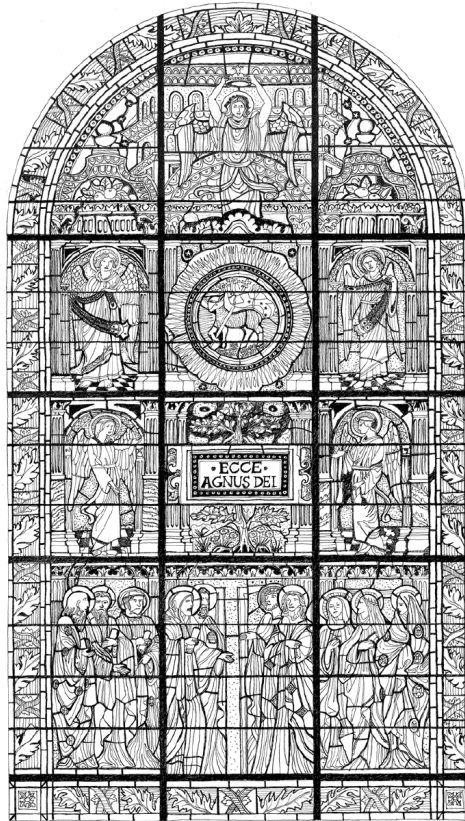


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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 17, 2023 • 10:30 A.M.



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest*,
to all who mourn *and long for comfort*,
to all who struggle *and desire victory*,
to all who sin *and need a Savior*,
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship*,
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness*,
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks*,
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Restrooms are available in the Parish House, located at the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. A greeter or usher will be happy to direct you.

Headsets for the hard of hearing are available in the video/sound booth at the end of the north side aisle.

A nursery for children three years old and younger and **Children's Church** for children ages four through third grade are available in the Parish House on the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. A greeter or usher will be happy to direct you.

Our Family Respite Room is available on the ground floor of the Parish House in room 107. It is equipped with rocking chairs, a changing table, toddler toys, and a smart TV, which will be showing the worship service via livestream. Families are welcome to use this facility as they feel is needed during the service. No unaccompanied children, please.

Visiting? We are delighted to have you with us today! If you are looking for a church home, come visit our hospitality table after the service so we can share more with you about our parish family. We would love to reach out to you—please fill out our visitor card either in the pew, at the table, or via the QR code. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the tent. If you'd like to learn more about St. Philip's, please visit our website, **saintphilips.church**, where you can also find our teaching ministry podcasts (including sermons, Bible studies, and C.S. Lewis studies). May God bless your time with us today!



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sleepers, Wake
Marshall Forrester, *trumpet*

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
arr. St. Philip's Music Department

THE INTROIT

People Look East

John Leavitt (b. 1956)

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.
Stars, keep the watch when night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together,
People look east and sing today: Love, the star is on the way.
Angels announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People look east. And sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: Traditional French Carol arr. John Leavitt (b. 1956) ©2020 Hal Leonard Corp.
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THE WORD OF GOD

The People are invited to stand and sing the opening hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, thou key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Words: Hymnal Version, based on Latin, c. 9th cent.; St. 1, 3, 4 pub. Cologne, 1710
Music: *Veni Emmanuel*, Melody adapted from plainsong, Mode I, by Thomas Helmore, 1854.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant Surely the Lord cometh soon.

People ***Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!***

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant prays

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All kneel.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the reading of God's Word.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

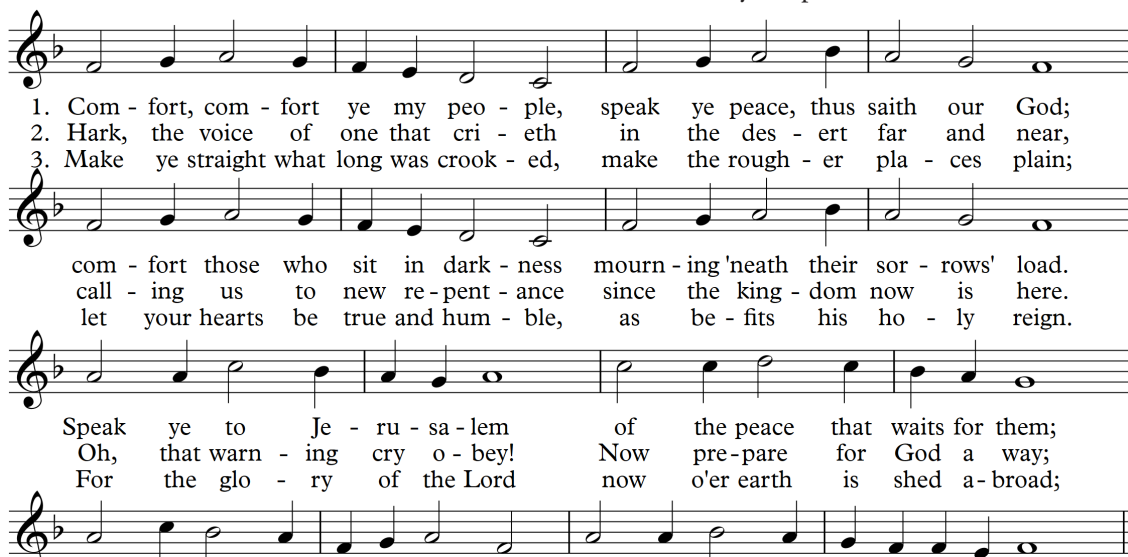
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People are invited to stand and sing the gradual hymn.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Psalm 42



1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
call - ing us to new re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
let the val - leys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: PSALM 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *The Hymnal* 1982

THE GOSPEL

John 1:19-28

The People remain standing. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People ***Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.***

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²² So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." ²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

After the Gospel, the priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.***

THE NICENE CREED

All stand and say in unison

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneeling, the Celebrant or other person appointed says the following prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to lead the nations of the world into the way of righteousness; and so to direct and dispose the hearts of all their leaders, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, upholding integrity and truth, to the punishment of wickedness and vice and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to thy servants Foley, our Archbishop; Chip, our Bishop; and all the clergy of this Diocese, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations, and strengthen us to fulfill thy great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that thou hast commanded. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *Silence*

The Reader adds the names of those who are on our parish prayer list.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants who have departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially ...] that thy will for them may be fulfilled, and we beseech thee to give us grace to follow the good examples of St. Philip and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Reader concludes with this Collect.

Grant these our prayers, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands alone and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. MATTHEW 11:28 God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16 This is a

true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15 If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 JOHN 2:1-2

All stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prepare the Way

Anders Öhrwall (1932-2012)

Prepare the way, O Zion; ye awful deeps rise high;
Sink low ye lofty mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh;
The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is he that came in God the Father's name.
O Zion, he approaches, your Lord and King for aye;
Strew palms where he advances, spread garments in his way.
God's promise faileth never, hosanna sound forever.
O blest is he that came in God the Father's name.
Fling wide your portals Zion, and hail your glorious King;
His tidings of salvation to every people bring,
Who, waiting still in sadness, would sing his praise with gladness.
O blest is he that came in God the Father's name.

Text: *The Swedish Psalter*. Music: Anders Öhrwall (1932-2012)

All are invited to stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt.

THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

All remain standing as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The people are invited to sing

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

H. Willan (1880-1968)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High,
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

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.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Remaining kneeling, all are invited to sing the Agnus Dei.

THE AGNUS DEI

H. Willan (1880-1968)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion at the high altar or the standing stations in either one kind (bread only) or both kinds (bread and wine). You may stand or kneel to receive Communion. To receive the bread in the traditional way, please place your right palm over your left and the bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your mouth), or you may leave the bread in your palm and then dip it into the wine when the chalice is brought to you. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion (including children who do not yet receive) are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

The St. Philip's Prayer Team is available at this time. If you would like someone to pray with you, please see them in either side aisle by the large doors.

The congregation is encouraged to sing all hymns.

COMMUNION HYMN 329

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Wie Schön Leuchtet

1. How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3. Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pi - ty ing eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O Right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, pur forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Draw thou near us; Great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Text: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

COMMUNION HYMN 440

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Aberystwyth

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
 Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height: see that glory-beaming star.
 Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell?
 Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.
 Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
 Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
 Traveler, darkness takes its flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.
 Watchman, let thy wand'rings cease; hie thee to thy quiet home.
 Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

Text: John Bowring, 1825. Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry, 1879.

COMMUNION HYMN 3

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

Wachet Auf

1. Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing: the watch-men on the
 2. Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, her heart with deep de -
 3. Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore thee, and men and an - gels



heights are cry - ing, a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!
 light is spring - ing, she wakes, she ris - es from her gloom:
 sing be - fore thee, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.



Mid night's sol - emn hour is toll - ing, his char - iot wheels are
 Forth her Bride - groom comes, all glo - rious, in grace ar - rayed, by
 By the pearl - y gates in won - der we stand, and swell the



near - er roll - ing, he comes; pre - pare, ye vir - gins wise. Rise
 truth vic - to - rious; her star is risen, her light is come! All
 voice of thun - der that ech - oes round thy daz - ling throne. No



up, with will - ing feet go forth, the Bridegroom meet: Al - le -
 hail, In - car - nate Lord, our crown, and our re - ward! Al - le -
 vi - sion ev - er brought, no ear hath ev - er caught such re -

lu - ia! Bear through the night your
lu - ia! We haste a - long, in
joic - ing: We raise the song, we
well - trimmed light, speed forth to join the mar - riage rite.
pomp of song, and glad - some join the mar - riage through.
swell the throng, to praise thee a - ges all a - long.

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
Music: WACHET AUF, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

After the blessing, all are invited to stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Stuttgart*, Christian Friedrich Witt (1715), adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

*The Priest dismisses the people, and the People respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

Ushers

Crayton Walters, David Grubbs, Will Harker

Greeters

Jane and Chuck Galis

Lector

Nevitte Morris

Chalice

Richard Moore, Guy Gottshalk,
Clark Hanger, Bill Warlick

Acolyte Mentor

Brendan O'Shea

Acolytes

Claire Finland, Atticus Humphries, John Gardner,
Miles Gardner, Micah Gardner

Altar Guild

Judy Middleton, Margaret von Werssowetz

Flower Guild

All Teams

*Thank you to the brass ensemble for sharing
their musical gifts this morning:*

Marshall Forrester, Lisa Forrester, Andrew Forrester

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wrapping Up 2023

- Final high school youth group is tonight at 6:00 p.m. (resumes Jan. 7)

Now in Recess

- Middle school youth group (resumes January 5)
- Sunday school, Rector's Forum (resume Jan. 7)
- Theology on Tuesdays (resumes January 9)
- Wednesdays Alive! service, supper, class (resumes January 24)
- Rector's Bible Study (resumes January 25)

Fourth Sunday in Advent Worship (December 24)

(in-person and livestreamed, no nursery or children's church)

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (no sermon, no 8:15 service)

Christmas Eve at St. Philip's

(in-person and livestreamed; no nursery or children's church)

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller, preacher (7:30 and 10:30 only)

4:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist (no sermon)

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (with orchestra and the Canterbury and St. David Choirs)

10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (with orchestra and the St. Philip's Choir)

Christmas Day at St. Philip's

(in-person only; no nursery or children's church)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Rev. William K. Christian III, homilist)

The Church office will be closed for Christmas and the New Year December 25 through January 1. In the event of a pastoral emergency during that time, please call the Rev. Bill Christian at (843) 327-0791.

Foundations with the Rev. Andrew O'Dell begins January 7. This semester-long course explores the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith in an environment that allows for conversation and connection. For those who feel led to join St. Philip's, the class will culminate in the service of Confirmation when the bishop makes his annual visitation in the spring. Register at stphilipschurchsc.org/foundations or scan the QR code at right.



The Mere Anglicanism Conference is returning to Charleston January 18–20, 2024, and registration is nearing capacity! World-class theologians, including Dr. Rebecca McLaughlin, the Rev. Sam Allberry, and Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing, will address the conference theme, "Speaking the Truth in Love: The Church and the Challenge of the New Morality." Register at mereanglicanism.org.

Schedule updates:

- **December 31:** Regular service schedule (nursery and children's church available)
- **January 7:** Regular service schedule; Epiphany observed, brunch following 10:30 service

Please check your email inbox or visit stphilipschurchsc.org/news for further information about the above announcements and the rest of this week's news.



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