ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easthampton, MA 01027

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CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

[Proper 25]

27 October 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Covid is still around; and while we will continue to employ the appropriate health standards, if you feel more secure in wearing a mask, please feel free to do so.

Community Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

At the playing of the Opening Hymn, the People STAND and REMAIN STANDING through the Collect of the Day.





Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The People SIT for the Lessons.

A Brief Teaching Word Paul Davis

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSONS:

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Beverly Bullock, Lector

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not

I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

for

stumble;

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 Lesson from the Prophet Jeremiah: Found within the part of the book interpreters call "The Book of Consolation" (30:1-31:40), this passage from Jeremiah reveals a startling but much needed message of God's promised restoration and renewal to the people. First at the hand of the Assyrians and then the Babylonian, for over a century the people of Israel lived in exile at the hands of their enemies. Both for those who were forcibly taken away and those who were left behind, this reality proved to be a severe challenge to their covenanted faith with God. In the midst of such dread, the Prophet proclaims what to some must have been wishful thinking and to others the announcement of a long-awaited Given that the homecoming. prophet is defined by knowing what God is doing at the moment (and not a fortune-teller), Jeremiah's words speak of God's faithfulness even to a hard-hearted nation: "I will bring them back..."

Psalm 126 In convertendo



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

Epistle:

Hebrews 7:23-28

David Kirk, Lector

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are

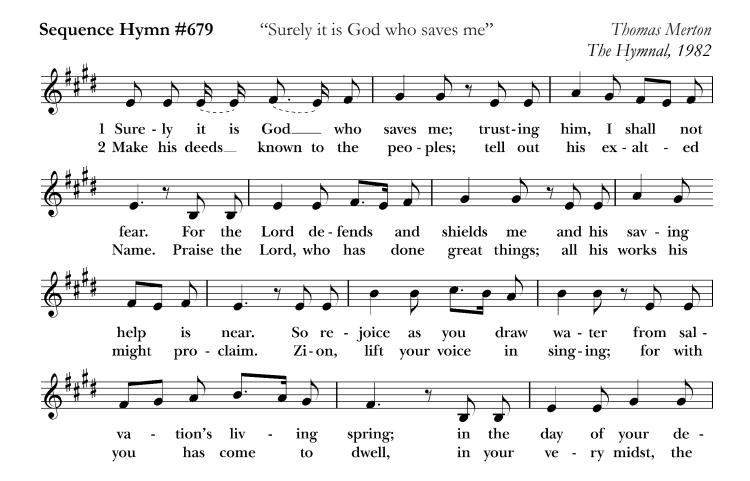
subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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.

The Epistle from the Letter to the Hebrews: In an effort to clarify the meaning of Jesus as the eternal "High Priest", the writer of the epistle engages in what can appear to our ears a complex argument: namely, that early Christians from a Hebrew background wanted to view Jesus as their "High Priest", but stumbled in that Jesus did not come from the designated tribe of priests: Levi. The Letter seeks to make the point that Jesus comes from a higher order: that of the House of David, from whom tradition expected a Messiah., the One who would gather all people to God.





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Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

The Rev. Michael A. Bullock

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael A. Bullock

Sermon Reflection Music

"Through All the World Below"
Choir Women

American folk hymn, c.1866

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

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship, page 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.

ELECTION LITANY: Prayers of the People

Beverly Bullock, Intercessor

These prayers were initially composed by The Rev. Deacon Lora Smith on behalf of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts for use on the Sunday prior to the general election.

Intercessor: Creator God, we come before you as your beloved children, acknowledging the beauty of your creation, of which we are a part. Help us to love all your creation,

as you have loved us.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

Intercessor: All-knowing God, you know our needs even before we speak. We ask your

guidance upon our country at this time of our general election. We pray for your guidance and discernment, as we choose those who will lead our country. May

their leadership be in accordance with your will for all people.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

Intercessor: Shepherding God, we pray for all those called to lead your flock. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, and our Presiding Bishop-elect, Sean, our own Bishop,

Doug, our priest, Michael, for all the baptized and all who represent Christ in their lives. May they lead us in your love and mercy.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

Intercessor: Empowering God, we pray for our President and all members of Congress. We

pray that you will guide them as they make decisions that affect our country and the world. Send them your godly wisdom. Give them vision and courage to serve the common good. and fortify those who run for elected office to choose

integrity in their campaigns and in their terms in office.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

Intercessor: Merciful God, we pray for the poor and for those who have no voice in our

society: the homeless, the destitute, the imprisoned, and the infirm. We pray for

those held captive, that your justice and mercy may prevail.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

Intercessor: Forgiving God, forgive us for the times when we have had conversations without

really listening. Help us to listen to others with humble and unfrightened hearts. Help the leaders of our country to do the same. Help us, as a nation, to focus less on getting our own way and more on loving our neighbors—especially

the most vulnerable among us.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

Intercessor: Healing God, we pray for the sick. We offer prayers this day for [names] and for

those whose infirmity is known only to you. Bring the power of your healing love

to them that they may be witnesses among us to your new life.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

Intercessor: God of the resurrection, we pray for those who have died, and for all the

departed, especially [names].

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

|Silence|

The Prayers are concluded by the Celebrant with these words.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O Lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Peace. ALL STAND.

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 (please speak with an usher prior to the liturgy).

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 #S120 The Hymnal, 1982

Sursum corda ["Lift up your hearts"]



The Celebrant proceeds.

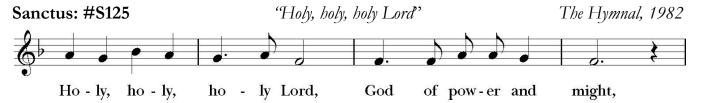
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

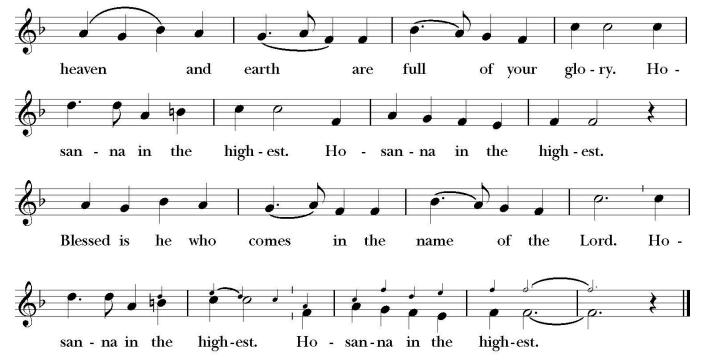
Proper Preface

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People





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

At the Celebrant's visual direction, 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:

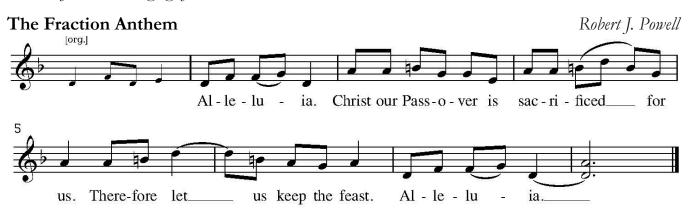
Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

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



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. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

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.

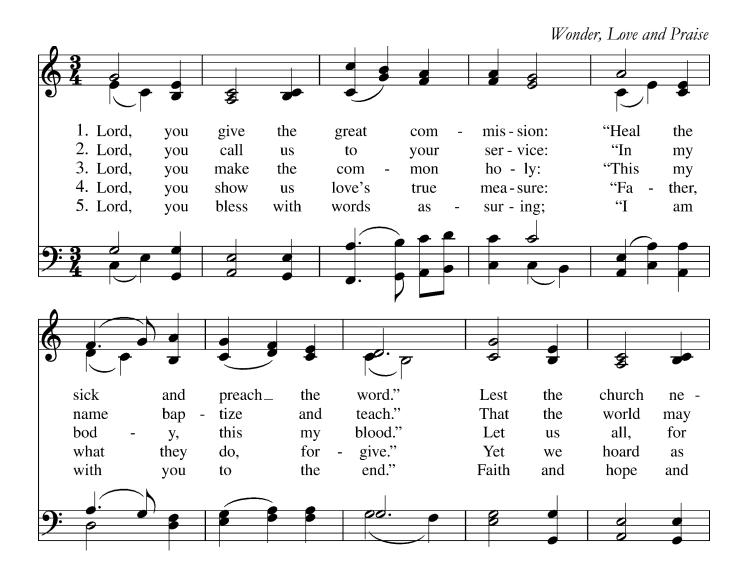
All STAND for the Blessing.

The Blessing

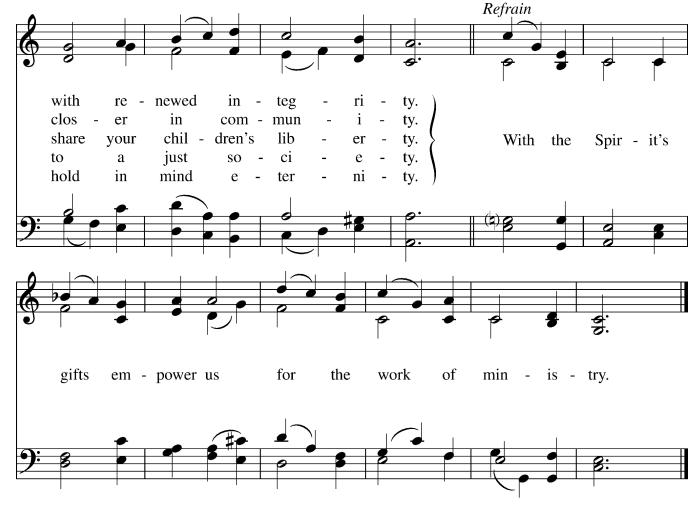
The People remain STANDING for the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn #780 "Lord, you give the great commission"

Abbot's Leigh







Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934). Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Sortie Triomphale"

Joseph H. Greener

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

Chris S., Mary R., Barbara W., Alice R., John B., Marilyn, Deborah H., Kevin C., Andy G., Frank, Robbie, Peter Blanchard's family and friends

Please keep in your prayers all of the community groups that use our facility during the week.

Birthdays

Henry R \sim Nov 3

Announcements

October 27, 2024

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Rev. Michael A. Bullock, Celebrant/
Preacher
David Brown, Verger/Crucifer
Beverly Bullock, David Kirk Lectors
Beverly Bullock, Intercessor
Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director
St. Philip's Choir Singers
Henry Reeves, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Joan & Dave Haines, Ushers
Janine Murphy, Susan May, Tech Ministers
Elizabeth McAnulty, Altar Guild

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.

Janet Couch, Janine Murphy, Counters

Every member at St. Philip's will be contacted by a Canvass committee member to facilitate a financial and time pledge. In-gathering will be November 17th.

You are welcome to take a pledge card and letter from our Vestry located at the back of the church.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE will be set up near the font, starting on Sunday, October 27, and will remain in place through All Saints Sunday, November 3. All are invited to bring photos of loved ones who have passed from this mortal life to the eternal life they now share with God.

SUNDAY, November 3rd at 10:00 AM we will celebrate the FEAST OF ALL SAINTS. As in previous years, the names of parish members, family and friends who have died will be read. Sign-up sheets are on the back table in the church. Or email the parish administrator at stphilipseasthampton@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Since 2017 St. Philip's Sunday School has sponsored an annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of the Easthampton Community Center. This year's food drive will begin on November 3rd.

Non-perishable food items needed include: Stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, cake or brownie mixes, canned pumpkin pie filling, instant potatoes, canned or jar gravy, and bread mixes.

Easthampton Community Center distributes Thanksgiving bags the week before Thanksgiving. Please have all your donations in by November 17 th . The children will be delivering the donations to ECC after church on the 17 th . Thank you all so much for your support in this ministry!

The church will be open on ELECTION DAY, Nov 5th, from 11am to 1pm with noonday prayer.

COFFEE HOUR is hosted by Elizabeth McAnulty and Susan May Thank you!

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY our young people will be making posters for the Thanksgiving food drive for the Easthampton Community Center.

INSTEAD of staging an **ALL 4 HER SALE** in our Parish Hall this fall, we have decided to participate as a consignor in the 22nd annual fall **ALL 4 KIDS SALE**, to be held Veterans Day Weekend at the White Oak School in Westfield. See this week's N.O.W. for more information.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS are being offered via Zoom. Please contact Linda Moore; Bythegraceofgod@outlook.com.

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ST. PHILIP'S OFFERS COMPLINE ON FACEBOOK Sunday through
Friday at 8 pm. Please join us!

SEE CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS on our website at https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/ upcoming-events

SUNDAY LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP meets on Zoom every Sundayat 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 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.

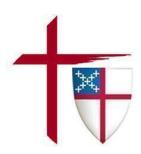
TO JOIN SUNDAY SERVICE &/or LECTIONARY STUDY:

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

https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/live-stream-channel

Lectionary Study is on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8320782906

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