



ST. PHILIP
Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 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)* THINE IS THE GLORY *Arr. by Lloyd Larson*
OPENING HYMN *(standing, as able)* **CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN! H184**

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Now through all the world it rings
that the Lamb in King of kings.
Alleluia!

REFRAIN

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Paschal lamb indeed,
Christ, today your people feed.
Alleluia!

- 2 He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
takes our sin and guilt away
that with angels we may say:
Alleluia!
[REFRAIN]
- 3 He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
is exalted now to save,
wresting victory from the grave.
Alleluia!
[REFRAIN]

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you our hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(standing, as able)*

LEVAS 243

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.
Glory to God in the highest 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,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.
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.
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Amen.

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

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

Celebrant **Let us pray.**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever

People **Amen.**

ACTS 2:42-47 (*seated*)

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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.

1 PETER 2:19-25 (*seated*)

Reader A reading from the First letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (*standing, as able*) **HE'S DONE SO MUCH FOR ME** **A511**

- 1 **He's done so much for me, I cannot tell it all,
I cannot tell it all, I cannot tell it all.
He's done so much for me, I cannot tell it all.
I cannot tell it all.**

- 2 **He washed my sins away; I cannot tell it all,
I cannot tell it all, I cannot tell it all.
He washed my sins away; I cannot tell it all.
I cannot tell it all.**

- 3 **He walks and talks with me; I cannot tell it all,
I cannot tell it all, I cannot tell it all.
He walks and talks with me; I cannot tell it all.
I cannot tell it all.**

- 4 **He gave me victory; I cannot tell it all,
I cannot tell it all, I cannot tell it all.
He gave me victory; I cannot tell it all.
I cannot tell it all.**

LUKE 24:13-35 (*standing, as able*)

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM III *(standing, as able)*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed, eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We especially pray for Suellen Austin- Blasingame, Father Jerome Burns and Carol Burns, Sylyna France, Wade Franklin, Ann Kindle, Nadya Richardson, Kervyn and Jean Scipio (Parents of Michele Williams), and Suzanne Tolbert.

Silence

We give thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week.

Silence

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

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)*

OFFERTORY HYMN *(seated)* **SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US** **A424**

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| <p>1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.</p> <p>2 We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear Thy children when they pray;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear Thy children when they pray.</p> | <p>3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.</p> <p>4 Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast lov'd us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast lov'd us, love us still.</p> |
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D *(standing, as able)*

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

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.

Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Philip and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People* **AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(standing, as able)*

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *(seated)*

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

Lloyd Larson

COMMUNION HYMN *(seated)*

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A426

- 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.**

COMMUNION HYMN *(seated)*
WE SHALL WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY IN PEACE

A497

- 1 We shall walk through the valley in peace;
We shall walk through the valley in peace;

REFRAIN

If Jesus himself shall be our Leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

- 2 There will be no sorrow there;
There will be no sorrow there.
[REFRAIN]

- 3 There will be no dying there;
There will be no dying there.
[REFRAIN]

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

BLESSING *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN (*standing, as able*)

THE STRIFE IS OVER

H208

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!**

- 2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!**

- 3 The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!**

- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!**

- 5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL (*standing, as able*)

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

- Celebrant:** The Rev. Christopher C. Richardson
- Altar Guild:** Birdie Diggs
- Acolytes:** Brandon, Kevaughn, Malachi, Meina
- Lectors:** Michael Wayne, Lanelle Williams
- Chalice Bearer:** Micheal Wayne
- Ushers/Greeters:** Cynthia Turner
- Organist/Choir Master:** Ed Wiles
- Choir Members:** Sylyna France, Jacqueline Gonzales, Warren Leslie, Carole Mendenhall, Matthew Portis, Charlotte Rhea, Jacqueline Roberts, Deborah Stokes-Wayne, Patsey Ulmer
- 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.

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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!