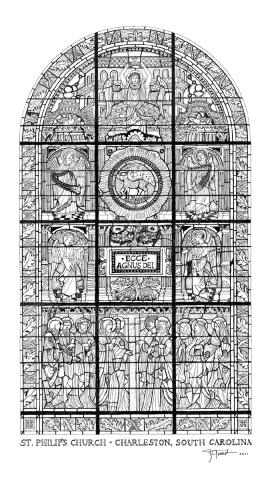
# St. Philip's Church

Established 1680 • Charleston, SC



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MORNING PRAYER
MAY 25, 2025 • 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. The ListenWifi app is available for use with Bluetooth hearing aids.

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.

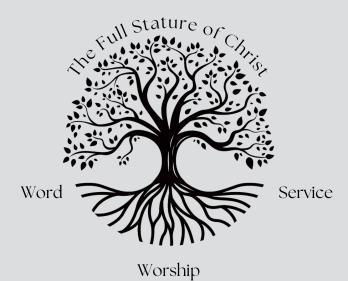
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**Visiting?** We are delighted to have you with us today! If you are looking for a church home, come visit our hospitality table after the service so we can share more with you about our parish family. We would love to reach out to you—please fill 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!



# St. Philip's Tree of Life



We are disciples of Christ, and for us to foster a personal relationship with him,

become mature Christians, and grow into the full stature of Christ, we engage in ALL of the following—please join us!

- weekly or twice-weekly corporate worship (making the Lord's Day a priority)
- weekly Sunday Christian formation (e.g. Rector's Forum, Sunday School)
- weekly corporate Bible study (Rector's Bible Study and/or small group)
- daily prayer and study of God's Word
- service to the church (lay ministry, missions, etc., plus tithing)
- Christian fellowship (e.g. foyer group, Theology on Tuesdays)
- making disciples (sharing the faith)

## RESOURCES

The Rector's current recommendations for daily devotionals and online resources are available at:
saintphilips.churchcenter.com/pages/resources



## **MORNING PRAYER**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

THE INTROIT

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,

And he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

E'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Tune: *Resignation*, Southern folk hymn, this arr. Virgil Thomson (1896-1989) ©1947, renewed 1966 The H.W. Gray Co.

### THE WORD OF GOD

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder love and praise.

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard c. 1830. UBP. Words: Charles Wesley, 1747

The People remain standing as the Officiant begins the service with the opening sentences.

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 28

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 12

All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from thy grace, there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP, p. 13

All standing, the Officiant says

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

People The Lord's Name be praised.

The People stand and sing the canticle.

### CANTICLE, HYMN 609

Venite, exultemus Domino

R. Goodson

O come, let us sing | unto • the Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with | thanksgiving; and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a | great God;

and a great | King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners | of the earth; and the strength of the hills is | his also.

The sea is | his and • he made it;

and his hands prepared • the dry land.

O come let us worship and | fall down,

and kneel before the | Lord our Maker.

For he is the | Lord our God;

and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the | beauty • of holiness;

let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;

and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,

and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,

world without | end. Amen.

The People remain standing and read the psalm responsively by whole verse.

### PSALM 67

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; indeed, let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
- <sup>7</sup> God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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

THE FIRST LESSON Joel 2:21-27

<sup>21</sup> "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! <sup>22</sup> Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield. <sup>23</sup> Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. <sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. <sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand and sing the canticle.



Alleluia, | alle|luia.

Alle|luia, | alle|luia.

Christ our Passover is | sacri-ficed for | us,

therefore | let us | keep the | feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of | malice and | wickedness,

but with the unleavened | bread of sin cerity and | truth.

Alleluia, | alle|luia.

Alle | luia, | alle|luia.

Christ being raised from the dead | **dieth** no | more; death hath | **no more** do | minion | over him.

For in that he died, he died unto | sin | once;

but in that he liveth, he | liveth | unto | God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead in deed unto | sin,

but alive unto God through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.

Alleluia, | alle|luia.

Alle|luia, | alle|luia.

Christ is | risen · from the | dead,

and become the | first fruits of | them that | slept.

For since by | man came | death,

by man came also the resur rection of the dead.

For as in | **Adam** all | die,

even so in Christ shall | all be | made a|live.

Alleluia, | alle|luia.

Alle|luia, | alle|luia.

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

### THE SECOND LESSON

John 14:15-29

Jesus said <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe."

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

The People stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN Come Down, O Love Divine Down Ampney

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,

And visit it with thine own ardor glowing.

O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,

And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn. Till worldly passions turn

To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,

And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,

Shall far out-pass the power of human telling.

For none can guess its grace, till he become the place

Music: R. Vaughan Williams; Permission Oxford University Press

Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Words: Bianco Da Siena, d. 1464; Tr. R. F. Littledale, 1867

THE SERMON

If You Love Me

The Rev. Andrew R. O' Dell

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP, p. 20

All standing, Officiant and People say

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS BCP, p. 21

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Officiant and People pray

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.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness; People And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

People And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People And defend us by thy mighty power.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us; People And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.* 

### A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God who art the author of peace, and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

### A COLLECT FOR MISSION

O God, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest thy love by sending thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him: Pour thy Spirit upon thy church and upon our Mission partners: Hope to Home Ministries, Lowcountry Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Star Gospel Mission, Water Mission and the Global Water Center, and the Gospel ministries in Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Rwanda, and Uganda; that thy people may fulfill the command to preach the Gospel to every creature; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

### A COLLECT FOR THE NATION

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care. Grant to the President of the United States, the Members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court wisdom and strength to know and do thy will, that being guided by thy providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. In particular, we commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially *those on our parish prayer list*. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace, and grant them a sense of thy abiding presence wherever they may be. *Amen.* 

### A COLLECT FOR THOSE IN NEED

### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP, p. 25

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful: and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

BCP, p. 26

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and who hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.* 

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant says this or another concluding sentence.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thine Be The Glory with Hallelujah, Amen G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;

Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;

Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;

Make us more than conquerors, through thy death-less love:

Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Hallelujah, amen.

Oh Judah, rejoice, in songs divine, with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.

Text: Thomas Morell (1703-1784) Music: G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Setting: Paul Reese (b. 1980)

All are invited to stand and sing the Doxology.

### THE DOXOLOGY HYMN

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Priest The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

All kneel.

After the blessing, all stand and sing the closing hymn.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; The King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior 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 (1642), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1855). Music: *Truro*, Thomas Williams of Clerkenwell Green, Charles Burney

### **TAPS**

In honor of those who have given their lives in service to our country, please remain standing for the playing of taps.

### THE DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in D major, BWV 580

attr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

### Preacher

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

### Greeters

Jane and Chuck Galis

### Lectors

Tripp Hathaway, Ashley Jordan Crosby

### **Ushers**

Scott Hayes, Beau Mueller, Will Burris, Bruce Freshley

# **Acolyte Mentor**

Clay Hershey

## **Acolytes**

Caroline Robinson, Charles Finland, Claire Finland, Graceanna Hare, Rhett Hershey, James Mueller

### Flower Guild

Cyndy Applegate, Kirsten Barr, Jane Crosby, Spruill Hayes, Elaine Jarrett

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

**Theology on Tuesdays,** conversations about life and God for young adults, meets this Tuesday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Whiskey Room at Henry's on the Market. Park for free in the church parking lot, and bring a friend! Please mark your calendar for our June and July dates: June 3, June 24, July 1, and July 15.

Adult Confirmation: All are invited to witness the confirmation of our adult candidates this Wednesday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Chip Edgar III, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, will be preaching. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.

ECW Springtime Celebration: Ladies, join the ECW (Every Church Woman) of St. Philip's at the Rectory (Miller residence) from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, for a springtime gathering complete with light bites and libations!



The Summer Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, June 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Donors are needed in June to ensure there's enough blood available throughout the busy summer months. Every pint collected can save up to three lives! Visit saintphilips.church/events or scan the QR code to sign up to donate and/or volunteer at the drive. This will be our only drive this year—let's make it count!



The second annual "A Walk In Their Shoes" with Star Gospel Mission on Sunday, June 8, is designed to deepen your understanding of homelessness in Charleston. A team from St. Philip's will be walking the family-friendly 1.5-mile route, which includes prayer stops and ends with chapel and breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Gantt Folline at gantt@follinecommercialappraisal.com.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) registration is open! On June 9-12 we will travel back to the Old West and shout "Yee-haw" as we climb aboard and head to Wonder Junction to marvel at Jesus's life, teachings, and resurrection. Participants will worship and learn together in small groups and enjoy playing games and creating crafts. Please visit our website or scan the QR code to register your children currently in 3k–5th-grade.



Intro to Western Philosophy, a free Hillsdale College Course facilitated by John Kerrison, will meet biweekly through August beginning on Wednesday, June 11, at 7:30 🏻 📆 a.m. in the Parlor or via Zoom! If you're looking for something meaningful to engage in this summer, please join us. Learn more and register using the QR code at right.



## **Important Dates**

- August 2 ~ Saturday Serve: Lowcountry FCA (All-Abilities Camp)
- January 22–24, 2026 ~ Mere Anglicanism Conference

For further details about all of our upcoming events and for registrations, please visit saintphilips.church/events



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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday

### Clergy

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller, Rector
The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell, Senior Associate
The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy, Assistant for Hospitality Ministry
The Rev. William K. Christian III, Assistant for Pastoral Care
The Rev. Justin C. Hare, Assistant for Young Adult and Family Ministry
The Rev. Dr. William P. Rhett, Priest Associate
The Rev. Gerry L. McCord, Deacon

Clergy contact information is available at stphilipschurchsc.org/clergy

### **Ministry Staff**

David L. Gilbert, Youth Minister
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