

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16.16

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is the St. Philip's

Service by R. Edward Gilchrist



PRELUDE *On the Sunny Side of the Street, by Jimmy McHugh;
Ian Estabrooks (Saxophone)*

WELCOME & BANNER DEDICATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name v.1,3,5,6 CP 321*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY –

Leader: 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.

THE 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 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing.

Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Judith Prentice

Romans 12: 1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

Cantor: Eva Chan

Refrain: O God, your love endures forever.

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: "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God."

***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

Matthew 16: 13-20

Judith Brunton

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Stephen Kern

As you are able, please stand.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith in God:

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

PRAYER SONG

Seek Ye First v. 1-3

CP 458

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Shannon Haverstock

Bidding: Merciful God,

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: God of all mercy,

***All:* we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As you are able, please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

You are invited to greet your neighbour saying: "Peace" or "Peace be with you."

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN:

And Can It Be That I Should Gain v. 1-5

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of 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 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 our 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 the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

AGNUS DEI

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: 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.

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: *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* LP 42
I am the Bread of Life v. 1-3 CP 56

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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

Celebrant: God has given you the citizenship of heaven, with his blessed and beloved, and the whole company of the redeemed. **Amen.**
God give you the will to live each day in life eternal. **Amen.**
God bring you to the home that Christ prepares for all who love him. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less v. 1-4* ELW 596

THE COMMISSIONING:

Leader: Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in F, by Vincent Lubeck*

MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Kern; **Liturgical Assistant:** Judith Brunton; **Organist:** Kevin Parks, **Cantor:** Eva Chan; **Saxophone:** Ian Estabrooks; **Lay Anointer:** Anne Kern; **Reader:** Judith Prentice; **Bread:** The Rev. Stephen Kern, Judith Brunton; **Chalice:** Shannon Haverstock, Jo Anne Carlisle; **Prayers:** Shannon Haverstock; **Video/Sound:** Ruwani Seevakireedam; **Greeters:** Jenny Brunt, Sammy Chan; **Sunday School:** Avani Rutnam; **Warden on Duty:** Claudette Rawlins; **Chancel Guild:** Janet Sunderani, Dorothy Boland, Jane Harris, Nancy Clarke; **Counters:** Gerry Heath, Ian Cowling

TODAY

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Parish Selection Committee Prayer

Heavenly Father, as Fr. Stephen journeys towards his retirement, we give thanks for his many years of Ministry to the church. We give thanks for the community of St. Philip's on-the-hill and for bringing us together to serve you and our church family. Give us wisdom, patience, understanding and open our hearts to listen for the leading of the Spirit. In your name we pray. Amen

Household Prayer: Morning

Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is in his name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God, for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you, I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory; for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you, I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your glory. Amen.

(from Feasting on the Word, Year A, Vol.2)

THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

Aug 29	5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Aug 30	10:00 am 14 th Sunday after Pentecost & Rev. Stephen's Last Sunday ~ Rev. Stephen Kern, Celebrating and Rev. Ajith Varghese, Preaching followed by Farewell Reception
Aug 31	Rev. Stephen's last day 😞

And Can It Be, That I Should Gain?

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depth of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

He left his Father's throne above, (so free, so infinite his grace!)
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
[Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
[Refrain]

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell (1800-1876).

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart Let's Praise #42

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say 'I am strong', let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us. (*Repeat*)

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Worship #596)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus's name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale my anchor hold within the veil. (*Refrain*)

His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. (*Refrain*)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!
(*Refrain*)

Text: Edward Mote (1797-1874), alt. Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).