

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026**

*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25,26*



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

**PRELUDE** *Fantasia in A Minor, J.S. Bach*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing CP306*

**WELCOME**

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God  
by Judith Prentice in loving memory of her Mother, Evelyn and  
by Wendy, Doug and Mary Carr in loving memory of their Mother, Sally.*

**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 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**All:** Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*The Rev. Ajith Varghese*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Psalm 130

*Eva Chan*

*Cantor:* Our God shall redeem us from all our sins.

### THE GOSPEL

*Video John 11:1-45*

*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.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it,

she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of Christ

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Lorraine Runza*

#### 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.5, 6f CP 179*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wendy Tung

*Petition:* Hear us, O God. **Response:** Your mercy is great.

### 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:** *The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy CP 631*

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant:* Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. **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

*Spirit Open My Heart  
O Let Us Breathe*

*More Voices 79  
Then Let Us Sing 72*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Change My Heart, O God by Eddie Espinosa*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant:* God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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:**

*Revive Thy Work, O Lord*

*CP 454*

**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**

*Menuet Gothique by Léon Boëllmann*

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**MINISTERING IN THE SERVICE TODAY**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Ajith Varghese; **Preacher:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Eva Chan; **Gospeller:** Video Presentation; **Bread:** The Rev. Ajith Varghese, The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Chalice:** Ben & Maggie Cheung; **Prayers:** Wendy Tung; **Video/Sound:** Dapo Oladeji; **Greeters:** Sammy Chan, Jenny Brunt; **Sunday School:** Gloria Varghese, TBD; **Warden On Duty:** Suku Navaratnam; **Chancel Guild:** Carol Dykeman, Joyce Nichols, Amber Dykeman, Lee Wagman, Jenny Brunt; **Counters:** Dori Chui, John Pownall

## **TODAY**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

### **Prayers for the Week**

#### *Household Prayer: Morning*

O God, I know that you are the Lord, for you gave me my life, and caused me to rise this day. Put your Spirit within me, and let my words and actions help others to know that you are my Lord and my God. Amen.

#### *Household Prayer: Evening*

My soul waits for you, O Lord, more than those who watch for morning, more than those who watch for morning. Help me to sleep this night in peace, trusting that you will awaken me; through Jesus Christ my Saviour. Amen.

*(from Feasting on the Word, Year A, Vol. 1)*

## **HAPPENINGS ON-THE-HILL**

- March 24** 4:30 pm Youth and drama groups  
**March 25** 12:00 pm Lenten Journaling  
7:00 pm Zoom Bible/Book Study  
**March 26** 6:45 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
**March 28** 10:00 am – Palm Cross Making with the Chancel Guild  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom  
**March 29** 10:00 am Passion-Palm Sunday, The Rev. Stephen Kern,  
Celebrating and The Rev. Ajith Varghese preaching

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Holy Week** March 30 to April 3  
**April 2** 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service  
**April 3** 10:00 am Good Friday Service  
**April 17** Deadline for Bishop's FaithWorks Appeal for Jamaica  
**April 25** Deanery Lay Refresher Day at Holy Trinity, Thornhill  
**May 16** Sip into Spring – Social Tea

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