



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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*"Have you believed, Thomas,  
because you have seen me? Blessed  
are those who have not seen and  
yet believe." John 20.29*

### **10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST**

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

**PRELUDE:** *Chorale Prelude on "Easter Hymn" by Healey Willan*

### **WELCOME**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *That Eastertide with Joy was Bright CP 231*

### **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:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***All:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant:* May his grace and peace be with you.

***All:* May he fill our hearts with joy.**

### **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.**

### **THE GLORIA**

*SNC 177 Cantor: Eva Chan*

*Cantor:* Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

***All:* Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

To God be glory forever!

**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! x4

### **THE COLLECT FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

***All:* Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not**

seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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 Acts 2: 14a, 22-23**

*Pres Harrison*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 16**

*Cantor: Eva Chan*

*Refrain:* God will not abandon me to the grave.

*As you are able, please stand.*

**THE GOSPEL**

*In ancient tradition, we are invited to make the sign of the cross upon our forehead, lips and heart, that the Good News of Jesus may be in our thinking, our speaking and in our centre.*

*Cantor:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

*Cantor:* "Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

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

**GOSPELER:**

*Carol Dykeman*

*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.

*John 20: 19-31*

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of Christ

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*The Rev. Stephen Kern*

*As you are able, please stand.*

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE 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.*

#### **COMMISSIONING OF WARDENS AND DEPUTY WARDENS**

**PRAYER SONG:** *Alleluia! The Strife is O'er*

*CP 212*

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Hortense Anglin*

*Petition:* Merciful God,

***Response:* receive our prayer.**

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:* Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you with joy in your victory, yet in sorrow for our sins. We confess to you our failures and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

***All:* Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Celebrant:* We have lived by the light of our own eyes, weak in faith and often unbelieving. In your mercy, forgive us.

***All:* Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Celebrant:* We have lived for this world alone and doubted our true place in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

***All:* Lord, hear us and help us.**

*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.**

*As you are able, please stand.*

#### **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

***All:* and also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant* CP 500

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant:* God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### BLESSING OF A NEW MISSAL STAND

*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:* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All:* **You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

*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 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:* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All:** Now we are raised to new life.

*Celebrant:* We were buried in your tomb.

**All:** Now we share in your resurrection.

*Celebrant:* Live in us, that we may live in you.

## 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 for Communion or a blessing. As the sides-people direct, move forward to receive Holy Communion around the platform. Do signal the communion minister if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you prefer, we can serve Communion in your pew, just let the sides people know.*

## 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 HYMN: *Alleluia No. 1* CP 405  
*Now the Green Blade Rises* CP 237

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE DOXOLOGY

*Please stand.*

*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.**



*Household Prayer: Evening*

Thank you, God, for giving me your counsel today. Tonight, as I sleep, may the dreams of my heart also serve to instruct me in your ways. In you I have a good heritage, and my heart, my soul, and my body rest in you. Amen.

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**Christ is Alive!    Voices Alive #158**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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