



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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
those who follow me will have the light of life."*

John 8.12

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST *Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is
Merbecke*

PRELUDE *O God, Thou Faithful God*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* CP397

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; 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

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want

to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." (9:1-41)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v.4, 6e CP 179*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gail Dickie

Petition: God of Transformation, *Response:* O Lord, hear our prayer.

CONFESSION 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: Christ came and proclaimed the gospel: peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

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:

King of Glory, King of Peace CP 345

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

All: **and with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

All: **we lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: **it is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works

of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory by to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are 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 who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

AGNUS DEI:

All: **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy 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

*Healer of Our Every Ill
Give Me a Name*

*CP 612
TLUS 12*

CHOIR ANTHEM

Lead Me Lord, by S.S. Wesley

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and

sacrament. May we always have faith in him, 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

Through the Father's mercy, the intercession of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit, may you know the liberation of God in all your life, with the blessing of the Triune God, **AMEN.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* CP 505

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 *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux (Mass for the Parishes)*
by François Couperin

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Kern; **Deacon:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Brian Cheung; **Gospeller:** Multi-voice reading; **Bread:** The Rev. Stephen Kern, The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Chalice:** Hortense Anglin, Amber Dykeman; **Prayers:** Gail Dickie; **Video/Sound:** Ruwani Seevakireedam; **Greeters:** Ben & Maggie Cheung; **Sunday School:** Tracey Nwonyimi, TBD; **Warden On Duty:** Claudette Rawlins; **Coffee Team:** Sandra Miller, Heather Wallace; **Chancel Guild:** Carol Dykeman, Joyce Nichols, Amber Dykeman, Lee Wagman; **Counters:** Ivor Pavamani, Agatha McPhee

TODAY

4th Sunday in Lent

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, Lord. The day has dawned with the gift of sunlight, and I awaken from sleep into the light and grace of Christ. Thank you for this new day. Stay with me, I pray, shepherding me through all that the day will hold. Lead me into pleasant places, and give me the provisions I will need if I find myself in difficulty or danger. Whenever the cup of gladness overflows, help me to recognize that it is filled with your goodness and mercy. In praise and anticipation I begin this day; in Jesus' name. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

With the night, Good Lord, comes rest, and a chance for my soul to be restored. You are with me in this and every darkness, so I will not be afraid. For all I have seen with my own eyes today, for all others have helped me to see, I give you thanks. For those things that I did not notice: signs of beauty and kindness, evidences of your grace, I pray that you will improve the eyes of my faith so that I can see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly tomorrow, and all my tomorrows. In the name of your Son, my Saviour, I pray. Amen.

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HAPPENINGS ON-THE-HILL

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| March 17 | 4:30 pm Youth and drama groups |
| March 18 | 12:00 pm Lenten Journaling |
| March 19 | 6:45 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
10:00 am Women's Bible Study |
| March 21 | 5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom |
| March 22 | 10:00 am 5th Sunday in Lent, The Rev. Stephen Kern,
Celebrating and The Rev. Lorraine Runza preaching |

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