. Questions? Contact Becky Taylor: beckyt21@verizon.net.

TAKE & EAT ~ St. Philip's and the Westhampton Congregational Church work together to provide meals for homebound people on the 4th weekend of every month. To volunteer, contact Emma Coles at ecoles614@gmail.com, or sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/takeandeat.

JOIN THE ST. PHILIP'S CONNECT GROUP, our virtual community. We share blessings, ask for prayers and help or favors. Ask a vestry member for more information.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDIES
Members of St. Philip's are warmly invited to participate in two community Bible study programs held on Zoom and led by parishioner Linda Moore. Please contact her for more information and to receive the Zoom link for either or both groups:
bythegraceofgod@outlook.com
The **Pilgrims** group meets on Sunday afternoons, 4:00 to 5:00. Now entering its sixth year, the group's current focus is the Epistle to the Hebrews, and promises a scintillating exploration of this New Testament book.
What is the Bible anyway? This group meets on Thursdays at 4:00pm, addressing such questions as, "How are we to read the Bible? What does it have to do with God? What's it got to do with me? How do the stories we read affect our lives?"

Our **EVENTS CALENDAR** is online at https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/upcoming-events

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