

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easthampton, MA 01027

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CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**Last Sunday after Pentecost
The Reign of Christ**

**23 November 2025
10:00 a.m.**

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

J.S. Bach, arr. C.H. Trevor

Community Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

Opening Hymn #494

“Crown him with many crowns”

Diademata

The Hymnal, 1982

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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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

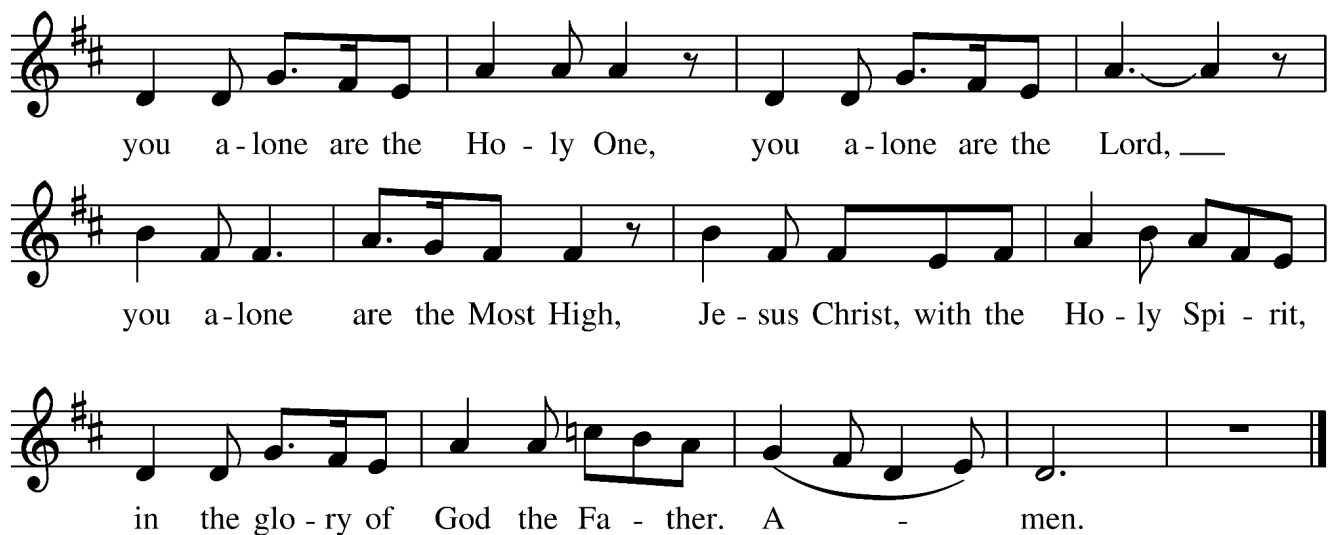
“Glory to God Gloria in excelsis”

Crisafulli

Enriching Our Music

In 2 *f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a tempo mp Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
poco cresc.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
ff
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For



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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People SIT for the Lessons.

A Brief Teaching Word

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSONS:

The First Lesson:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Clare Bullock Boyd, Lector

Jeremiah 23:1-6: The Prophet explains God's judgment on corrupt leaders, using the metaphor of "shepherds" who failed to care for God's "sheep" (the people of Israel). God condemns these leaders for scattering and destroying the people and promises to gather a remnant, bringing them back to their land. The passage concludes with a promise that God will raise up a new, righteous leader from the line of David—a "righteous Branch"—who will reign wisely and justly, which Christians interpret as a prophecy about Jesus. What is the faithful definition of such "shepherding"? What is entailed in faithful leadership? How do we reflect this?

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who

shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says

the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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 46 *Deus noster refugium*

Mode 2 **Refrain**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Ja - cob

is our strong - hold.

1. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trou - ble.

2. Therefore we will *not fear*, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled

into the depths of the sea; 3. Though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble at its tu - mult. **Refrain** 5. There is a river

whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

6. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be over-thrown; God shall help her
at the break of day. 7. The nations *make* much ado, and the kingdoms are sha - ken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt a - way. **Refrain** 9. Come now and look
upon the works of the Lord, what awesome *things* he has done on earth.
10. It is he who *makes* war to cease in all the world; he breaks the *bow*,
and shatters the *spear*, and burns the shields with fire. 11. "Be *still*, then, and know that
I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be ex - alt - ed in the earth." **Refrain**

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

Epistle:

Colossians 1:11-20

Beverly Bullock, Lector

Colossians 1:11-20: This passage is often referred to as "the Colossians Hymn". With its majestic description of Jesus as the "image of the invisible", the serious reality of Christmas's "Word made flesh" leaps off the page into one's heart and soul. Emmanuel: God with us: "In [Jesus] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell..." Looking at the Risen Lord, we see what God calls us to be. The issue is to what extent do our lives reflect this God-life and how is this reflection accomplished in and through us?

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his

beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all

things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to

dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 #382

"King of glory, king of peace"

*General Seminary
The Hymnal, 1982*

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

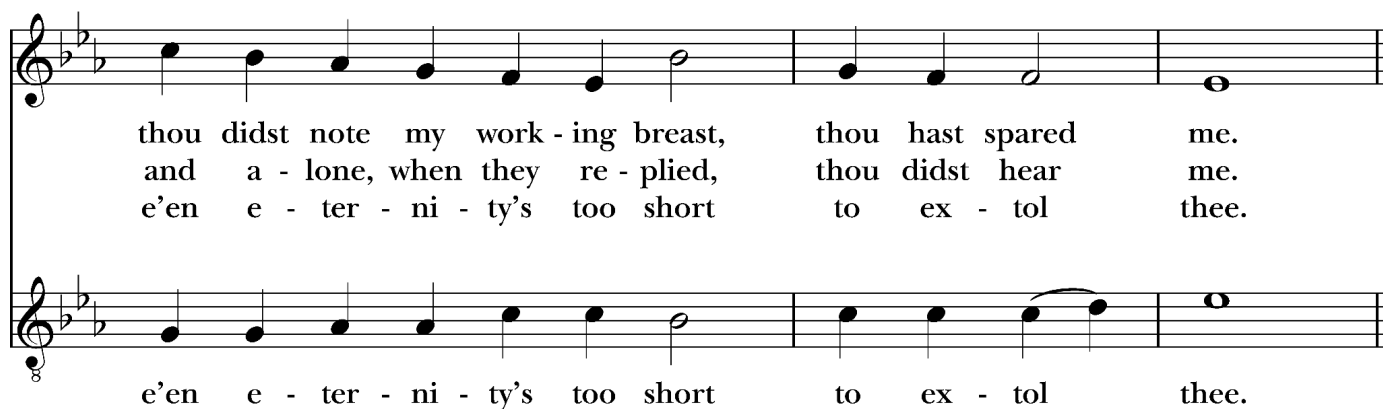
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;



Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *General Seminary*, David Charles Walker (b. 1938). Copyright © 1976, David Charles Walker.

Gospel:

Luke 23:33-43

The Rev. Michael Bullock

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

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

Luke 23:33-43: With the last Sunday of the liturgical year upon us, the day's gospel focuses on Jesus' crucifixion. Additionally, over the last 100 years, this final Sunday of the Christian worshipping year has garnered the title of "Christ the King Sunday". If Jesus is the "image of the invisible God", and if this Sunday's worship focuses on Christ's crucifixion, what does it mean for us and the way we live that the one we follow succumbs to the world's power and life? And to what extent does Jesus' forgiving statement "...for they do not know what they are doing" speak to hope and the place of Godly faith?

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This

is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Bullock

Reflection time is taken. 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.

Prayers of the People, BCP PG 389

FORM V

Clare Bullock Boyd, Intercessor

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, and at the Intercessor's invitation, the **People offer their own prayers**, either silently or aloud. KNEELING (if you are able), we pray.*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

Intercessor: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop; for Douglas Fisher our own Bishop; for Miguelina Howell our Bishop-elect; for our priest, Michael; for the Vestry, and all from this parish who serve God through the church; in the weekly prayers of the Diocese we remember All Saints in Worcester and the Chaplain to Williams College, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those in positions of public trust, especially our president, Donald, the Congress and the Courts: that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all who live and work in this community especially for our elder, Mary; for Deborah and her life with stroke issues; for Kevin's healing from back surgery; for David for his healing from surgery to remove a growth on his back and the issues of low blood pressure; for Nancy while she recovers from fractured ribs; for healing for Emily's kidney disease related to lupus; for Bob while he recovers from his brain tumor surgery; for John and his family for deliverance, healing, and redemption in this time of trial; for healing for Alice after her recent surgery in Boston; for Noah, Graciela, their baby, and Cristosal in Latin America, and for all the people they serve; for

Christopher, for healing and restoration of his soul; for Josh and Andy with their ongoing battle with cancer at such young ages; and for Betty's brother Robbie that he may be granted better quality of life, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: **To you, O Lord our God.**

Silence

The Celebrant concludes with

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **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 Peace. ALL STAND.

The Peace

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

Community Blessings

OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and
make good your vows to the Most High.

The People STAND for the Presentation.

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

*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

Sursum corda ["Lift up your hearts"]

#S120 The Hymnal, 1982

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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 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

Sanctus: #40

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

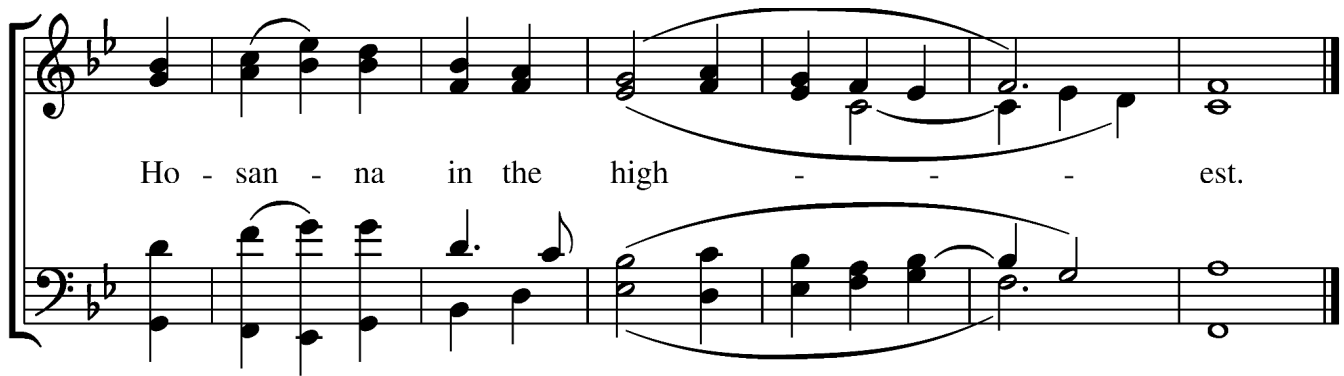
Randall Giles
Enriching Our Music

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of po - wer and might.

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the one who comes — in the name — of the Lord.



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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

**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.

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

The Fraction Anthem

Robert J. Powell

[org.]

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed____ for

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us. There-fore let____ us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.____

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 #397

"Now thank we all our God"

Nun danket alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

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

“Christus Victor (At the Name of Jesus)”

George Brandon

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

Nancy D., Mary R., David B., John B., Emily B., Deborah H., Kevin C.
Noah B., Graciela B. and Cristosal in El Salvador, Josh C., Andy G., Bob C.
Alice R., Robbie, Christopher S.

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

Maureen L ~ Nov 23

Elliot H ~ Nov 26

Announcements

November 23, 2025

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Rev. Michael A. Bullock,
Celebrant/Preacher
David Brown, Verger/Crucifer
Clare Bullock Boyd, Beverly Bullock,
Lectors
Clare Bullock Boyd, Intercessor
Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director
St. Philip's Choir Singers
Henry Reeves, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Justin Wolfe, Jeanne Michaels, Ushers
Susan May, Tech Minister
David Brown, Altar Guild
Janet Couch, Susan May, Counters

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR
QUIET WEDNESDAYS** at 7 pm starting
Dec 3rd through Advent.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dec 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - 10 am
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - 4:30 pm
Dec 25 - Christmas Day - 11 am

**OFFERINGS FOR CHRISTMAS
FLOWERS** are being accepted. Please see
Glee Miner by Dec 14th with your
generous donation. Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR TODAY is hosted by
Fran Kidder. Thank you!

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY our
young people will be reflecting on the story
of the Exile and Return, and how God is
not just in one place, but everywhere – even
in new and unexpected places.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE
CHOIR** Our St Philip's tradition is to
form a children's choir for Christmas Eve
and Easter. Stay tuned for rehearsals
beginning soon.

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The **Easthampton COMMUNITY
CENTER** provides children with pajamas
and socks each Christmas. St. Philip's plays
a significant role through **our annual
Christmas Giving Tree**. This effort is an
important outreach ministry led by the
young people of our parish.

The Giving Tree in the entrance to the
church is filled with tags decorated by our
kids. Each tag contains the age and size of a
child served by the Community Center.
Please take an ornament or two and **return**

your donations of pajamas and socks *unwrapped* by Sunday, December 14th. After worship on the 14th, the children will deliver all items to the Community Center.

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.

Please consider contributing to the **"Pay back the endowment" FUNDRAISER**. In the fall we borrowed \$7500 from our endowment to purchase a new sound system for the church. We hope to pay back that loan by the end of 2025.

WE ARE ALL PILGRIMS. Join us on Zoom Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. for a Pilgrims gathering. Currently we are reading the Epistle to the Ephesians, with some occasional help from NT Wright. Please contact Linda Moore with any questions. bythegraceofgod@outlook.com

BROWN BAG LUNCH on **Tuesdays at noon** in the parish hall. This is a drop-in event held weekly on Tuesdays. Please come as you can, to share a meal and conversation with other parishioners. Bring your lunch! Tea and other beverages are provided.

What Is THE BIBLE Anyway? Join us on **Thursdays at 4:00** to experience a certain kind of answer to this question. An answer that is joyful and engaging. To get the **Zoom** link email Linda Moore at bythegraceofgod@outlook.com

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JOIN THE ST. PHILIP'S CONNECT GROUP! We share blessings, ask for prayers and help or favors. You'll receive emails from all the parishioners who belong, only 2 or 3 times a month. Ask a vestry member for more information.

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>

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

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:

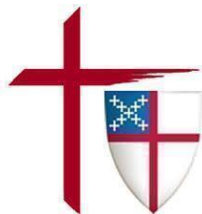
<https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/live-stream-channel>

Lectionary Study is on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83207829066?pwd=N0k0emc5NGkxdGFxQVpKMUNlaWJTd09> 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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