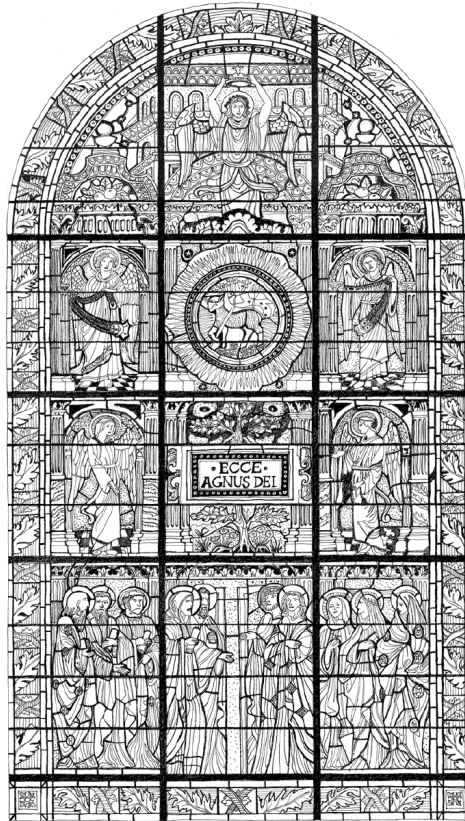


# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
DECEMBER 3, 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.*

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**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](http://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 *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* BWV 661 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* BWV 659

THE INTROIT Arise, the Kingdom Is at Hand Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

Arise, the kingdom is at hand, the King is drawing nigh;  
O come with joy, thou faithful band, to meet the Lord most high!  
Look up, ye souls weighed down with care, the Sovereign is not far;  
Look up, faint hearts, from your despair, behold the Morning Star!

Text: Johann von Rist (1607-1667), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 5 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending *Helmsley*

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
Deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers;  
With what rapture, with what rapture,  
With what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom as thine own;  
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1758 alt. Music: *Helmsley* from *Select Hymns with Tunes Annex*, 1765

## 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.*

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee 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 64:1-9a

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

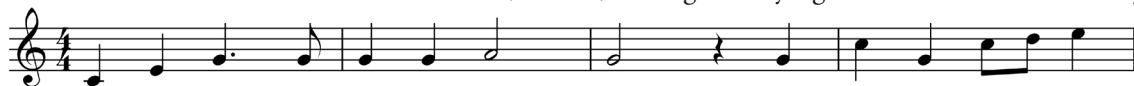
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN 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 dazz - 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 throng.  
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 People remain standing. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

Jesus said, <sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

*After the Gospel, the priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

*Wakeup Call*

The Rev. Andrew R. O’Dell

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

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

Rebecca Weatherby, *soprano*; Tricia Woods, *alto*; Johnathan White, *tenor*; Gregory Lowery, *bass*

O radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:  
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." Amen.

Text: O Antiphons, 6th cent. Music: James MacMillan (b. 1959)

*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

### HYMN 141 (S. 4)

*America*

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

Music: *America*, in *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1740. Words: Samuel Francis Smith, 1832.

### 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)

- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- 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 391

## Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee

*St. Flavian*

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee the passing ages pray;  
And faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom’s day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;  
And for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;  
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:

The day to whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,  
When justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad;  
The day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day’s Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

## COMMUNION HYMN

## Hark! The Glad Sound

*Richmond*

Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne and ev’ry voice a song.

He comes the pris’ners to release, in Satan’s bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace to’en-rich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall pro  
And heaven’s eternal arches ring with Thy beloved Name.

Text: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820), adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

## COMMUNION HYMN

## How Great Thou Art

*O Store Gud*

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art! *Repeat*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940 (Swedish); trans. Stuart K. Hine, b. 1899  
Music: *O Store Gud*, Swedish folk melody, arr. ©1955 Manna Music, Inc.

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

#### 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

#### Lift Up Your Heads

*Truro*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Saviour of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

Text: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)  
Music: *Truro*, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare and Toccata  
on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

David Lee Heinzman (b. 1958)

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

## **Preacher**

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

## **Greeters**

Ashley and Reagan Jackson

## **Lector**

Hamlin O'Kelley

## **Chalice**

Lowell Grosse, Foster Gaillard,  
Gerry McCord, Martha Vetter

## **Ushers**

Team 9: Cordes Ford, captain

## **Acolyte Mentor**

Brendan O'Shea

## **Acolytes**

John Gardner, Miles Gardner, Micah Gardner,  
James Bailey, John Swinton Bailey,  
Neely Bennett Lauffer, Helen Belle Livesay, Tye Livesay

## **Altar Guild**

Lindsay Long, Claudia Phillipps

## **Flower Guild**

Bonnie Schrimpf, Caroline Burns,  
Carol McLaren, Amanda Steinhardt,  
Sarah Stender, Sarah Stuhr

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Choral Evensong**, a contemplative service of prayer and song with the high voices of the St. Philip's Choir and Bishop Chip Edgar, precentor, is today at 5:30 p.m.

**The Monthly Men's Lunch** is this Wednesday, December 6, at noon in the Parish Hall. All men of the community are invited to enjoy a delicious meal and to hear the faith story of Ian Crosby, a member of St. Philip's young adult ministry.

**The ECW Advent Luncheon** with parent coach Christine Donovan is this Friday, December 8, at noon in the Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome! Scan the QR code at right or visit [stphilipchurchsc.org/events](https://stphilipchurchsc.org/events) to register.



**The Advent Drop-In at the Rectory** (92 Church St.) is this Saturday, December 9, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All St. Philippians are cordially invited to join the Rev. and Mrs. Jeffrey S. Miller in their home for this annual event—there is no need to bring anything but a festive spirit! A golf cart shuttle from the church parking lot will be available.

**Our Lessons and Carols** service is next Sunday, December 10, at 10:30 a.m. Following the service, join us in the Parish Hall for our annual **Wassail Bowl** reception, and please pick up a **poinsettia** (or a few!) to deliver to someone who lives near you or on your route home. The poinsettias and cards from the Compassion Committee will be arranged by ZIP and go to those who are especially in our hearts this season.

**The Greening of the Church** is Friday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m., and we need as many helping hands as we can get! Bring gloves and clippers (if you have them) and a breakfast treat to share.

**Christmas flower memorial/thanksgiving** dedications are due by December 15 for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Visit [stphilipchurchsc.org/christmas-flowers](https://stphilipchurchsc.org/christmas-flowers) or scan the QR code at right to submit your loved ones' information (preferred method for accuracy). Forms are also available in the church office.



**Children's Christmas Pageant Sign-Up** is now open! We need readers, major character roles, angels, animals, and more. The cast does not have lines to memorize; they act out what the readers read from Scripture. Ages 3+. Scan the QR code at right or visit [stphilipchurchsc.org/events](https://stphilipchurchsc.org/events) to register.



## Important Dates

- December 10 ~ Final Sunday School, Rector's Forum of 2023
- December 10 ~ Charleston Men's Chorus Christmas Concert (4:00 p.m.)
- December 13 ~ Final Wednesdays Alive! service of 2023
- December 14 ~ Final Rector's Bible Study of 2023
- December 15, 17 ~ Final youth groups of 2023
- December 17 ~ Last Sunday with the Angel Trees
- December 25–January 1 ~ Church office closed
- January 18–20, 2024 ~ Mere Anglicanism Conference ([mereanglicanism.org](https://mereanglicanism.org))

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