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Sundays: 7:00 a.m. Said Eucharist
9:30 am Sung Eucharist
8:00 am Children's Fellowship Hour
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. Devotions online
10:00 am- Said Eucharist

WELCOME: We welcome you to St. Philip this morning as we celebrate the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**. Today we begin the celebration of our **Patronal Festival** under the theme: ***“Centering Prayer in Our Lives”***

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 730

God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place;
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Salutation–

EASTER

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed. Come let us adore Him.
Alleluia.

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

**ALL: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and
 forever. Amen.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ALL

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

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.

Gloria In Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect– Saint Philip and Saint James

Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect– **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 8th Chapter of the Acts of The Apostles beginning at the 26th verse. (Acts 8:26-40)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn
to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations
shall bow before him.

- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before
him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall
serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for
ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet
unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

Second lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 4th Chapter of the First Letter of John beginning at the 7th verse. (1 John 4:7-21)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have

seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn 344

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound
all may heed the joyful sound.

Word of how the Father's will
made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave,
earth from sin and death to save;

Word of how the Saviour's love
earth's sore burden doth remove;
how for ever, in its need,
through his death the world is freed;

Word of how the Spirit came
bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love
guides us on to heaven above

Word of life, most pure and strong,
word for which the nations long,
spread abroad, until from night
all the world awakes to light.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

**A reading from the Holy Gospel According to John the
15th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse. (John 15:1-8)**

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,

because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ our Lord

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.**
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead.
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE FORM C

LEADER

With all our heart and all our mind let us pray to the Lord.
saying, "Lord have mercy."

LEADER

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God,
and for the salvation of our souls:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples:
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For our Bishops and all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord's coming:
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all peoples:
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labour in the cause of human liberation and fulfilment:
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them:
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought or flood, and for a just and proper use of God's creation:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

The Church Army Prayer

Lord our heavenly father whose son Jesus Christ came not to be ministered unto but to minister, we ask you to bless all members of the Church Army in this and other lands that following in the steps of Your Son and giving themselves to service of their fellowmen, they may be inspired by your love and so worthily minister in Your name to the fallen, the friendless and the needy for the sake of the same Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The Mission & Evangelism Prayer

Almighty and Heavenly father, Your gifts are that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, some teachers; but You have called all to the proclamation of Your Holy gospel. We thank You for enabling us to accept Your call, and we humbly pray that you would so shower us with Your Grace, that we, having responded to that call, may commit our lives to your

service and faithfully, obediently and cheerfully do all that You command. Arm us daily, O Lord, with your Spiritual armour: bind us together in Your love and keep us faithful to you as we seek to fulfil our mission. We commit our ministry into your hands and pray that all we say and do may be to the honour and glory of Your Most Holy and matchless name! **Amen**

ALL

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

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 FORM A

PRESIDENT

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT

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. **[Repeat]**

Offertory Hymn 802

There is one way, and only one,
out of our gloom, and sin, and care,
to that far land where shines no sun
because the face of God is there.

There is one truth, the truth of God,
that Christ came down from heaven to show,
one Life that his redeeming blood
has won for all his saints below.

The lore from Philip once concealed,
we know its fullness now in Christ;
in him the Father is revealed,
and all our longing is sufficed.

And still unwavering faith holds sure
the words that James wrote sternly down;
except we labour and endure,
we cannot win the heavenly crown.

O Way divine, through gloom and strife,
bring us thy Father's face to see;
O heavenly Truth, O precious Life,
at last, at last, we rest in thee.

Hymn MP 295

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today.
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy;
I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's
narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading,
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him,
The Help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALL

Father, 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 God 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

Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer E

PRESIDENT

Sovereign Lord and Father,
To you be glory and praise for ever.
In your boundless wisdom
you brought creation into being;
In your great love you fashioned
us in your image;
In your tender compassion
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
to share our human nature;
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
He overcame the power of sin and death
and brought your people to new birth
as first fruits of your new creation.

On the night that 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

Therefore. Father, according to the command of your
dearly beloved Son

ALL

We remember His death
We proclaim His resurrection
We await His coming in glory

PRESIDENT

And we offer you. Father,
our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of
bread and wine that they may become
the Body and Blood of your Son,
Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer.
As we partake of this holy food of new
and unending life, may your Holy Spirit
establish us as a royal priesthood
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. N-
and all your sons and daughters who share
in your eternal inheritance;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Form B

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.**

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits
you have given me, for all the pains and insults you
have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my
heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and
follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Hymn 535

O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free;
a heart that's sprinkled with the blood
so freely shed for me:

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne;
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone:

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from him that dwells within:

A heart in every thought renewed,
and full of love divine;
perfect and right and pure and good -
a copy, Lord, of thine!

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new best name of Love.

Hymn 630

Who are we who stand and sing?
We are God's people.
What this Bread and Wine we bring?
Food for God's people.
At once with twelve Christ spake,
poured wine and bread did break,
he now of us will make
a faithful people.

Who surrounds our praise this day?
All of God's people.
What the host with whom we pray?
God's holy people.
With all the saints we stand,
from every age and land,
and with that glorious band
we are God's people.

What command does Christ impart
to us his people?
Soul and strength and mind and heart,
serve me, my people.
As he in love came low
our world and work to know,
to life he bids us go
to be his people.

What this offering we share?
Gifts for God's people.
Signs of all we have and are
as faithful people.
By grace do we receive
all things, and so believe
through Christ we can achieve,
and be God's people.

Who are we who say one Creed?
We are God's people.
What the word we hear and read?
Word for God's people.
Through time, in every race,
from earth to farthest space
we'll be, with God's good grace,
a faithful people.

Hymn 243

When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul
thy tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived
from whom those comforts flowed.

When in the slippery paths of youth
with heedless steps I ran,
thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,
and led me up to man.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ;
and not the least a cheerful heart
which tastes those gifts with joy.

Through every period of my life
thy goodness I'll pursue
and after death, in distant worlds,
the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
for, O, eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise.

Children's Hymn 666

Praise him, praise him, all ye little children,
he is love, he is love.

Praise him, praise him, all ye little children,
he is love, he is love.

Thank him, thank him, all ye little children,
Thank him, thank him, all ye little children,

Love him, love him, all ye little children,
Love him, love him, all ye little children,

Crown him, crown him, all ye little children,
Crown him, crown him, all ye little children,

Serve him, serve him, all ye little children,
Serve him, serve him, all ye little children.

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 DISMISSAL

The God of peace, who brought again From the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do His will and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL Amen.

NOTICES

Recessional Hymn 332

Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

**The Bishop’s Pastoral Message On The Restoration of
the ‘Common Cup’ (the shared chalice) at the Holy
Eucharist**

Dear brothers and sisters,

It has now been four years since our Church administered the consecrated wine, the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by way of the ‘Common Cup’ (a shared chalice), due to the COVID-19 pandemic which began in March 2020. During those years, we were encouraged in our Diocese to receive the Blessed Sacrament in one of two ways, either:

1. In one kind, that is the host (consecrated bread) only, with the understanding that the fullness of the sacrament may be received in this form, or
2. In both kinds (that of the consecrated bread and wine) by Intinction, the dipping of the host into the consecrated wine.

It is, however, the established practice within our Anglican Church to administer Holy Communion in the way our Lord instituted this great sacrament to be shared. We are told in Scripture that at the institution of the Holy Eucharist, He shared unleavened bread and a common cup of wine with His disciples, saying “...this is my body...this is my blood....” As Anglicans, the use of the common cup is important in the celebration of the Eucharist as it affirms our oneness in Christ and our unity as a family.

Now that our nation has, for the most part, return to normalcy and there has been a significant decline in the number of new cases and reported deaths associated

with the COVID-19 virus, I am authorizing, effective from the first Sunday of May (May 5, 2024), the return to the use of the shared/common cup for the administration of the consecrated wine during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. For those who are not ready to receive Holy Communion by way of the common cup, you can continue to receive the sacrament in one kind (the host only) or in both kinds by intinction. The logistics of the administration will be shared with you by your incumbent in your local parish.

To allay some of the fears which persons may have concerning the return to the common cup, while there are still some viruses around, I must also share this. Much research has revealed that there is no evidence of infectious diseases being transmitted through the use of the shared common cup. This is believed to be so, not only because it is received in faith as the Blood of Christ, but also because of the careful wiping of the chalice's interior and exterior rim and rotating it after each communicant has received. It is also understood that the gold or silver metal of the chalice and the alcoholic content of the communion wine have natural antiseptic qualities. So I wish to assure you that our Lord and science are both on our side and the risk is very low when we receive communion by the common cup. There will be a meeting in the coming week for our licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) to sensitize them to the care that needs to be exercised at all times while administering the common cup.

As we reinstate the common cup, please allow me to remind you of the terms of communion to our children by virtue of their baptism. Holy Communion in one kind (the

host only) will continue to be administered by our ministers to those between the ages of 3 to 15 years, unless parental consent is given for them to receive in both kinds - either by intinction or the common cup. In addition, please note that we will be returning to the administration of the host, directly to the mouth - on the tongue. Self-intinction, that of the communicant dipping his or her host into the chalice, will not be allowed due to hygienic reasons.

Having had a relatively smooth transition to all the baptized being allowed to receive Holy Communion, I pray that our return to receiving the Blood of Christ by way of the shared chalice, will be welcomed by us as the family of God.

Wishing you every blessing.
I am your friend and bishop,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Barbados".

+Michael Barbados.

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Apr 28-May 04) to Angela Alleyne (28), Jalea Belle (28), Denise Browne (29), Jessica Harper-Mason (30), Roger Beckles (05/02), George Browne (02), Norma Cooke (03), Nikita Parris (03), Kemar Trotman (03) and Kevin White (04).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS To Edwin & Everline Tudor (05/01)

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: Justine Browne, Dafton Mayers, Alphonza White and Corletta White, Myrna McCarthy, Geneva McCarthy, Edith Mullin Glenville Davis, Kayrene Forde, Marlene Mottley, Keith Alleyne, Myrtle Inniss, Cynthia Steele, Cecelia Alleyne, Fitzherbert McCarthy, and Pearl Wiggins

- **CONDOLENCES** are extended to the family of the late:
- **Harold Lynch**, whose funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 3:00 pm.
- **Sybil Linton**. Details of her funeral service will be published at a later date.

May they Rest in Peace.

ACTIVITES FOR THE WEEK

- Today's **8:00 am service** will be streamed live via YouTube <https://youtube.com/live/HHd0lVxs4-o>
- **KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY** There will be no Kerygma Bible study this week.

- **Midweek Devotions:** There will be no midweek devotions this week.
- **Midweek Eucharist** There will be no Midweek Eucharist in the church on Wednesday May 01, 2024 as we celebrate our Feast Day with Mass at 11:00 am on Chapel Playing Field.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL 2024: April 28-May 05 2024

ST. PHILIP PARISH CHURCH PATRONAL FESTIVAL CENTERING PRAYER IN OUR LIVES			
DATE	ACTIVITY	ORGANISATIONS	PREACHER
Sunday April 28, 2024	Sung Eucharist & Sermon-8:00 am Solemn Evensong 6:00 pm	Parish Family Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers Altar Guild Health Guild	Bro Lamar Nottage (Seminararian) Rev. Bernard Been
Monday Apr 29, 2024	Breakfast Walk 6:00 am- 8:00 am	Parish Family	
Tuesday Apr 30, 2024	Mission Service 7:30 pm	Church Army Mission & Evangelism Group Ushers Guild	Rev. Erma Ambrose
Wednesday May 01, 2024 Feast Day	Said Eucharist 11 00 am Family Fun Day 2:00 pm	Parish Family	Rev Canon Trevor O'Neale Rev Angela Phillips
Thursday May 02, 2024	Healing Service 7:30 pm	Mothers' Union, Men's Fellowship Bible Study Group Bereavement Group	Rev Canon Dr. Michael Clarke
Friday May 03, 2024	Movie Night 7:00 pm	Church Family	
Saturday May 04, 2024	Day of Prayer 6:00 am to 3:00 pm Fellowship and Awards Evening Launch of Website -4:00 pm	Church Family	
Sunday May 05, 2024	Family & Friends Service 9:00 am Recorded by CBC Solemn Evensong, Sermon, Procession & Te Deum	Church Family Choirs Parochial Church Council	Rev Canon Trevor O'Neale Rev Angela Phillips Rev. Levon Alkins

HISTORIC BREAKFAST WALK: Monday, April 29, 2024, at 6:00 AM: Members are encouraged to bring their family and friends to participate in this fun session. Breakfast will be served after the walk. Tickets are available free of cost. Please reach out to your House Leaders to register

for the event. Kindly take as many tickets as you need as this will allow us to properly cater for the event.

FAMILY FUN DAY: Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 11:00 AM: at the Chapel Playing Field. Members are encouraged to bring their family and friends to participate in the service, fun and games. There will be fun activities for everyone. Food and drinks will be on sale.

MOVIE NIGHT: Members are invited to share in this community outreach event on Chapel Playing Field on Friday, May 03, 2024, beginning at 7:00 pm. The featured movies will be *Barbie* and *Puss in Boots- The Last Wish*. Admission is free and refreshments will be on Sale.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. There will be **one service at 9:00 am**. This Family and Friends service will be recorded by CBC and members are encouraged to attend and bring along family and friends. We bring our Patronal Festival to a close with **Evensong, Procession and Te Deum at 6:00 pm**. Members are encouraged to attend these services during our Festival celebration.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: Once again, we will be having our Annual Luncheon on Sunday May 26, 2024, at the rectory grounds. Admission by tickets at \$85 for adults and \$45 for children. Tickets are available from Bro Clive Lorde. Donations of the following items are needed.

GREEN PEAS 12 PKS / 24 CANS; BARBEQUE SAUCE KRAFT 3 BOTTLES @ 76OZ; PINEAPPLE SYRUP 1 GAL ROSE & LAFLAMME; MAYONNAISE 1 GAL; FLOUR 2 @ 5 LBS; BROWNING 2 BOTTLES; ONIONS 1 BAG @ 50 LBS; FROZEN

VEG. (GREEN PEAS, CARROT, BEANS 2 @ 5 LBS; SPLIT PEAS POWDER 2 PKGS; GARLIC 1 LB; GINGER ½ LB; BREADCRUMBS 2 PKGS; PANKO BREADCRUMBS 4 PKGS; HONEY 2 LG BOTTLES @ 3 LBS; PARMESAN CHEESE 1 DRUM @ 24 OZ; ANCHOR BUTTER 2 @ 1 LB; COOKING OIL 1 DRUM / 5 Gal; MUSTARD 1 GAL; AMANDA SEASONING; LAMB (CUT FOR LAMB STEW) 75 LBS / 1 ½ CASE; GLOW SPREAD 1 @ 5 LB; SALT 3 LBS; SUGAR 2 LBS WHITE; CRUNCHY PEANUT BUTTER 1 LG BOTTLE ; WHOLE MILK 100% 24 BOXES; EVAP. MILK 24 BOXES LENTIL PEAS 8 PKGS; STERNOS 1 CASE; FOIL 1 LG; PLASTIC WRAP 1 LG; KETCHUP 6 BOTTLES / 10 5 oz CANS; CARROTS 25 LBS; BROCCOLI; CUCUMBER 30 LBS; LETTUCE; SWEET POTATOES {white} 100 LBS; SQUASH; SWEET PEPPER (green} 2 LBS; SWEET PEPPER {red} 3 ONLY; SWEET; PEPPER {yellow} 2 ONLY; LIME/LIME JUICE 1 BOTTLE; MAGGI {flat box}; SLICED BEETS; CHEESE 1 CASE; PINEAPPLE SLICES; SALAD DRESSING 1 LG BOTTLE;

TEA PARTY: The Student body of Codrington College will be hosting a Tea Party on Saturday, May 18, 2024 under the patronage of President, Dame Sandra Mason. Featured performers will be the Barbados Defence Band, The Arch Hall Jazz Ensemble and other local Artists. Tickets are \$100 and can be obtained from Seminarian Bro. Lamar Nottage or any other member of the student body.

EXTRA-PAROCHIAL ACTIVITIES:

- **St. Augustine Anglican Church** will be holding a fair on Saturday, May 04, 2024 on the church grounds from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

- **St. Alban's Anglican Church** will be hosting a Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday May 12, 2024 on the church Grounds from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm Admission is \$80.00 adults and \$40 for children
- **St. Martin Anglican Church** will be hosting their Annual Fair on Saturday, May 25, 2024 on the Rectory Grounds from 1pm-8pm. Admission is \$5 for adults

CONTRIBUTIONS: We take this opportunity to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all members who have been making their contributions. Indeed, they have helped us tremendously in meeting our financial commitments.

For those who can, 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.

Call to Ministry

Ministries	LEADERS Times	Meeting
Altar Guild	Sis. Jackie Franklin	Quarterly
Altar Servers	Sis Alicia Headley	3 rd Sat -4:00pm
Bereavement Group	Sis Jean-Ann Murrell	Quarterly-6:30 pm
Choir		Fri-4:00 pm
Church Army	Sis Marcia Clarke	
Health Guild	Sis. Lolita Bushell	1 st Sat -4:00pm
Men's Fellowship	Bro. Ulric Sealy	
M & E	Sis. Glenda Weir	2 nd Sat -4:30 pm
Mothers' Union	Sis. Sheila Mayers	2 nd Sat 9:15 am
Sunday School	Lyn-Marie Franklin	Sun.8:00 am
Youth Group		
Ushers' Guild	Sis Sheryl Belgrave	3 rd Sat -4:30pm

Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Lay Readers/Chalice Assistants

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

DAILY READINGS:

Mon	Psalm 80	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26
Tue	Psalm 80	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18
Wed	Psalm 80	Isaiah 65:17-25	John 14:18-31
Thu	Psalm 98	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34
Fri	Psalm 98	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43
Sat	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 32:44-47	Mark 10:42-45