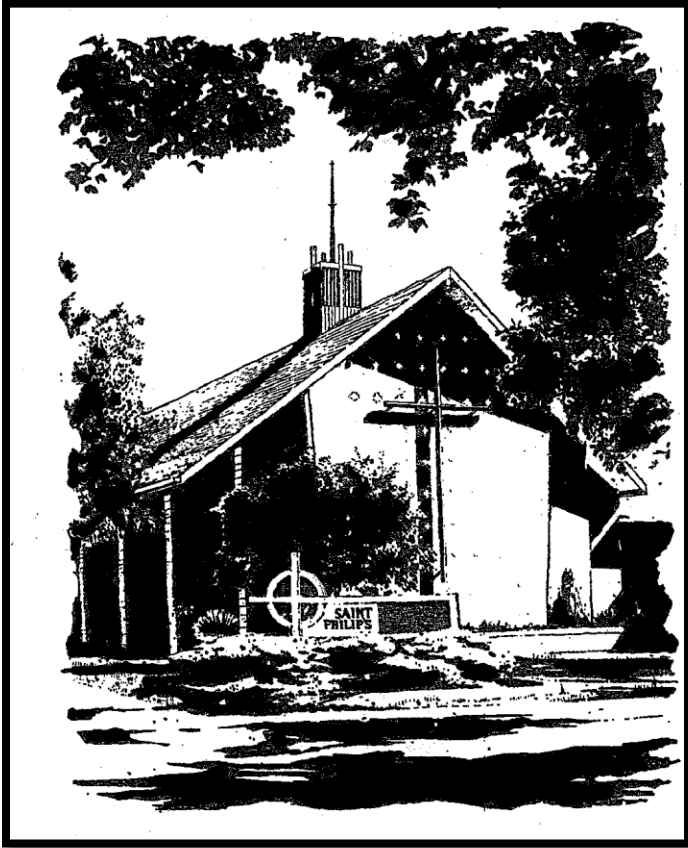


St. Philip's Episcopal Church



Third Sunday of Advent

Rite II

December 17, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

A note to guests and visitors who may be looking for a church home

WELCOME to St. Philip's!

Whoever you are and wherever you might be in your spiritual journey, we welcome you as fellow travelers to explore a deeper relationship with God and stronger spiritual life.

We wear name tags at St. Philip's to help us all with fellowship. When you are comfortable, please ask one of our door greeters or ushers to arrange for a permanent name tag.

Each Sunday it will be ready for you at the front door.

After the service, please join us for coffee hour (downstairs).

Our Nursery is available for infants and children up to 3 years old. The nursery is located downstairs and available during the service.

Celebrant:	The Rev. John Heschlē
Deacon:	The Rev. Dan Hughes
Organist:	David Bolthouse
Administrative Assistant:	Marinelle Glickauf

Altar Guild: Judy Zawacke and Kathy Svendson

Greeters: Pete and Leslie Mayhew

First Reader: Pete Mayhew; Vested Reader: Jack Notzen

Nursery: Jessica Hill-Jones, if attending

Counters: Bud Lowe and Mike Zawacke

Advent Readers: Marg and Bob Duer

Birthdays

December 21 Dolores Kampert

December 23 Pat Peterson

Anniversaries

December 19 Ron and Ann Fischer

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by the Jr. and Sr. Wardens in thankfulness of Christ's abiding love, blanket of protection and clear direction as the St. Philip's Church Family searches for a new Rector.

Welcome, Guests and Visitors

- St. Philip's Church is one of 127 congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, and our identity, vision and mission extend far beyond through the worldwide Anglican Communion. Our members' faith stories are diverse: some are lifelong Episcopalians, while others are converts from other traditions. We hope for an opportunity to know you, your story and your questions.
- Our normal Sunday worship is called the Eucharist, taken from the ancient Greek word Eucharist – Thanksgiving! Our use of the Book of Common Prayer, a valued tradition dating from the English Reformation in the mid-16th century, can sometimes be daunting to guests or newcomers. Please feel free to ask us questions if and when you become confused and/or curious.
- The nursery is located on our lower level and is available during the Sunday worship service. Children are always welcome in worship.
- Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall (downstairs), or, by the offices on the main level.

Rite 1 and Rite 2 Explanation

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. If you are new to the Episcopal Church, you may notice some terms that are unfamiliar. We are occasionally asked, "What do you mean by 'Rite 1 and Rite 2?'" (Sometimes rendered as "Rite I & Rite II".)

Most of our Sunday services and all of our Tuesday worship times use "Rite 2". All this means is that contemporary language is employed by both the presider and the congregation. On the first Sunday of most months, we enjoy a "Rite 1" service. This means the syntax used is rather like Old English - somewhat Shakespearean in tone and content. We do this to recognize the past upon which our modern worship traditions are founded. We hope you enjoy both traditions and learn, with us, to savor the gift that is the Book of Common Prayer.

God bless you as you worship!

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Today's Offertory Hymn is sung by the choir only. Here, a newer Advent text has been set to a Finnish folk tune. The text's first verse is dark as a late December's night above the Arctic Circle:

“Lost in the night do the people yet languish, Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively sighing with hearts full of anguish, Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?”

But the text progresses from darkness to light, and the fourth verse is filled with hope:

“Light o'er the land of the needy is beaming, Rivers of life through its deserts are streaming,
Bringing all peoples a Savior redeeming, Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!”

The hymn, however, was not originally accepted in Finland, as the text that originally went with the tune was a love song, deemed unsuitable for church. Even with the new text, the hymn was difficult, as the first line in the early twentieth-century text was “Lost in the night do the heathen yet languish”. But time brought change, and today, text and tune are appropriate and meaningful.

I'd also like to draw your attention to “O come, O come, Emmanuel”. Its verses are derived from a series of antiphons, the “O” antiphons, which are called such because in Latin they all start with “O”. In monastic practice since the late 700s, they have been sung with one verse per day, starting on December 17.

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC-cont.

Here are the dates on which, in the monastic practice, each antiphon is sung at Vespers, or evening prayer:

- December 17 O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!
- December 18 O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!
- December 19 O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!
- December 20 O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!
- December 21 O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death.
- December 22 O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the
dust!
- December 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

This approach yields 7 antiphons, for a full week, before Christmas Eve, thereby beginning on December 17th.

We'll sing 4 verses this week (2 – 5), as these fall closest to today, Sunday the 17th, and the remaining 4 next week (1, 6, 7, and 8). But why start with verse 2 in the Hymnal 1982 rather than verse 1? If you look at the "O" antiphons, you have your answer – compare the text of verse 2 in the Hymnal 1982 with the text of the first "O" antiphon given above.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

- ❖ *Page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*
- ❖ *WLP indicates Wonder Love and Praise Hymnal*
- ❖ *ELW indicates Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*
- ❖ *The Hymnal Screen, located on the front right side of the nave, lists the numbers found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*
- ❖ *Thank you for turning off all devices that may distract you or others from worship.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"
Ascension

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

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

Priest: 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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Week 3

(Directions: Light the 1st purple candle - the one directly across from the pink candle. Then light one of the other purple candles. And finally, light the pink candle.)

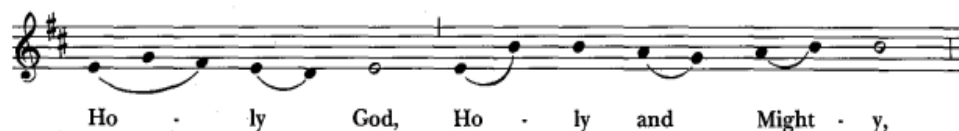
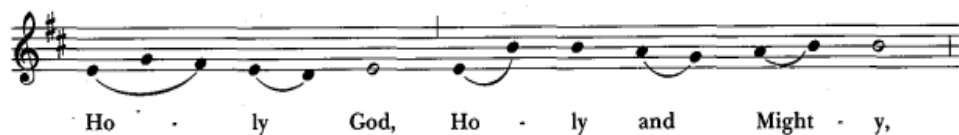
First Reader: Last week, we lit the candles of hope and peace. We light those candles again today. And we also light the candle of joy. Please join me in this prayer for joy: “Lord Jesus, your joy becomes our strength in faith. Teach us to praise you in good times and bad. Shine your joy into our hearts, we pray. Amen.

Clergy: We will soon sing, “Joy to the World, the Lord is Come”. Joy comes to our world and to each of our lives when we open our hearts and receive our King. On this third Sunday of Advent, we remember the joy that comes with receiving Jesus as Savior.

Second Reader: The prophets declare that the Messiah to come will anoint our hearts with “the oil of joy” (Isaiah 61:3). The Psalmist says that when we are full of care, “God’s comfort brings us joy” (Psalm 94:19). St. Paul teaches that “the joy of the Lord is our strength” (Phil. 1:21). And all of that is rooted in the angel’s declaration that Jesus represents “good news of great joy to all people”! (Luke 2:10) May God’s joy fill and sustain us.

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The Holy Eucharist

Holy God *Trisagion*

Setting: Plainsong, Mode I; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

The priest continues.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Let us pray:

Priest: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Lector: A reading from Isaiah:

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

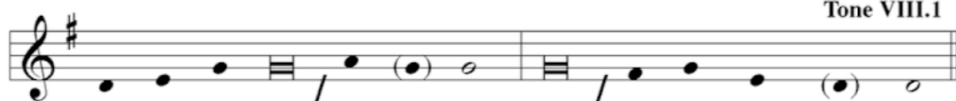
The lector concludes the Old Testament.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm

Lector: Let us pray together the words of **Psalm 126**.



- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of / Zion,*
then were / we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with / laughter,*
and our / tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the / nations,*
“The LORD has / done great things for them.”
- 4 The LORD has done great / things for us,*
and / we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O / LORD,*
like the watercourses / of the Negev.
- 6 Those who / sowed with tears*
will / reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the / seed,*
will come again with joy, / shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

1st Thessalonians 5:16-24

Vested Lector: A reading from the book of 1st Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn.

Sequence Hymn ELW 266

“All earth is hopeful”

Todas la tierra, Alberto Taulé
(Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel)



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the
 “A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el”; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, “God with us,” our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Please remain standing for the Gospel.

The Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

Priest:

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please remain standing

Sequence Hymn ELW 266

“All earth is hopeful”

**See music on page 14*

Todas la tierra, Alberto Taulé
(Verses 3 & 4 after the Gospel)

The Homily

The Rev. John Heschlē

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, please stand as you are able.

**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:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

After each intercession, there is a period of silence, then the intercessor continues with "Lord, in your mercy", and the people respond: "Hear our prayer."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others ...

*[the intercessor adds the specific prayers of parish and
community here.]*

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

The priest adds a concluding collect...

Priest: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will, and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel as you are able.

**People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Priest: 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

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*After the confession, which reconciles us with God and our neighbors, we exchange the peace with a handshake or hug, and the words, "**Peace be with you**".*

This comes from the Jewish practice that required the people to be reconciled with one another before offering a gift at the altar. The Peace ends the Liturgy of the Word and we begin the Liturgy of the Table, which is the Eucharist.

Parish Announcements

Please be seated

Blessings for Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Offertory

The plate is passed for financial offerings.

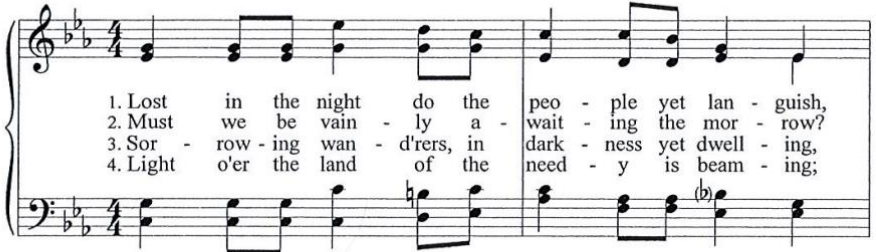
Thank you for your gifts in support of the church's ministries and mission.

The people stand as the offerings and gifts are taken to the altar.

CHOIR: Hymn ELW 243

"Lost in the night"

Finnish folk tune



1. Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish,
 2. Must we be vain - ly a - wait - ing the mor - row?
 3. Sor - row - ing wan - d'ers, in dark - ness yet dwell - ing,
 4. Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing;



long - ing for morn - ing the dark - ness to van - quish,
 Shall those who have - light no light - ness let us bor - row,
 dawned has the day of a ra - diance ex - cel - ling,
 riv - ers of life through its des - erts are stream - ing,



plain - tive - ly sigh - ing with hearts full of an - guish.
 giv - ing no heed to our bur - den of sor - row?
 earth's deep - est shad - ows for - ev - er dis - pel - ing,
 bring - ing all peo - ples a Sav - ior re - deem - ing.



Will not day come soon?
 Will You help us soon?
 Christ is com - ing soon!
 Come and save us soon!

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 Will You help us soon?
 Christ is com - ing soon!
 Come and save us soon!

The Holy Communion

*This is Eucharistic Prayer B. Please stand as you are able.
(The people read the bold print)*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Priest: 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:

The priest and people sing:

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit, WLP-853, John Karl Hirten

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please stand, sit or kneel as you are able. The Priest continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

The Acolyte rings the bell.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest 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 before he died for us, 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."

The Acolyte rings the bell.

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."

The Acolyte rings the bell.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**Priest and People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Priest continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing:

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(all sing)

The Holy Eucharist

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plain song; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem, WLP 868, "Lamb of God" John Karl Hirten

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of several systems of staves. The first system shows the vocal line with the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have". The second system continues with "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The third system is a descant for Soprano/Tenor, with the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a -". The fourth system continues with "world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fifth system concludes with "way the sins of the world: grant us peace." and the final system repeats "sins of the world: grant us peace."

Priest: 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 bread and wine are given to the people who may respond: "Amen."

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the wine; or just the bread as is their need or custom. If you have not been baptized, you are still most welcome to come forward and join our celebration. Please cross your arms over your chest to receive a prayer of blessing from the clergy. This is God's altar and all are welcome.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; just let the priest know if you would like to receive one.

Communion Music

Hymn 56

“O come, O come, Emmanuel” (vs. 2 – 5)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Hymn ELW 247

“Come now, O Prince of peace”

Ososo

O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ūi - im - gŭm

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Post-Communion Prayer (BCP Page 366)

Priest: Let us pray:

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 67

“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

Psalms 42

The Dismissal

***Join us for Coffee Hour
in Parish Hall after the service!***



Greening of the Church

TODAY after the 9:30 Church Service

We hope you will plan on staying to help!





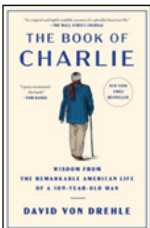
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Stewardship talent
 planning
 commitment: blessing | vision LOVE PLEDGE
 treasure! caring
 faith community

Thank you to everyone who has returned their 2024 Stewardship Estimation Forms, along with the Ministry Survey. This helps us plan next year's budget. If you have not yet returned yours, please consider filling it out the online using the links in the E-Blast or if you need a new form, contact Marinelle at the office.

- ❖ **NEED PHOTOS** - Mike Livingston is beginning work on the annual video! He needs photos that people may have taken or any other material that may be included.
- ❖ **POINSETTIAS** – Look for Christmas Flowers & Special Intention donation envelopes at the end of each pew in the sanctuary! Intentions will be printed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin!



"Eat, Pray, Read" Book Club

Book Club is taking a winter break in January for quiet reading.

*We will return
 in February to discuss:
THE BOOK OF CHARLIE
 by David Von Drehle*



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Lunch Bunch will provide
Appetizers & Coffee
Beer and Wine available for purchase for \$1
Mike Livingston will prepare Pasta:
with your choice of
Meat Sauce or Vegetarian Marinara Sauce
Sign-up to RSVP (and include the exact
number of guests in your group) and to bring a
dessert! (also to indicate if you need a ride)
No Charge, but donations to cover all
your attendees will be appreciated!

Join us for a
festive evening of
Good Food, Fellowship
and Christmas Carols!



Greetings to you from the Search Committee,
We would like to ask for your support and love during
our journey to find our new rector. Recently, Fr. John
asked us to pray the following prayer during your day.
*The prayer is found in the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
on page 817, prayer 11, "for the parish".*

"Almighty and everything God, ruler of all things in heaven and
earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faith-
ful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things
necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart
and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen."

Thank you. And, peace be with each of you.
Marvin, Elisabeth, Ida, Krista, Madeline, Janie and Judy



St. Philip's Calendar

SUNDAY—3rd Sun. of Advent

Dec 17—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Service

Dec 17—The Rev. John Heschlē

Dec 17—**GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

Dec 18—6pm *St. Philip's Christmas Party!*

Dec 19—8am Chi Quong & Tai Chi

Dec 19—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Service

SUNDAY—4th Sun. of Advent

Dec 24—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Service

Dec 24—The Rev. Jimmy Swarhout

Dec 24—**Christmas Eve Service**

Dec 24—7p Rite II Eucharistic Service

Dec 24—The Rev. John Heschlē

Dec 25—**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Dec 26—8am Chi Quong & Tai Chi

Dec 26—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Service

Dec 26—8am Chi Quong & Tai Chi

Dec 26—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Svc

SUNDAY

Dec 31—**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Dec 31—9:30a Rite II Eucharistic Svc

Dec 31—The Rev. John Heschlē



St. Philip's Mission Statement:

SEEK ... a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ
SHARE... the love and compassion of Christ
SERVE... others with open hearts
SHINE... with Christ's light, illuminating our world

CLERGY & STAFF

Ministers: Everyone!
Bishop: The Right Rev. Paula E. Clark
Rector:
Deacon: Rev. Dan Hughes
Administrative Assistant: Marinelle Glickauf
Organist & Choir Director: David Bolthouse

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

Monday & Thurs. 9:30am-1pm Remotely

(Church Voicemail & emails will be checked regularly)

Tues. & Wed.—In-Person

- Flexible times available per request
- Please call the office for appointments and to be sure of availability.

*(This office hour arrangement may be changed or revisited
in consultation with the rector.)*



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