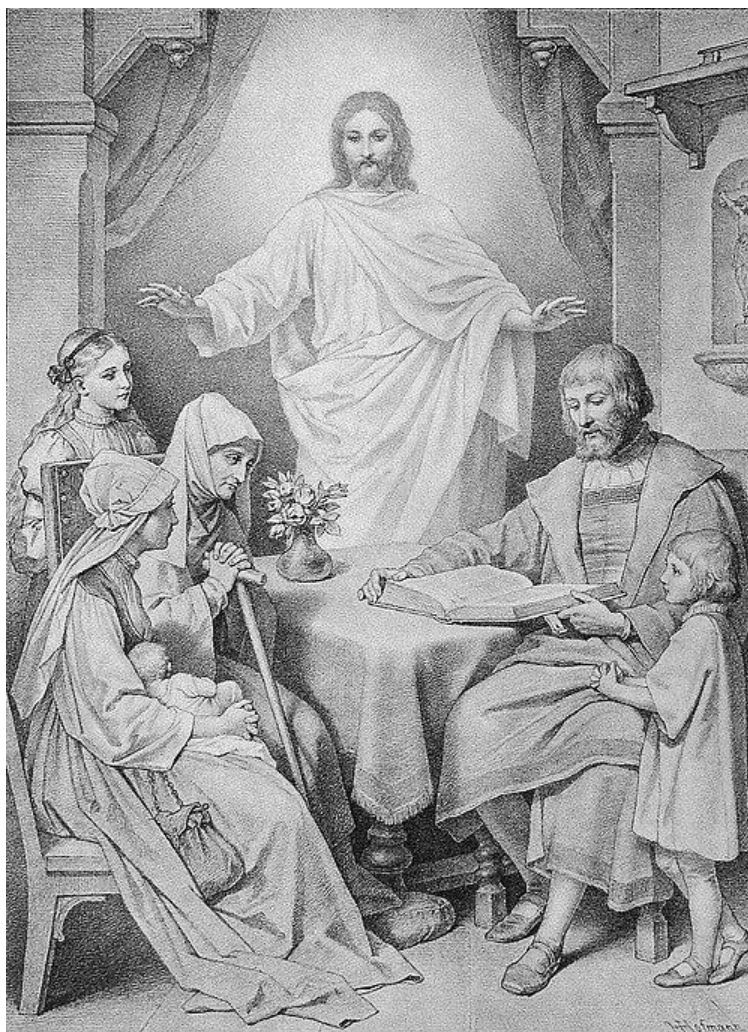


ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easthampton, Massachusetts

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



Heinrich Hofmann (1824–1911)

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Proper 18]

6 Sept 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

NOTES ON THE LITURGY: “The Daily Office” is a phrase that indicates a basic quality of a Christian’s life: namely, that prayer is a “daily” activity; and that keeping these prayers is a fundamental “duty” (which is what the word “office” means) of the baptized. Taken from the ancient monastic practice of praying seven times a day, the Prayer Book tradition has combined the three main elements of this monastic worship [which are: the saying of the 1) psalms; 2) reading the scriptures; 3) offering the prayers] to punctuate each threshold experience of the day with a particular “God-awareness” in terms of Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline.

Stemming from our baptismal promise “to keep the Apostles’ teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the prayers,” [BCP, page 304], the Daily Offices are most appropriately led by the laity. In this occasion when our priest is away, the St. Philip’s community has the opportunity not only to exercise this prayer ministry but also for some to be introduced to the Daily Office tradition and experience.

Prelude

“Three Chants”

Charles Callahan

Community Notices

The Entrance Rite

Opening Hymn #377

“All people that on earth do dwell”

Old 100th

Verses 1-4

The Hymnal, 1982

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100. Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

The People remain STANDING.

Opening Sentences

Officiant: Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the People

In silence, let us acknowledge those things that separate us from God and from one another. Then publicly and aloud (kneeling as you are able), let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time. Then, the Officiant leads the People.

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.

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

THE INVITATORY

ALL STAND

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Officiant and People:

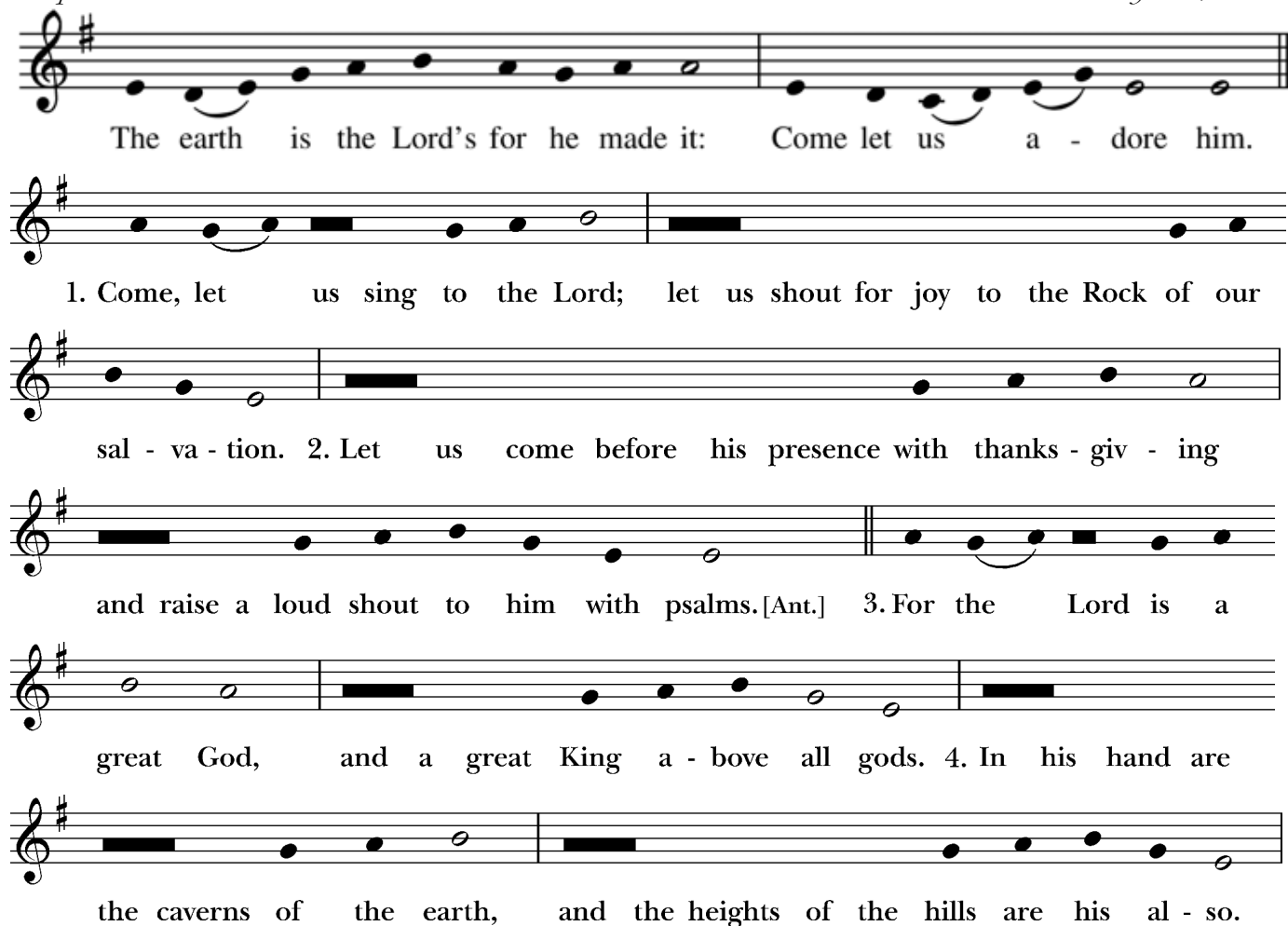
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Venite #S34

Antiphon

plainsong, Ford/Wyton

The Hymnal, 1982

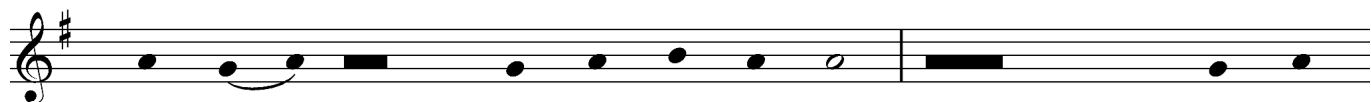


The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us a - dore him.

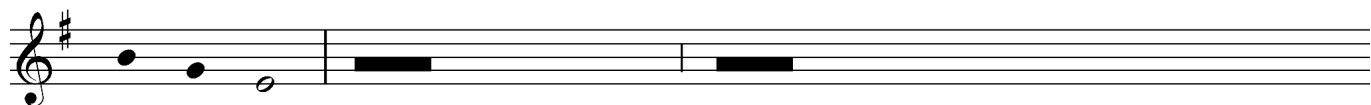
1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.[Ant.] 3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.



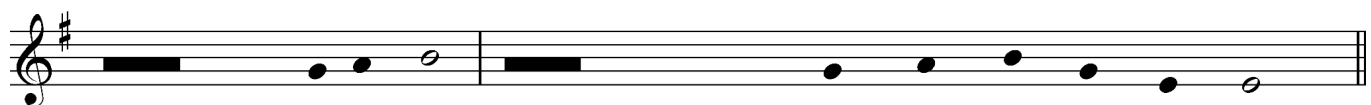
5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. [Ant.]



6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord



our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture



and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice! [Ant.]

The People SIT for the Psalm.

The Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino*

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds.

**6 Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;

**8 To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;**

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

THE LESSONS

The Epistle:

Romans 13:8-14

Karen Banta, Lector

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for a time. Then in response to the lesson, STANDING, ALL SING the Canticle.

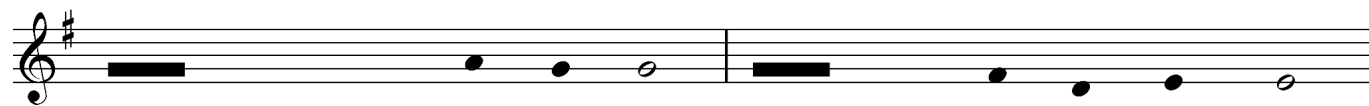
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“The Second Song of Isaiah”

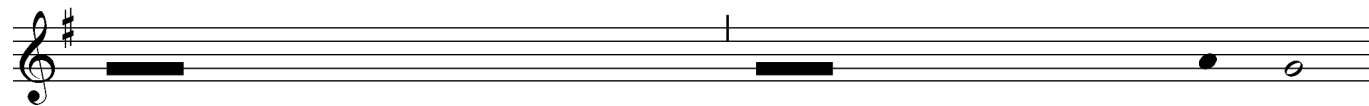
plainsong, Alec Wyton
The Hymnal, 1982



1. Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near.



2. Let the wicked for - sake their ways and the e - vil ones their thoughts;



3. And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have com - pas - sion,



and to our God, for he will rich - ly par - don. 4. For my thoughts are not your thoughts,



nor your ways my ways, says the Lord. 5. For as the heavens are higher than the earth,



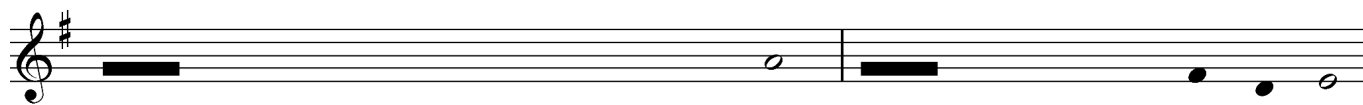
so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.



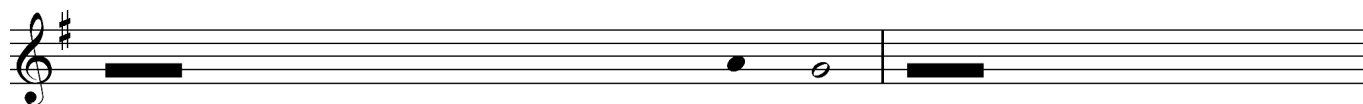
6. For as rain and snow fall from the heavens and return not again, but water the earth,



7. Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating,

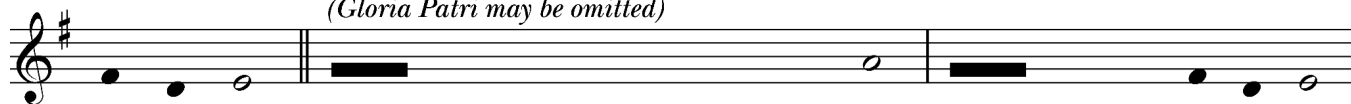


8. So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me empty;



9. But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, and prosper in that for which

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)



I sent it. 10. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:



11. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A-men.

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In the Morning Prayer service, the Gospel is announced and the People are SEATED to listen.

The Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 18:15-20

Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Lector

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that

every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I

tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about

anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept for time. Then, in response to the Gospel lesson, STANDING, ALL SING the following

Hymn #678 “Surely it is God who saves me” (Paraphrase of The First Song of Isaiah)

The Hymnal, 1982

College of Preachers

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me;
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples;

trust - ing him, I shall not fear. For the Lord de - fends and
tell out his ex - alt - ed Name. Praise the Lord, who has done

shields me and his sav - ing help is near. So re - joice as
great things; all his works his might pro - claim. Zi-on, lift your

you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the
voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your

day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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The Sermon

Robert Shaw

Sermon Musical Reflection

Fantasia on “Morning Song”

Lani Smith, tune from
“*Kentucky Harmony*”

Silence is kept for a time. Then, at the Officiant's invitation, all STAND and say the Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant: Let us stand and confess what we believe in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Officiant: I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,

People: creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *[kneeling or standing]*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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

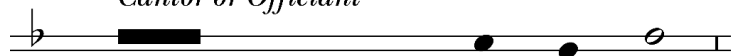
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

Then all join in the singing of the Suffrages

The Suffrages A #S52

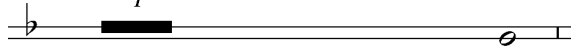
The Hymnal, 1982

Cantor or Officiant

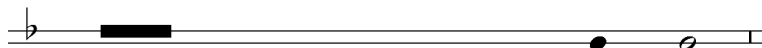


V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

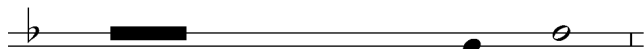
People



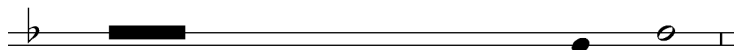
R. And grant us your salva - tion.



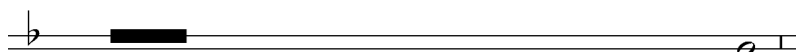
V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



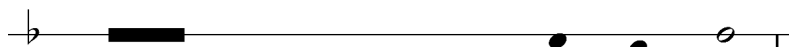
R. Let your people sing with joy.



V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



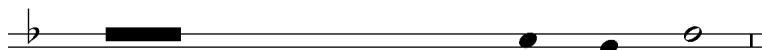
R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



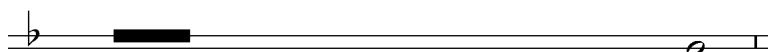
V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



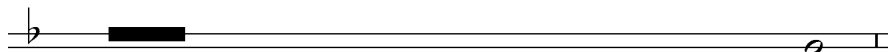
R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



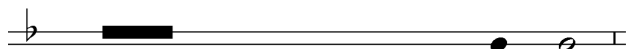
R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



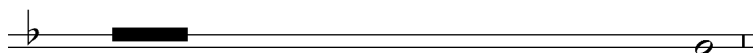
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

The Collects:

Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Intercessor

The Collect for the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for our Country

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Schools and Colleges

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Agriculture

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

At the Intercessor's bidding, the People may offer their prayers silently or aloud.

Officiant: ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER OF ALL MERCIES,

People: we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not
only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The liturgy concludes with this.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes the liturgy with the following.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

STANDING, please join in singing the closing hymn.

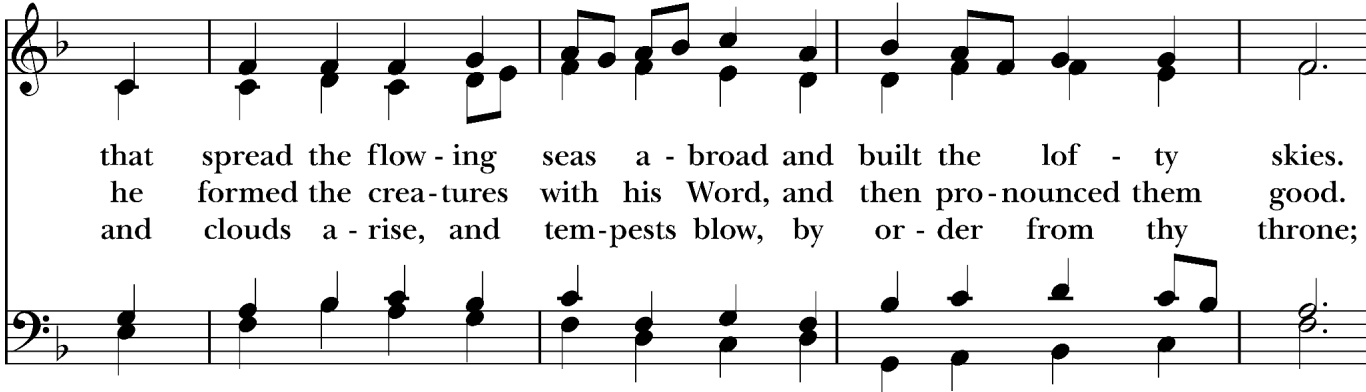
Closing Hymn #398

"I sing the almighty power of God"

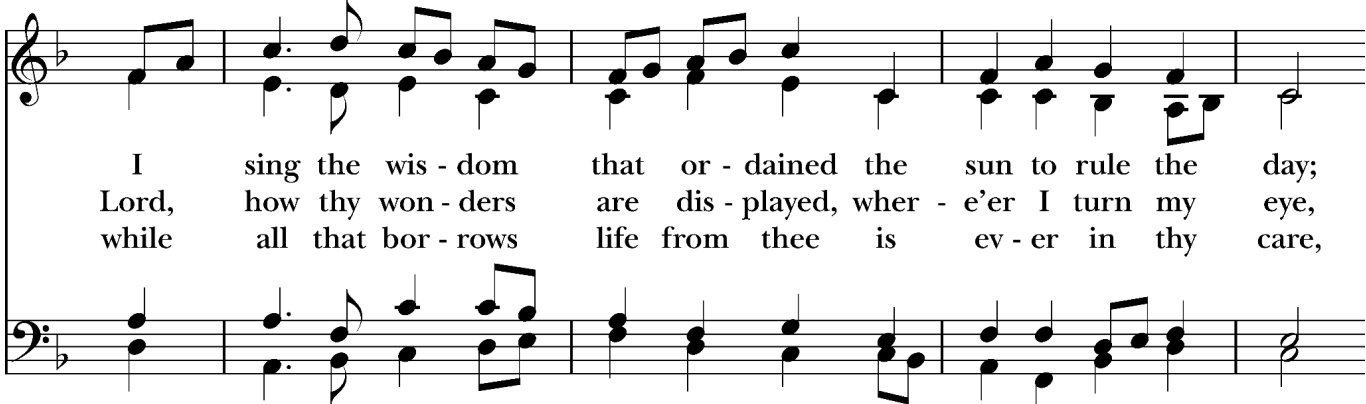
Forest Green
The Hymnal, 1982



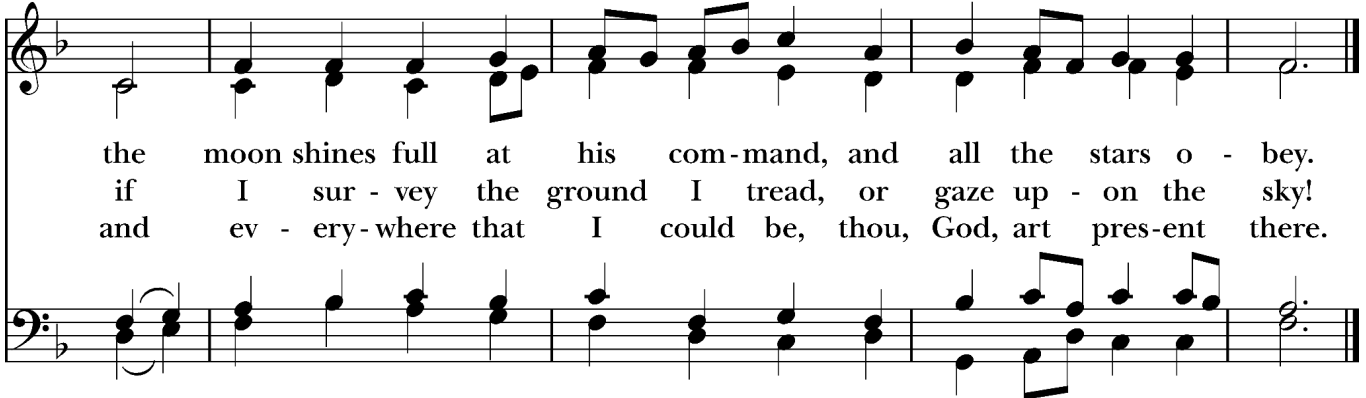
1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

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

Please keep in your prayers the groups that use our facility during the week in the summer, including several AA Meetings (Sat-Weds).

Birthdays

None this week

Announcements

September 6, 2026

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Stephen Bailey, Officiant
Robert Shaw, Preacher
Weyehn Reeves, Verger/Crucifer
Karen Banta, Deborah Murray Hrubesh,
Lectors
Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director
Susan May, Tech Minister
Joe Bianca, Usher
Julie Flahive, Janine Murphy, Counters

Come over to the Parish Hall after worship today for **COFFEE HOUR**, hosted by Janet Couch with Chip Secco. Thank you! And thank you Katie Flahive and Marilyn Mooers for hosting last week.

Remember to attend our **PARISH QUARTERLY meeting on September 20th** after worship. We will be joined by the new Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Heather Blais.

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

New Season for our ADULT CHOIR

After a summer break, our choir rehearsals will resume on **Thursday, September 10**. Alto School is at 6:00 pm, and the full choir rehearses from 6:20 to 7:30 pm. Are you interested in singing with us? The only requirement is the ability to match a pitch. We'll teach you the rest! Please contact me for a brief meeting first. Thank you for considering this opportunity to pray, praise, breathe deeply, and enjoy others, all at the same time.

KAREN BANTA, Minister of Music,
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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.

The **St. Philip's Social Justice Priorities** (communication, food insecurity, and our undocumented neighbors) are highlighted in this week's N.O.W.

Subscribe to the N.O.W. (News Of the Week). Find our weekly newsletter, at <https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/weekly-newsletter>. Subscribe and you'll receive the sermon every Monday and the N.O.W. every Thursday.

Once a month, St. Philip's **TAKE & EAT** ministry serves meals to about 100 of our neighbors in Hampshire County who are housebound. Shifts are on Saturday mornings and usually two hours or less. There are always experienced kitchen leaders to help you with what to do, whether cooking, packing food, or delivering food.

Curious? Looking for an active way to care for our neighbors? Contact Emma Coles at ecoles614@gmail.com.

BE A PILGRIM! Join the Pilgrims group on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 till 5:00 on Zoom, now entering our sixth year. We are beginning a study of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and promise a scintillating exploration of this New Testament book. Please contact Linda McCullough Moore at BythegraceofGod@outlook.com for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

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SUNDAY LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP IS ON HIATUS for the rest of the summer, through Labor Day. We are discerning how best to continue this weekly adult spiritual formation opportunity following Father Michael's departure. Please contact Becky Taylor if you plan to join this discussion in the fall, or if you seek more information (beckyt21@verizon.net).

Address Food Insecurity: PVPP Food Drive in September

St. Philip's Social Justice committee is conducting a **three week food drive** (Sept 13-27) to benefit one of our food ministries, the **Pioneer Valley Power Packs Program**, which provides supplemental meals for children in Mt View School and Smith Vocational High School. A special financial offering will be taken on September 20th. Last year the program served 250 children and provided approximately 43,700 meals. Given the current economy, we anticipate an increase this year.

Here is a list of **specific food items** we ask you to donate. PLEASE try to only bring these items. Additionally, for each Sunday see the box for this week's highlighted foods to bring. We plan to have a "Banquet Table" in the back of the church and ask the community to "Set the Table" and fill it with food items for those who need food more than we do. Thank you so much for your continued support of PVPP and its mission to combat childhood food insecurity!

We are looking for specific food donations. Bring these at any time. Brand names in *italics* are known to be most helpful:

Campbell's Soup 10.5 oz cans.

Canned chicken 5 oz.

Nutra grain bars

Granola Bars

Applesauce individual cup size

Chicken Ramen Noodles

Chef Boyardee individual Cup size

Nature Valley granola bars (come in a box of 5 individual sizes)

MadeGood allergy free granola bars

MadeGood allergy free cookies

MadeGood Breakfast Bars

Hormel Chili Vegetarian with Beans

Kraft Mac & cheese bowls

Jif to go peanut butter

Chef Boyardee cans

This week's items especially to bring on September 13th:

Applesauce individual cup size

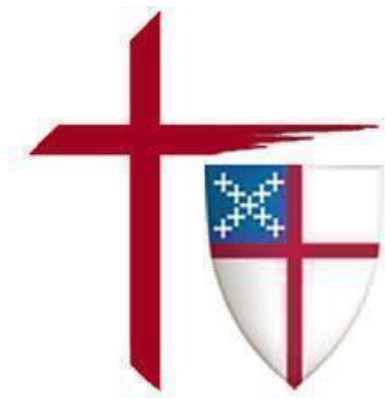
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