

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easthampton, MA 01027

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[Delivery of the Keys](#), by Pietro Perugino

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Thirteen Sunday after Pentecost

[Proper 16]

23 August 2026

10:00 a.m.

Community Notices

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

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Opening Hymn #577

"God is love, and where true love is"

Ubi caritas (Murray)

The Hymnal, 1982

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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

All sing the Gloria.

The Gloria #20

"Glory to God"

Peter Crisafulli
Enriching Our Music

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

poco rit.

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

a tempo
mp *poco cresc.*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son ____ of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

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

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, ____

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lessons:

The First Lesson:

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Henry Reeves, Lector

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are

not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said

to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child

grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

1 If the LORD had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

**2 If the LORD had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;

**4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.

**6 Blessed be the LORD!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Epistle:

Romans 12:1-8

Susan May, Lector

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing

of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself

more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are

members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 #513

"Like the murmur of the dove's song"

*Bridegroom
The Hymnal, 1982*

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you,

Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates

Sermon Reflection Music “The Gift of Love” trad./Hal Hopson, setting John Carter

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

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship, pg 54

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Form II

Book of Common Prayer, pg 385
 Henry Reeves, Intercessor

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

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Miguelina Howell; for our Bridge Pastor, Alan Gates; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. And in the weekly prayers of the diocese we remember Southwick Community Episcopal Church and the Bishop's Executive Assistant, Lainey Hurlbut. We also pray for St. Philip's, that in this time of transition, all of us may be open to the promise of new life.

***People:* We pray for the Church.**

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people: for overcoming the increased incidence of state-to-state conflict and the mistreatment of civilians; and for an increasing sense of our common humanity; for our nation that we may be guided toward justice and truth.

***People:* We pray for justice and peace.**

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison;

***People:* We pray for those in any need or trouble.**

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed, including those who were fatally shot by ICE agents this year and for their families: Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, Joan Sebastian Guerrero, Alex Pretti, and Renee Good. We also remember Edwin López Cornejo, who died while in ICE custody.

***People:* We pray for those who have died.**

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy One, and that St. Philip's may continue to be a place of safe and faithful exploration.

***People:* We pray that they may find and be found by God.**

Silence

Intercessor: I ask for your prayers of intercession.

Members of the congregation may offer their own prayers.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for healing and the strength of new life for our elder, Mary; for Robert, as he recovers from back surgery; for Robert Carey's family, especially Betty, and friends, upon his death; for Nancy who is recovering from a heart attack; for Cecilia who is undergoing cancer treatment, and for her wife Kathryn and their daughter; for Noah, Graciela, and Pru, for Cristosal in Latin America, and for all the people they serve; for Josh, Andy, and Jon with their struggles with cancer; for Maureen as she recovers from a broken hip and manages heart failure.

Intercessor: I ask for your prayers of thanksgiving.

Silence

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

***People:* We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Enriching our Worship, pg 19

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for a time. With the Celebrant's bidding, the Congregation joins in the General Confession.

GOD OF ALL MERCY,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. *Amen.***

The Celebrant says

The Absolution

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

The People STAND for the exchange of the Peace.

The Peace

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

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

Community Blessings

OFFERTORY

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

The People STAND for the Presentation of the gifts.

Offertory Presentation and Proclamation

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

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer, pg 361

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

The Celebrant proceeds.

4 ELEMENTS OF THE HISTORIC EUCHARIST

One of the important insights from the last century's liturgical renewal movement was captured in the scholarly book: *The Shape of the Liturgy*. In terms of the historic "shape" of the Holy Communion, four actions characterized the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar: Taking; Blessing; Breaking; Sharing. The genesis of these elements in the Eucharistic liturgy are the actions of Jesus at the "Last Supper" and the meal shared in Emmaus. The "Fraction Anthem" we use this season repeats the Emmaus experience and offers it as our own now.

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

Proper Preface

For you are the source of light and life: you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus: #S125

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

The Hymnal, 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

The People STAND or KNEEL.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: THE FRACTION

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

Then all join in the singing of the Fraction Anthem

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

A - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us

keep the feast. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
 Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE SHARING: The Invitation to Communion

*All those who hunger for the God-life revealed in Jesus are welcome to receive at this altar.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
If reception in the pew is required, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.*

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

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

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, pg 365

After communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

ETERNAL GOD, HEAVENLY FATHER,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All STAND for the blessing.

The Blessing

The People remain STANDING for the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn #707

“Take my life, and let it be consecrated”

*Hollingside
 The Hymnal, 1982*

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Fugue”

Vincent Luebeck

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., Robert Carey’s family and friends

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

Birthdays

Deborah H ~ Aug 27

Announcements

August 23, 2026

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates,
Celebrant/Preacher
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Susan May, Henry Reeves, Lectors
Henry Reeves, Intercessor
Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director
Joy Hermansen, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Steve Taylor, Tech Minister
Charlie McGaugh, David Haines, Ushers
Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Altar Guild
Julie Flahive, Susan May, Counters

Come over to the Parish Hall after worship today for **COFFEE HOUR**, hosted by Becky and Steve Taylor. Thank you!

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

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).



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