



ST. PHILIP
Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15th, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Welcome to worship at Saint Philip Episcopal Church.

Here are a few notes to make you feel more comfortable.

- Relax and allow your focus to be on praising God. Leave the “outside” and spend the next hour in embracing God, His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
- Above all, ask questions either in-person or through Zoom’s chat feature, if you have one. Anyone in the congregation will be happy to try and answer them.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.

PRELUDE (*seated*) Spring Comes Early *Arr. by Mark Hayes*

OPENING HYMN (*standing, as able*)

DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS

H339

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded;
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

3 Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited;
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

2 Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the best that any knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth:
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."
Mark 12:29-31

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

KYRIE LEVAS 236

**Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy,
have mercy on us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(standing, as able)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

JAMES THEODORE HOLLY *(standing, as able)*

Celebrant Most gracious God, whose servant James Theodore Holly labored to build a church in which all might be free: Grant that we might overcome our prejudice, and honor those whom you call from every family, language, people, and nation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13 *(seated)*

Reader A reading from the book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (*seated*)

- 1 **The Lord is my shepherd; ***
 I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures ***
 and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 **He revives my soul ***
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**
 I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 **You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ***
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ***
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

EPEHESIANS 5:8-14 (*seated*)

Reader A reading from the Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 **The Lord is my Shepherd, no want shall I know;
I feed in green pastures, safe-folded I rest;
He leadeth my soul where the still waters flow,
Restores me when wand'ring, redeems when oppressed;
Restores me when wand'ring, redeems when oppressed.**

- 2 **Through the valley and shadow of death though I stray,
Since Thou art my Guardian, no evil I fear;
Thy rod shall defend me, Thy staff be my stay;
No harm can befall, with my Comforter near;
No harm can befall, with my Comforter near.**

- 3 **In the midst of affliction my table is spread;
With blessings unmeasured my cup runneth o'er;
With perfume and oil Thou anointest my head;
O what shall I ask of Thy providence more?
O what shall I ask of Thy providence more?**

- 4 **Let goodness and mercy, my bountiful God,
Still follow my steps till I meet Thee above;
I seek by the path which my ancestors trod,
Through the land of their sojourn, Thy kingdom of love;
Through the land of their sojourn, Thy kingdom of love.**

JOHN 9:1-41 (*standing, as able*)

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus 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 neighbors 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 worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON (*seated*)

The Rev. Christopher C. Richardson

THE NICENE CREED *(standing, as able)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM V *(standing, as able)*

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Kristin, Ken, Nedi, and Wendell, our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For Suellen Austin- Blasingame, Father Jerome Burns and Carol Burns, Wade Franklin, Saundra Harris, Ann Kindle, Nadya Richardson, Kervyn Scipio, and Suzanne Tolbert.
I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Silence

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(standing, as able)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(seated)*

OFFERTORY *(seated)*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(seated)*

Lenten Meditation

Jay Althouse

OFFERTORY HYMN *(seated)*

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

H664

- 1 My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is His Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

- 2 When I walk through the shades of death,
thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
thy oil anoints my head.

- 3 The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
oh, may thy house be mine abode
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A *(standing, as able)*

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

LEVAS255

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, 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 stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY (*seated*) How Great Thou Art *Arr. by Jim Martinez*
COMMUNION HYMN (*seated*) **GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU** **A137**

- 1 Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

REFRAIN

God will take care of you,
Through ev'ry day,
O'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

- 2 Through days of toil when heart does fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.
[REFRAIN]

- 3 All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.
[REFRAIN]

- 4 No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you.
[REFRAIN]

COMMUNION HYMN *(seated)*
I KNOW THE LORD HAS LAID HIS HANDS ON ME

A630

REFRAIN

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

- 1 Did ever you see the like before?
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me,
King Jesus preaching to the poor.
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
[REFRAIN]
- 2 Oh, wasn't that a happy day,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.
When Jesus washed my sins away?
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.
[REFRAIN]

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Silence

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN (*standing, as able*) **THE GLORY OF THESE 40 DAYS**

H143

- 1 The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.
- 2 Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.
- 3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.
- 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.
- 5 O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

DISMISSAL (*standing, as able*)

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

I Love Thee, My Lord

Arr. by Douglas Wagner

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher C. Richardson
Altar Guild:	Joyce Young, Birdie Diggs
Acolytes:	Damiana, Trisha
Lectors:	Beverly McNeal, Jacqueline Gonzales
Chalice Bearer:	Beverly McNeal
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Audio/Visual Ministers:	Dionne Clifton

We give thanks for all who serve in today's liturgy. Interested in joining a worship ministry? Please speak to the Rev. Christopher Richardson after the service.

JAMES THEODORE HOLLY

James Theodore Augustus Holly was born a free African American in Washington, D.C., on October 3, 1829. Baptized and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, he later became an Episcopalian. Holly was ordained as a deacon at St. Matthew's Church in Detroit on June 17, 1855, and ordained as a priest by the bishop of Connecticut on January 2, 1856. He was then appointed rector of St. Luke's in New Haven. In the same year he founded the Protestant Episcopal Society for Promoting the Extension of the Church among Colored People, an antecedent of the Union of Black Episcopalians. He became a friend of Frederick Douglass, and the two men worked together on many programs.

In 1861, Holly resigned as rector of St. Luke's to lead a group of African Americans settling in Haiti. Although his wife, his mother, and two of his children died during the first year, along with other settlers, Holly stayed on with two small sons, proclaiming that just "as the last surviving apostle of Jesus was in tribulation...on the forlorn isle of Patmos, so, by His Divine Providence, [Christ] had brought this tribulation upon me for a similar end on this isle in the Caribbean Sea." He welcomed the opportunity to speak of God's love to a people who needed to hear it.

Through an agreement between the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church and the Orthodox Apostolic Church of Haiti, Holly was consecrated a missionary bishop to build the church in Haiti on November 8, 1874, making him the first African American to be raised to the office of bishop in the Episcopal Church. In 1878, Bishop Holly attended the Lambeth Conference, the first African American to do so, and he preached at Westminster Abbey on St. James' Day of that year.

In the course of his ministry, he doubled the size of his diocese, and established medical clinics where none had been before.

Bishop Holly served the Diocese of Haiti until his death in Haiti on March 13, 1911. He had charge of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic as well, from 1897 until he died. He is buried on the grounds of St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince.



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Mission Statement:

Our mission at St. Philip is to live and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to serve the needs of our local and global communities, and to support the evangelical work of the Episcopal church in the United States of America.

Core Values:

- *Sustaining our foundation of faith*
- *Sustaining our roots in our African American heritage while embracing cultures and traditions of all*
- *Nurturing our young parishioners as well as the community*
- *Promoting Christian fellowship*
- *Faith-based community of inclusiveness*
- *Understanding and accepting change*

Who We Are:

We are a worshipping family of God's children who believe in nourishment; social justice; reconciliation; cultural and generational enlightenment in our Columbus communities; and continuing Jesus' command for us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We invite you to be a part of our family!