

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

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**PULPIT EXCHANGE ~ WELCOME PASTOR ROY
THAKURDYAL FROM BETHESDA EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*“If you love me, you will keep my word, and my
Father will love you, and we will come to you.”*

John 14.23

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

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

PRELUDE: *Toccata in E Minor by Johann Pachelbel*

WELCOME

*The carnations today are given to the Honour and Glory of God,
in thanksgiving for Mothers living and in loving memory of those departed.
Following the service they will be distributed.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet* CP 474

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Leader: 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: Brian Cheung

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

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

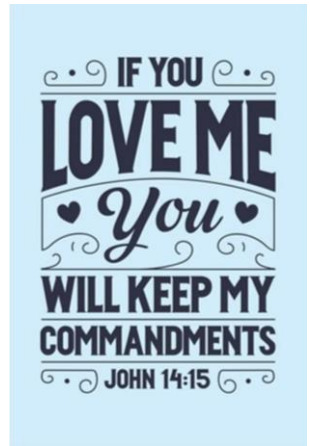
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Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! x4

THE COLLECT FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant: Let us pray.



All: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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. Ajith Varghese

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Acts 17: 22-31

Carolyn Maxwell

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-11, 14-15

Cantor: Brian Cheung

Refrain: Be joyful in the God, all you lands.

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: “If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.”

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPELER:

The Rev. Ajith Varghese

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 14: 15-21

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Roy Thakurdial

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.

PRAYER SONG: *Come Down, O Love Divine v 1-2 CP 645*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Maggie Cheung*

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!

All: The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* ELW 398

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Ever loving God, your care for us is greater even than a mother's love for her child; thank you for the gift of life we have received from you through our mothers. Thank you for all we have learned from them, what to do, and what not to do, how to be, and how not to be. Bless our mothers living, and the memory of those departed. Bless with faith, wisdom, strength and grace all mothers today, and draw near to those who desire the gift of parenthood and were not so graced. As you care for us, help us to care for one another, we pray in Christ's name. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of

sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever 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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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: *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him* CP 59

I come with Joy CP 60

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Halle, Halle, Halle arr. Hal Hopson*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of 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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* CP 425

THE COMMISSIONING

Leader: With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work in you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Jig Fugue by Dietrich Buxtehude*

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: Pastor Roy Thakurdyal; **Liturgical Assistant & Gospeler:** The Rev. Ajith Varghese; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Brian Cheung; **Reader:** Carolyn Maxwell; **Bread:** Pastor Roy Thakurdyal, The Rev. Ajith Varghese; **Chalice:** Carol and Amber Dykeman; **Prayers:** Maggie Cheung; **Sunday School:** Tracy Nwonyimi; **Tech Team:** Andrew Estabrooks; **Greeters:** Ivor Pavamani, Jenny Brunt; **Warden on Duty:** Andrew Estabrooks; **Chancel Guild:** Judith Prentice, Judith Brunton, Christine Herbert, Connalyn Willoughby; **Counters:** Ivor Pavamani, Agatha McPhee

TODAY

6th Sunday of Easter

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O God, in whom I live and move and have my being, you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer; you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone. As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Christ, and

fill me with your strength, that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another day. Amen.

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

THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP’S

- May 12** 4:30 pm Youth Groups & Drama Groups
- May 13** 7:00 pm Zoom Bible/Book Study
- May 14** 6:45 am Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study
10:30 am Union Villa Service
- May 16** 1:00 pm Sip into Spring – Social Tea Event – SIGN UP TODAY!!
5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
- May 17** 7th of Sunday of Easter ~ Jerusalem & Healing Sunday ~ Celebrating & Preaching - The Rev. Stephen Kern
- May 24** **Special Vestry meeting following the service**

...AND BEYOND

- June 6** The 2026 Walkathon for FaithWorks – get your pledge forms and start collecting.
- July 6** Musical Theatre Camp ~ All About Moses
- July 10** End of Camp Dramatic Presentation

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE

From your SPOTH Warden Team:

There will be a special Vestry meeting on **Sunday May 24th** to present the candidates for our Pastoral Search Committee. This brief meeting will take place in the hall directly after the morning service. - Claudette, Andrew, Suku, Connalyn

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