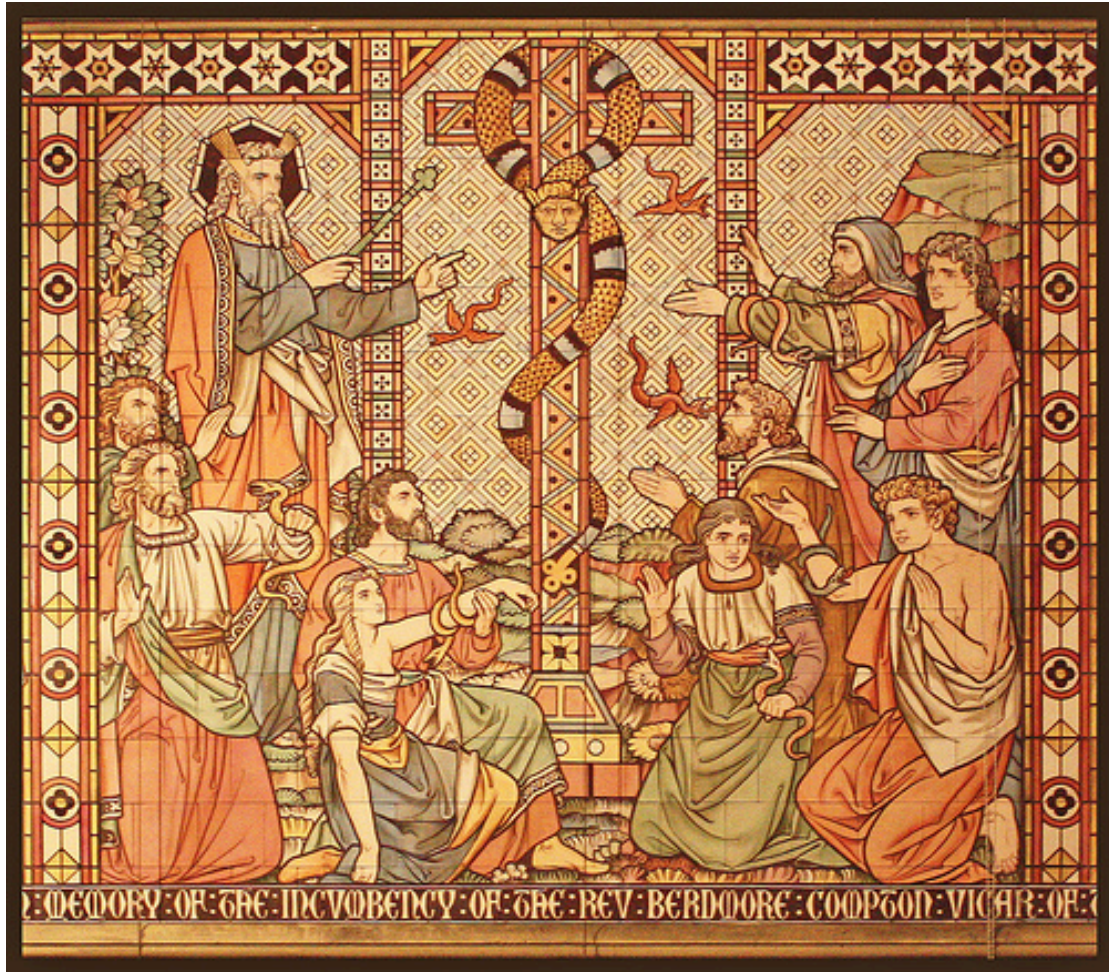


ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easthampton, Massachusetts

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



Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

[Refreshment Sunday]

10 March 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

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

Prelude

“Two Chorale Preludes for Lent”

J.S. Bach

Community Notices

Opening Hymn #51

“We the Lord's people”

*Decatur Place
The Hymnal, 1982*



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark-ness in - to his own light,
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest-hood.
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
his own life im - part - ing, food ev - er - last - ing.

Words: John E. Bowers (b. 1923), alt.

Music: *Decatur Place*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

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The People remain STANDING.

Opening Sentences

Officiant:

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

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

Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the People

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

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

GOD OF ALL MERCY,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

THE INVITATORY

ALL STAND

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

And renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence.

Nor take your Holy Spirit from us.

Give us the joy of your saving help again.

And sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Officiant and People:

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

VENITE: #S35

“Come, let us sing to the Lord”

*Jack Noble White
The Hymnal, 1982*

1. Come, let us sing to the
Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all
gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The
sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the

knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For
 he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his
 pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.
 Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

Music: Jack Noble White (b. 1938). Copyright © 1971 Walton Music Corporation. Used by permission.

The People SIT for the Psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *Confitemini Domino*

Mode 7 **Refrain**

Give thanks to the Lord, whose mer - cies en - dure for ev - er.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, and his mercy en-dures for ev - er.

2. Let all those whom the Lord has re - deemed pro - claim that he redeemed them
 from the hand of the foe. 3. He gathered from out of the lands;
 from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **Refrain**

17. Some were fools and took to re - bel - lious ways; they were afflicted
 be - cause of their sins. 18. They abhorred all man - ner of food

and drew near to death's door. **Refrain** 19. Then they

cried to the Lord in their trou - ble, and he delivered them from their dis - tress.

20. He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave. **Refrain**

21. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mer - cy

and the wonders he does for his child-ren. 22. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks-giv - ing

and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. **Refrain**

Refrain

Mode 7 Give thanks to the Lord, whose mer - cies en - dure for ev - er.

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

THE LESSONS

Old Testament:

Numbers 21:4-9

Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Lector

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned

by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Canticle 9: #678

“Surely it is God who saves me”

*College of Preachers
The Hymnal, 1982*

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me;
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples;
trust - ing him, I shall not fear. For the Lord de - fends and
tell out his ex - alt - ed Name. Praise the Lord, who has done
shields me and his sav - ing help is near. So re - joice as
great things; all his works his might pro - claim. Zi-on, lift your
you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the
voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your
day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*. Copyright © 1982, by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: *College of Preachers*, Arthur Rhea, (b. 1919). Copyright © 1985 Arthur Rhea.

The People SIT for the Gospel reading.

The Gospel Lesson:

John 3:14-21

Susan May, Lector

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because

their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But

those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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

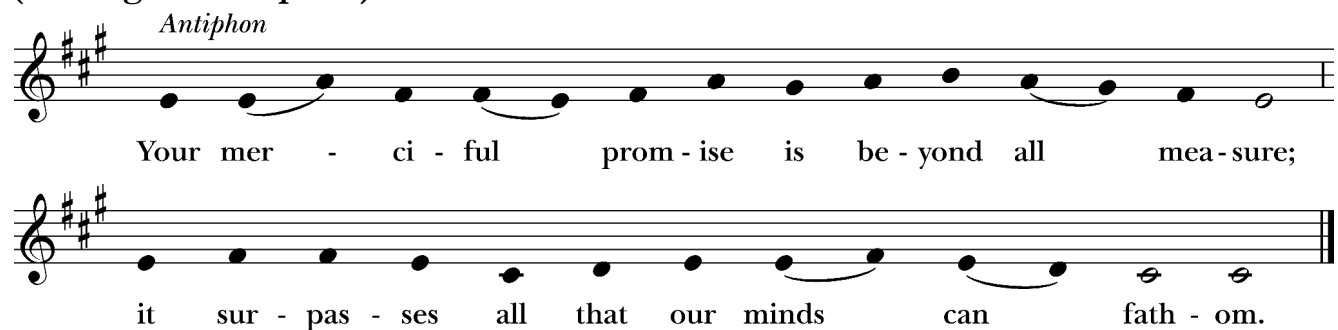
Canticle 14 #S237

“A Song of Penitence”

Plainsong/Ford
The Hymnal, 1982

(All sing the Antiphon)

Antiphon



Your mer - ci - ful prom - ise is be - yond all mea - sure;
it sur - pas - ses all that our minds can fath - om.

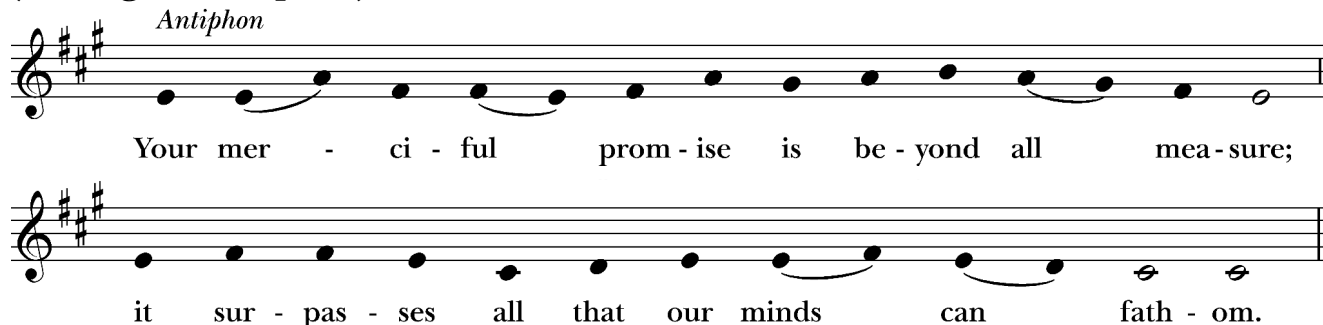
(Choir alone)

1. O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:
2. You made the heavens and the earth, with all their vast array.
3. All things quake with fear at your presence; they tremble because of your power.
4. But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
5. O Lord, you are full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
6. You hold back your hand; you do not punish as we deserve.
7. In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
8. And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
9. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I know my wickedness only too well.
10. Therefore I make this prayer to you:
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

11. Do not let me perish in my sin,
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
12. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
13. Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy,
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
14. For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

(All sing the Antiphon)

Antiphon



Your mer - ci - ful prom - ise is be - yond all mea - sure;
it sur - pas - ses all that our minds can fath - om.

Music: Mode 3 antiphon, adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947); acc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921). Plainsong, Tone 3, verses 1-4, 12-14; Plainsong, Irregular Tone, verses 5-11; adapt. The Standing Commission on Church Music, 1979; acc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921) and SCCM, 1979. Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 Bruce E. Ford. Melody: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc. Accompaniment: Alec Wyton.

The Sermon

Robert Shaw

Anthem: “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake”
Choir Singers

Richard Farrant

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

The Apostles’ Creed

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

Officiant: I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,

***People:* creator of heaven and earth.**

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

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

THE PRAYERS *[KNEELING (as able) or STANDING]*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

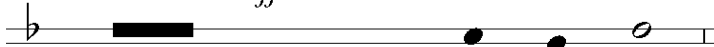
OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

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

The Suffrages: #S52

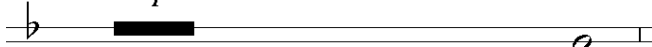
The Hymnal, 1982

Cantor or Officiant

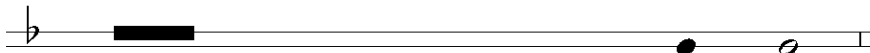


V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

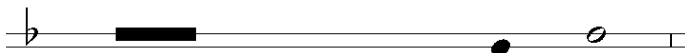
People



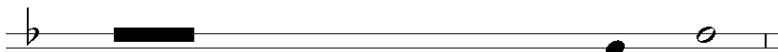
R. And grant us your salva - tion.



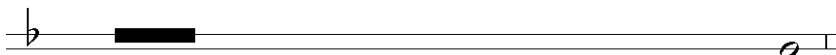
V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



R. Let your people sing with joy.




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




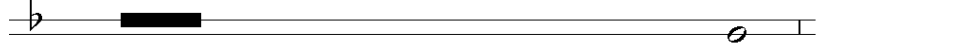
R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.




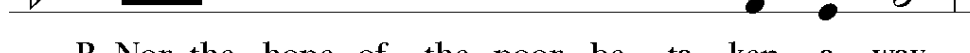
V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



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

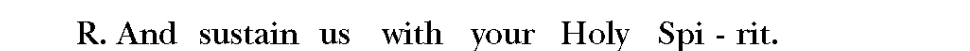

 V. Let your way be known up - on earth;


 R. Your saving health among all na - tions.


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


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


 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;


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

The Collects:

Bonnie Katisich, Intercessor

The Collect for the Day:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Whole Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sound Government

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ***Amen.***

Prayers of the People

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

The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, page 101

Officiant: ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER OF ALL MERCIES,

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

The liturgy concludes with this.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes the liturgy with the following.

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

STANDING, please join in singing the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn #145

“Now quit your care”

*Quittez, Pasteurs
The Hymnal, 1982*

1 Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for
2 To bow the head in sack - cloth and in ash - es, or
3 For is not this the fast that I have cho - sen? (The
4 For right - eous - ness and peace will show their fac - es to
5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your

1 schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to
2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be
3 pro - phet spoke) To shat - ter ev - ery yoke, of wick - ed -
4 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -
5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry

1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty
 2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come
 3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to
 4 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness
 5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

Unison *Harmony*

1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;
 2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;
 3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

Unison *Harmony*

1 re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high.
 2 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear.
 3 to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. Music: *Quittez, Pasteurs*, French carol; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958).

Postlude

“Evening and Morning”

A.W. Leupold

Today, the Ministry of Personal Prayer will be offered during the Postlude, at the altar rail, the piano side. Those who wish to take advantage of this prayer ministry are invited to come forward quietly.

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

Robbie, Mary, Milly, Monica, Lee, Barbara, Nancy,
Don, Maureen, Peter, Deborah, Marilyn, Andrzej
Teresa Devany's family & friends

Birthdays

Nancy D, Mar 10
Anne B, Mar 16

Announcements

March 10, 2024

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Bonnie Katusich, Officiant
Robert Shaw, Preacher
David Brown, Verger/Crucifer
Susan May, Deborah Murray Hrubesh,
Lectors
Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director
Choir Singers
Julie Flahive, Susan Sachs, Ushers
Susan May, Janine Murphy, Tech Ministers
Julie Flahive, Susan May, Counters

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PLEASE PLACE offerings in the rear of
the sanctuary. Thank you for your
generosity.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTED by Janet
Couch. Thank you very much!

NOW WHAT? A Lenten Series:
incorporating the gospel we heard into our
Lenten Journey. ~ Sundays at 4 pm on
Zoom. Check out this week's N.O.W.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Our children will be welcoming a Mystery
Guest this morning.

**NEXT WEEK, MARCH 17, WE
WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S** in
Northampton. Parking is always a
challenge, so Bonnie K suggested folks
carpool. Please make arrangements
together at coffee hour today.

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR EASTER PLANT OFFERINGS!

Forms in the back of the church or parish
hall. See Glee Miner with your donation.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Please mark your calendars for March 15 at
6:00 PM. We'll be gathering to share a
simple meal of soup and bread with each
other. If you are interested in making a
soup or bread or any other food item,
please contact Julie Flahive.

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

**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>

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Lectionary Study is on Zoom:

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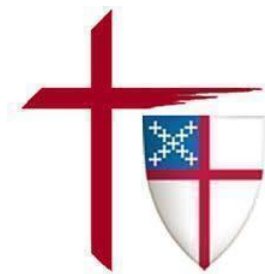
MARCH 28 ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7 PM
FOOTWASHING; HOLY COMMUNION; ENTERING INTO THE THREE SACRED DAYS

MARCH 29 ~ GOOD FRIDAY - NOON AND 7 PM
LITURGY OF THE DAY

MARCH 30 ~ HOLY SATURDAY - 9:30 AM
PRAYERS - FOLLOWED BY PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER

MARCH 30 ~ EASTER VIGIL - 7 PM
FIRST PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

MARCH 31 ~ EASTER DAY - 10 AM
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