

# *St. Philip Parish Church*



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**WELCOME:** We welcome you this evening as we celebrate **Ash Wednesday**- the first day of Lent.

A warm welcome is extended to all who are visiting for the first time. The members of the St. Philip's Parish Church consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you enjoy your visit. It is our desire ***to be an agent that ensures God's love and help reach all.***

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### **Introit Hymn 114**

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow; earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrow share  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his Vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine:  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at th' eternal Eastertide.

## **Salutation**

### **Lent**

The Sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and  
contrite heart O God, You will not despise. *Psalm 51:18*

PRESIDENT:                Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy  
                                         Spirit.

**ALL:    And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever**

### **Collect for Purity**

ALL

**Almighty God, to you all 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. Amen.**

## THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT- Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRESIDENT:

Almighty and holy God, your Son, in obedience to the Spirit fasted forty days in the desert; Give us grace to discipline ourselves that we may press towards Easter with eager faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First Lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of the book of the Prophet Joel beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse. (Joel 2:1-2, 12-17)**

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near a day of darkness and

gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, ‘Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, “Where is their God?” ’

*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God***

### **Psalm 51:1-17**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \* in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \* and cleanse me from my sin.

- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**Second Lesson: A reading from the word of God written  
in the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of Paul to the  
Corinthians beginning at the 20<sup>th</sup> verse.  
(2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10)**

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour,

in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Gradual Hymn 115**

Good it is to keep the fast,  
shadowed forth in ages past,  
which our own Almighty Lord  
hallowed by his deed and word.

Moses, while he fasted, saw  
God who gave by him the law;  
to Elijah angels came,  
steeds of fire and car of flame.

So was Daniel meet to gaze  
on the sight of latter days  
and the Baptist to proclaim  
blessings through the Bridegroom's name.

Grant us, Lord, like them to be  
oft in prayer and fast with thee;  
fill us with thy heavenly might,  
be our joy and true delight.



Father, hear us through thy Son,  
and the Spirit, with thee One,  
whom our thankful hearts adore,  
ever and for evermore.

### **The Holy Gospel**

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

***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse. (Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21)***

*Glory to Christ our Saviour*

Jesus said “ Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have

received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

## **SERMON**

### **BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy, forgiveness and grace proclaimed in the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

Let us ask God our Father to bless these ashes to become a symbol of our intention. They have been made from the palms with which we greeted Christ our King with joy last

Palm Sunday. They are a sign that we intend to prepare ourselves with penitence for Easter

*Let us pray*

Lord, bless these ashes to our use and grant that they may remind us of our mortality and of our need of repentance so that we may keep Lent faithfully in preparation for the victory and joy of Easter. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

*The president addresses the congregation*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*The President places ashes on those who come forward, saying to each*

Repent and believe the Gospel

**Response: Amen**

**Hymns during the imposition of Ashes**

**Hymn 120**

My spirit longs for thee,  
within my troubled breast,  
though I unworthy be  
of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest  
unworthy though I be,  
yet has my heart no rest  
unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee,  
in vain I look around;  
in all that I can see  
no rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found  
but in thy blessèd love;  
O let my wish be crowned,  
and send it from above!

### **Hymn 113**

Creator of the world, to thee  
an endless rest of joy belongs;  
and heavenly choirs are ever free  
to sing on high their festal songs.

But we are fallen creatures here,  
where pain and sorrow daily come;  
and how can we in exile drear  
sing out, as they, sweet songs of home?

O Father, who dost promise still  
that they who mourn shall blessèd be,  
grant us to weep for deeds of ill  
that banish us so long from thee:

but, weeping, grant us faith to rest  
in hope upon thy loving care;  
till thou restore us, with the blest,  
their songs of praise in heaven to share.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore.

### **Hymn 111**

O Lord, turn not thy face from me,  
who lie in woeful state,  
lamenting all my sinful life  
before thy mercy-gate:

a gate which opens wide to those  
that do lament their sin;  
shut not that gate against me, Lord,  
but let me enter in.

And call me not to strict account  
how I have sojourned here;  
for then my guilty conscience knows  
how vile I shall appear.

Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask:  
this is my humble prayer;  
for mercy, Lord, is all my suit,  
O let thy mercy spare.

### **Hymn 133**

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calvary's mountain.

**Refrain:**

*In the cross, in the cross,  
be my glory ever;  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and Morning Star  
sheds its beams around me.

**Refrain**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadows o'er me.

**Refrain**

Near the cross, I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river.

**Refrain****Hymn: 118**

Lord, in this thy mercy's day,  
ere it pass for aye away,  
on our knees we fall and pray.

Holy Jesu, grant us tears,  
fill us with heart-searching fears,  
ere that awful doom appears.

Lord, on us thy Spirit pour  
kneeling lowly at the door,  
ere it close for evermore.

By thy night of agony,  
by thy supplicating cry,  
by thy willingness to die;

By thy tears of bitter woe,  
for Jerusalem below,  
let us not thy love forego.

Grant us 'neath thy wings a place,  
lest we lose this day of grace  
ere we shall behold thy face.

*When all have received ashes, the President facing the  
congregation says*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Return to the Lord with all your heart; leave the past in ashes  
and turn to God with tears and fasting, for He is slow to anger  
and ready to forgive.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Leader

God our Father, we praise you that you are always ready to  
forgive the penitent. Bring us by your Spirit to true

repentance and the joy of knowing your forgiveness. Accept, through Jesus Christ, our Lenten acts of love and sacrifice. Prepare us to celebrate His Passover and to share His risen life.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

Father we pray for your Church throughout the world, in this diocese for **Michael** our bishop, **Trevor** our Priest, the clergy and people. Free us from dependence on material goods and the worship of power, and from all that hinders our union with you.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

Father, we pray for our country and all in authority. Purge our land of all that is contrary to your will. Bring us all to know Christ as the way, the truth and the life, that we may live in harmony with one another.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

Father we pray for all who suffer, and especially for victims of greed and violence; make your love known to them and to those who cause suffering.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly father, we recommend to your loving care all who will die during the Lent. Bring them and all the departed through the passion and death of your Son to share in the glory of His resurrection.

**Hear our Prayer**



We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## **ACT OF PENITENCE**

**PRESIDENT**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

**PRESIDENT:** Let us therefore confess our sins

## **FORM B**

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

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

**PRESIDENT**

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord

ALL

**Amen**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

PRESIDENT

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through  
our Lord Jesus Christ

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: and also with you.**

## **LET THERE BE LOVE SHARED AMONG US**

Let There Be Love Shared Among Us,  
Let There Be Love In Our Eyes,  
May Now Your Love Sweep This Nation,  
Cause Us Oh Lord To Arise.  
Give Us A Fresh Understanding  
Of Brotherly Love That Is Real,  
Let There Be Love Shared Among Us,  
Let There Be Love.

## **Offertory Hymn 112**

Christian, dost thou see them  
on the holy ground,  
how the troops of Midian  
prowl and prowl around?  
Christian, up and smite them,  
counting gain but loss;  
smite them by the merit  
of the holy cross.

Christian, dost thou feel them,  
how they work within,  
striving, tempting, luring,  
goadng into sin?  
Christian, never tremble;  
never be down-cast;  
smite them by the virtue  
of the Lenten fast.

Christian, dost thou hear them,  
how they speak thee fair?  
'Always fast and vigil?  
Always watch and prayer?'  
Christian, answer boldly,  
'while I breathe I pray:'  
peace shall follow battle,  
night shall end in day.

'Well I know thy trouble,  
O my servant true;  
thou art very weary,  
I was weary too;  
but that toil shall make thee  
some day all mine own,  
and the end of sorrow  
shall be near my throne.'

### **HOLY EUCHARIST**

#### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

PRESIDENT    Father,

ALL

**We offer to you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

PRESIDENT The Lord be with you.

ALL **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT Lift up your hearts.

ALL **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God:

### ***Proper Preface Lent***

For you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

PRESIDENT

All Holy and glorious Father,  
our Creator God,  
we give you thanks  
because in your loving wisdom  
you brought all things into being,  
and are truly worthy of praise  
from every creature you have made.

Again and again  
we have turned away from you;  
yet in every age your steadfast love  
has called us to return  
to live in union with you:  
for it is your eternal purpose  
to put new life into all things  
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ  
who took our human nature upon Him  
you have redeemed the world  
from the bondage of sin:  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you have gathered a people to yourself,

to make known in every place  
His perfect offering which He made  
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us  
His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed  
He took bread.  
and when He had given thanks to you,  
He broke it and gave it to His disciples  
and said: "Take this, and eat it:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me,"

And 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."

PRESIDENT

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**PRESIDENT**

And so, Heavenly Father,  
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation:  
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice  
made once for all upon the Cross;  
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;  
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;  
and looking for His Coming in glory;  
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving;  
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood,  
of your Son, our great High Priest,  
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,  
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.  
Unite us with all Bishops,  
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,  
and with the whole people of God,  
living and departed.  
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,  
that we may be found ready to join the company  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,  
and all your saints.  
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:

Forever giving you thanks and praise  
through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you. Father Almighty,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**ALL**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for  
ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

PRESIDENT

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**



## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**PRESIDENT**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**ALL**

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace**

### **The Invitation**

**PRESIDENT**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL**

**Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.**

## **Hymns for the Eucharist**

### **HYMN: 598**

I hunger and I thirst;  
Jesu, my manna be;  
ye living waters, burst  
out of the rock for me.

Thou bruised and broken Bread,  
my life-long wants supply;  
as living souls are fed,  
O feed me, or I die.

Thou true life-giving Vine,  
let me thy sweetness prove;  
renew my life with thine,  
refresh my soul with love.

Rough paths my feet have trod  
since first their course began;  
feed me, thou Bread of God;  
help me, thou Son of Man.

For still the desert lies  
my thirsting soul before;  
O living waters, rise  
within me evermore.

## **Hymn 110**

All ye who seek for sure relief  
in trouble and distress,  
whatever sorrow vex the mind,  
or guilt the soul oppress.

Jesus, who gave himself for you  
upon the cross to die,  
opens to you his sacred heart;  
O to that heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites;  
ye hear his words so blest;  
‘All ye that labour come to me,  
and I will give you rest.’

O Jesus, joy of saints on high,  
thou hope of sinners here,  
attracted by those loving words  
to thee we lift our prayer.

Wash thou our wounds in that dear blood  
which from thy heart doth flow;  
a new and contrite heart on all  
who cry to thee bestow.

## **Children’s Hymn 645**

Do no sinful action,  
speak no angry word:  
ye belong to Jesus,  
children of the Lord.

Christ is kind and gentle,  
Christ is pure and true;  
and his little children  
must be holy too.

There's a wicked spirit  
watching round you still,  
and he tries to tempt you  
to all harm and ill.

But ye must not hear him,  
though 'tis hard for you  
to resist the evil,  
and the good to do.

For ye promised truly,  
in your infant days,  
to renounce him wholly,  
and forsake his ways.

Ye are new-born Christians,  
ye must learn to fight  
with the bad within you,  
and to do the right.

Christ is your own Master;  
he is good and true,  
and his little children  
must be holy too.

## **Post Communion**

ALL

**Almighty Father,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we who share His Body live His risen life;  
we who drink His cup bring life to others;  
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.  
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

### **Ash Wednesday**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow Him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

## **NOTICES**

### **Recessional Hymn 122**

O thou who dost to man accord  
his highest prize, his best reward,  
thou hope of all our race;  
Jesus, to thee we now draw near,  
our earnest supplications hear,  
who humbly seek thy face.

With self-accusing voice within  
our conscience tells of many a sin  
in thought, and word, and deed:  
O cleanse that conscience from all stain,  
the penitent restore again,  
from every burthen freed.

If thou reject us, who shall give  
our fainting spirits strength to live?  
'Tis thine alone to spare;  
with cleansèd hearts to pray aright,  
and find acceptance in thy sight,  
be this our lowly prayer.

'Tis thou hast blessed this solemn fast;  
so may its days by us be passed  
in self-control severe,  
that, when our Easter morn we hail,  
its mystic feast we may not fail  
to keep with conscience clear.

O blessèd Trinity, bestow,  
thy pardoning grace on us below,  
and shield us evermore;  
until, within thy courts above,  
we see thy face, and sing thy love,  
and with thy saints adore.

## NOTICES

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS ( Feb 15-21)** to Jacqueline Franklin (18), Janette Steele (19), Jamal Codrington-Browne (20), Marjorie Clarke (20),

**HOUSEBOUND AND SICK:** Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: Elsa Miller, Patricia Clarke, Kersley Alleyne, Agnes Belgrave, Mercil Gill, Melanie Haggins (UK), Claristine Olton, Wilma Estwick, Erskine Batson, Carmen Franklin, Camille Wilson, Eugene Norville, Michael Gittens, Iolanthe Manifold, Dafton Mayers, Corletta White, Myrna McCarthy, Geneva McCarthy, Glenville Davis, Kayrene Forde, Marlene Mottley, and Keith Alleyne.

**CONDOLENCES** are extended to the family of the late

- **Celene Celestine Beckles** whose funeral service will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026 at 2:00 pm followed by burial at Coral Ridge Memorial Gardens.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will begin on Friday February 20, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the church.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the **First Sunday in Lent**. There will be one service at 8:00 am-

**CHILDREN FELLOWSHIP HOUR** continues each Sunday at 8:00 am.

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE:** The Annual Pilgrimage will take place on March 01, 2026 with service at St. Christopher Anglican Church at 10:30 am followed by Fellowship at Silver Sands Recreational Park. Tickets are available (**\$30 for Adults and \$25 for children**) from the church office

during office hours or from Sis Shelley Blades. Buses will leave St. Philip Parish Church at 9:30 am.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Annual Luncheon will take place on May 03, 2026 at the Lodge School. More details will be published at a later date.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** Contributions may be made online directly to the Church's bank account at **CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Wildey, A/C #1818610 in the name of St. Philip Parish Church.** Please keep your receipts for the records of the church or call or email us and let us know when you have made your contributions.





<b>Ministries</b>	<b>LEADERS</b>	<b>Meeting Times</b>
Altar Servers	Sis Alicia Headley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat -4:00pm
Bereavement Group	Sis Jean-Ann Murrell	Quarterly-6:30 pm
Choir		Fri-4:00 pm
Church Army	Sis Marcia Clarke	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. -9:30 am
Flower Guild	Bro David Harewood	Quarterly
Health Guild	Sis. Lolita Bushell	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat -4:00pm
Men's Ministry		
M & E	Sis. Joan Small-White	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat -3:00 pm
Mothers' Union	Sis Joyce Sealy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 9:30am
CFH	Sis Lyn-Marie Franklin	Sun 8:00 am
Ushers' Guild	Sis Shelley Blades	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat -4:30 pm

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Lay Readers/Chalice Assistants**

Sonia Gill	Ralph McCarthy
Alicia Headley	Hilford Murrell
Jeanette Holder	Amarel Robinson
Jocelyn King	Edwin Tudor
Doreen Knight	June Ward
	Harold Weir

### **DAILY READINGS:**

Mon	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55	Exodus 33:7-23	Acts 7:30-34
Tue	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55	1 Kings 19:9-18	Romans 11:1-6
Wed	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thu	Psalm 51	Jonah 3:1-10	Romans 1:1-7
Fri	Psalm 51	Jonah 4:1-11	Romans 1:8-17
Sat	Psalm 51	Isaiah 58:1-12	Matthew 18:1-7