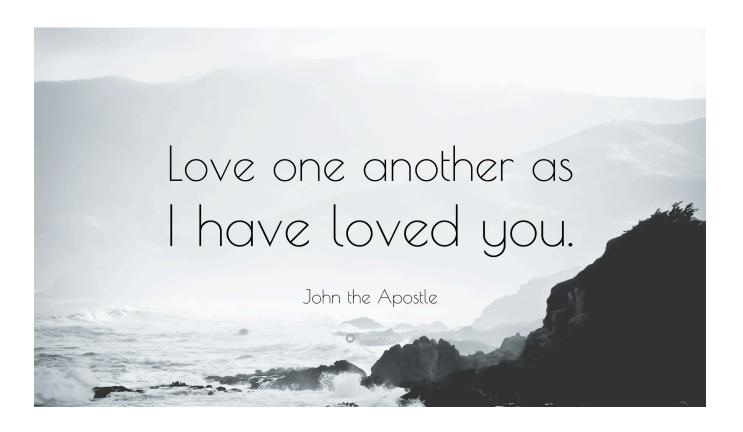
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Easthampton, MA 01027

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CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

18 May 2025 10:00 a.m.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

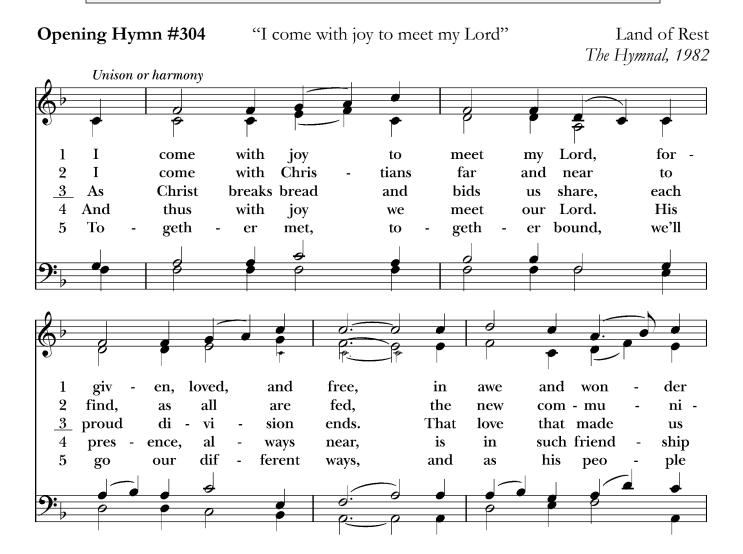
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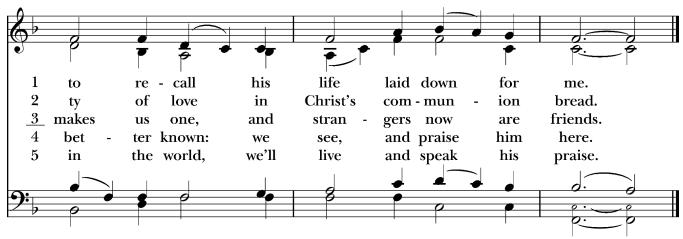
"Bless This Earth"

Juliet Calkins (20th century)

Community Notices

In concert with the ancient Christian custom (and for all who are able), we will stand for all prayer during the season of Easter, as a sign that we are raised with Christ.





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Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

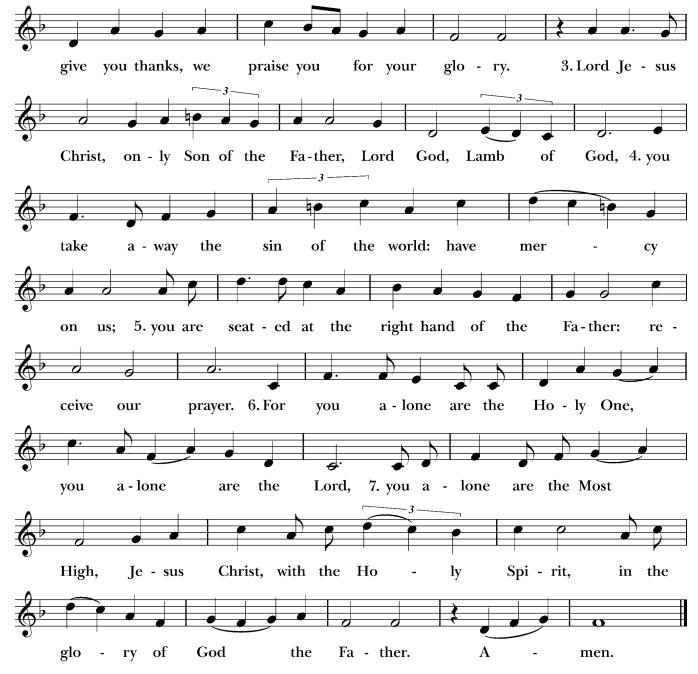
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Brief Teaching Word

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18 Steve Bailey, Lector

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very

moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

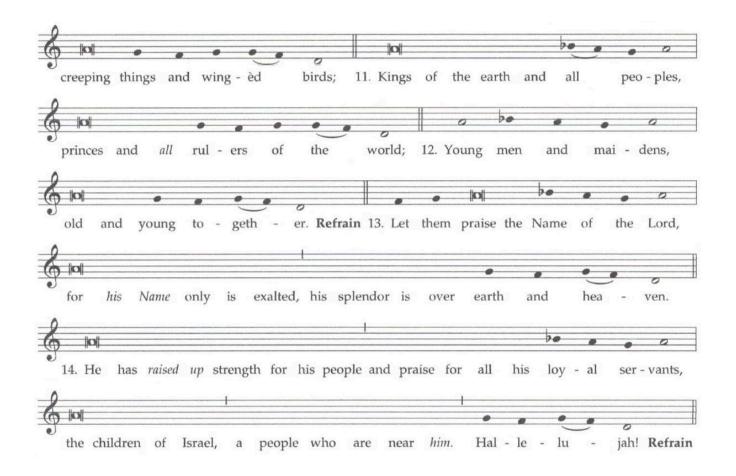
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

PSALM 148 LAUDATE DOMINUM





Epistle:

Revelation 21:1-6

Susan May, Lector

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.?

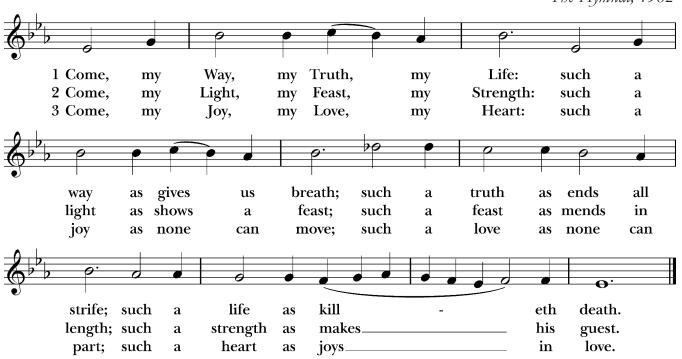
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

The Call *The Hymnal, 1982*



Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: The Call, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Gospel:

John 13:31-35

The Rev. Michael A. Bullock

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and

as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Anderson Bullock

Sermon Reflection Music

"Brother James' Air"

James Denton

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

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form IV

Steve Bailey, Intercessor

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for healing and the strength of new life for our elder, Mary; for Marilyn for continued healing; for Josh, Shawn and Andy who are battling cancer; for Deborah and her new life with stroke issues; for Robert and the healing success of his medical procedure; for Alice that her continuing medical care will bring her healing and for her daughters, Mary and Cathy, who are facing their own medical issues; for Kevin may he heal from his back surgery and find relief; for John and his family: for deliverance, healing, and redemption in this time of trial.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the world and for all those who influence our responses to human need: those who are ill, and those who care for the sick;

those who have died in our country and throughout the world – that we all may remain vigilant, especially in the face of the world's needs;

those whose lives are broken by war and the quest for power, especially in Ukraine; Israel; Sudan and Gaza;

the leaders of the nations, that they may have the wisdom and courage to serve the common good;

and we pray for all who are displaced by war, the need for freedom, or from natural disaster; that we may work to establish their safety.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

The Celebrant introduces the Confession.

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 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

Offertory

Offertory Invitation ~ Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

All those who hunger for the God-life revealed in Jesus are welcome to receive at this altar.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If reception in the pew is required, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

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

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer D

Sursum corda ["Lift up your hearts"]

Book of Common Prayer, page 372

#S120 The Hymnal, 1982

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

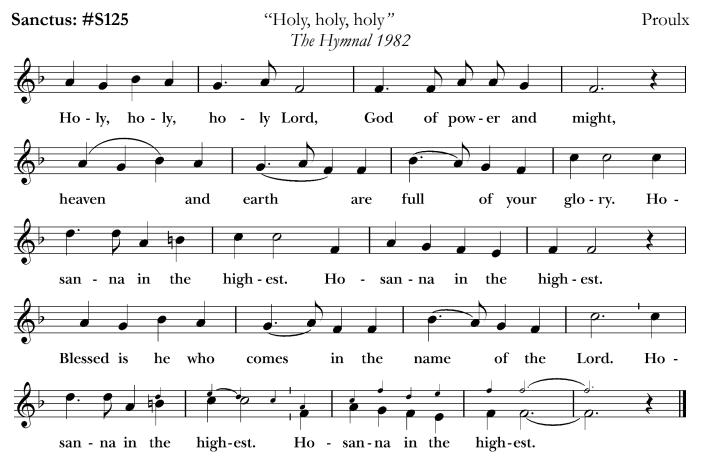
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing



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Throughout the 50 Days of Eastertide, we will participate in the ancient Christian tradition of STANDING FOR ALL PRAYERS, as a visible and outward sign that we are raised with Christ.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and **People**

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church, our bishop, Doug, and Michael, our priest; our parish staff; and all the people of St. Philip's and the ministries through which they embody your resurrection; and in the weekly prayers of the Diocese we remember Trinity Church in Milford and the Young Adult Ministry Network.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; we especially raise up all those whose lives have been broken by violence, bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Philip, the Magdalene, Peter, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Then all join in the singing of the Fraction Anthem



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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

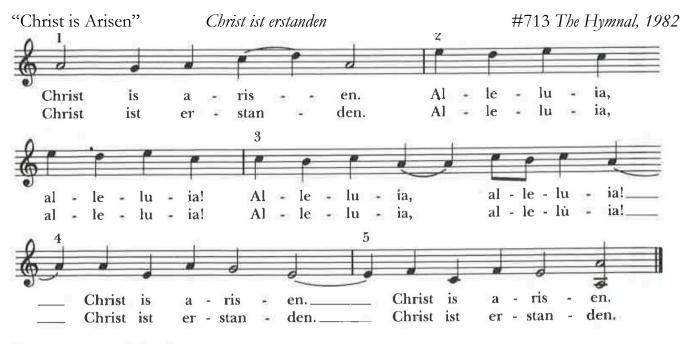
The Invitation to Communion

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

The People STAND for the Easter Thanksgiving and Proclamation

Easter Thanksgiving and Proclamation, sung 3 times

In celebrating our Lord's resurrection, one custom that St. Philip's employs is to sing our "Post-Communion Thanksgiving". Using what possibly is the oldest German liturgical song and found in our *Hymnal 1982, Christ ist erstanden* is a chant version of the 12th century song. For Easter Day and throughout the Fifty Days of Eastertide, we sing it three times as a joyous and public proclamation, a way both to conclude our worship and re-enter the world beyond our walls.



Words: German, ca. 1529, adapt.

Music: Christ is arisen, Richard Rudolf Klein (b. 1921); based on the chorale Christ ist erstanden

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The People remain STANDING for the Blessing and Closing Hymn.

Easter Blessing

We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those with whom we travel this life's way. So, be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And go with God's blessing: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

Mary R., Alice R., Mary, Cathy, John B., Marilyn, Josh, Deborah H., Kevin C., Andy G., Robert S., and Shawn

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

Birthdays

David K \sim May 18 Una B \sim May 24

Announcements

18 May 2025

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Rev. Michael A. Bullock,
Celebrant & Preacher
David Brown, Verger/Crucifer
Steve Bailey, Susan May, Lectors
Steve Bailey, Intercessor
Kell Julliard, Guest Organist
Henry Reeves, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Susan Sachs, Chip Secco, Ushers
Janine Murphy, Tech Minister
Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Altar Guild
Janet Couch, Anne Bezio, Counters

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL today our young people end a 2-week study about the Twelve. Who were the apostles? What did they do?

happens in the Parish Hall every Tuesday at noon. This drop-in group includes noonday prayer and conversation. Come and see!

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

PIONEER VALLEY POWER PACKS IS

excited to share that, for the entire month of May, they will benefit from the Stop & Shop's Bloomin' 4 Good Program, created to fight hunger. The purchase of a \$11.99 bouquet in the sleeve marked "Bloomin' 4 Good" from the Stop & Shop in Northampton will brighten a home or make someone's day while also directing a \$1 donation to PVPP.

See the QUARTERLY MEETING RECAP in this week's newsletter, the N.O.W.

WELCOME to KELL JULLIARD, our guest organist this week. Thank you for your gorgeous melodies.

COFFEE HOUR TODAY is hosted by Teresa and Michele Carillo. Thank you!

JOIN THE ST. PHILIP'S CONNECT GROUP! Just ask the parish admin to sign you up and you'll receive emails from all the parishioners who belong, only 2 or 3 times a month. We share blessings, ask for prayers and help or favors. Ask a vestry member if you'd like more information.

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.

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

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

WELCOME to our guests from ST. JOHN'S in Northampton. Please join us for coffee hour after worship. Latch on to one of our parishioners and ask them to shepherd you.

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

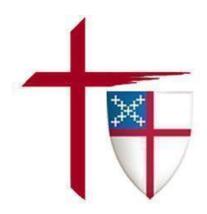
Lectionary Study is on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83207829066?pwd=N0k0emc5NGkxdGFxQVpKMUNlaWJTdz09 Meeting ID: 832 0782 9066;

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TO JOIN BY TELEPHONE:

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