

Welcome to St. Philip's on-the-hill!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven." Matthew 5.10



10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is the St. Philip's Service by R. Edward Gilchrist

PRELUDE: *Rhoymedre ("Lovely") by R. Vaughan Williams*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *What Does the Lord Require Voices United 701*

WELCOME

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We've included crosses at traditional places in the service where the congregation may want to cross themselves as an act of worship.

Celebrant: The **†**grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

GLORIA

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Stephen Kern

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Micah

Judith Brunton

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (6:1-8)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

Refrain: The just shall dwell on your holy mountain.

THE GOSPEL:

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Cantor: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPELER:

Hortense Anglin

† When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are

those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (5:1-12)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Stephen Kern

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

PRAYER SONG: *Come and Journey with a Saviour v 1,5* CP 482

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wendy Tung

Petition: Merciful God, **Response:** receive our prayer.

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 'I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink.'

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

'I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me.'

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

'I was sick and you did not visit me, in prison and you did not come to me.'

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have **†**mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you with all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.
First be reconciled to one another.
The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Blest are the Pure in Heart* CP 439

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Please take a posture of prayer, sitting, standing or kneeling.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and**

**earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, 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 healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to 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.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

***All:* Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

***All:* Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

***All:* 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

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

AGNUS DEI:

All: Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome at the table of Our Lord. To receive a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. Please signal the communion minister if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home

Celebrant: Church, we have friends worshipping online or others who may not be able to receive Communion today. Let us pray together in solidarity to receive Christ anew in spiritual communion.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness. In your name I pray. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Let Streams of Living Justice*

CP 575

When a Poor One (Choir)

Voices United 702

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

THE DOXOLOGY

Celebrant: Glory to God,

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

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Build a Longer Table Then Let Us Sing* 22

THE COMMISSIONING

Leader: One in heart and one in mind, and empowered by the Spirit, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Allegro from Organ Concerto in Bb* by J.G. Walther

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Kern; **Liturgical Assistant & Gospeller:** Hortense Anglin; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Brian Cheung; **Reader:** Judith Brunton; **Bread:** The Rev. Stephen Kern, Hortense Anglin; **Chalice:** Shannon Haverstock, Anne Kern; **Prayers** Wendy Tung; **Video/Sound:** Andrew Estabrooks; **Greeters:** Maggie & Ben Cheung; **Sunday School:** Gloria Varghese, TBD; **Coffee Hosts:** Tracy Nwonyimi, Katherine Corbett; **Chancel Guild:** Carol Dykeman, Joyce Nicholls, Amber Dykeman, Lee Wagman; **Counters:** Bill Carnaghan, Joanne Millett

TODAY

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love, and peace made real for me this day. Open my eyes to the way of love that I may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, you led me in the way of life this day and now call me to the way of rest. I give thanks for your light that illumined my path today. Now, it is night. As you beckon me to enter into holy darkness where I am one with you in your realm of uncreated light, I open to you in peace. Amen

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HAPPENINGS ON-THE-HILL

February 3 4:30 pm Youth and drama groups

February 5 6:45 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
10:00 am Women's Bible Study

February 7 5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

February 8 10:00 am 5th Sunday after Epiphany, The Rev. Ajith Varghese, Celebrating and preaching

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 16 Family Day – Office Closed
February 17 Mardi Gras dinner & Evening Prayer – tickets on sale now!
February 18 Ash Wednesday – services at 11 am & 7 pm
February 21 Lenten Retreat with Bishop Peter Fenty, 9:00am – 12:30pm
March 1 Annual Vestry Meeting
March 7 Family Farm Fun Sledding



SIGN UP TODAY IN THE NARTHEX!

“And the darkness did not overcome it...”

John 1:5

Tentative Schedule:

9:00-9:30 am	Coffee and registration
9:30-9:45 am	Welcome and Worship
9:45-10:15 am	Bishop Fenty's First Address
10:15- 10:45 am	Reflection
10:45-11:00 am	Break
11:00-11:30 am	Bishop Fenty's Second Address
11:30-12:00 pm	Reflection
12:00- 12:30 pm	Q & A, concluding prayers, and dismissal

Cost: Suggested donation of \$20.00 - all donations will be given to The Alongside Hope Jamaican Hurricane Relief. *Melissa, a category-five hurricane made landfall in Jamaica on October 28. It was the most powerful Atlantic hurricane on record and one of the strongest to ever hit the island nation, killing 54 people and injuring 109. Flash flooding has also destroyed infrastructure and threatened livestock. An immediate emergency response was activated, but the needs are still great.*

Take this time to pause from your daily routines, and open yourself for deeper reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

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