

# St. Philip Parish Church PATRONAL FESTIVAL



## **EVENSONG 6:00 PM**

✦ Centering Prayer in Our  
Lives

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Preacher  
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**Rector: Rev. Canon Trevor O'Neale  
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## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **Introit Hymn 310**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
with salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage;  
grace, which like the Lord the Giver,  
never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear,  
for a glory and a covering-  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city,  
I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the world's best pleasure,  
all it's boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

### **Salutation**

With this great cloud of witnesses around us, therefore, we too must throw off every encumbrance and the sin that all too readily restricts us, and run with resolution the race which lies ahead of us, our eyes fixed on Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith. *Hebrews 12:1-2*

*Priest* O Lord, open thou our lips.

***Response.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Priest.* O God, make speed to save us.

***Response.* O Lord, make haste to help us**

*Priest* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

*Priest.* Praise ye the Lord.

***Response.* The Lord's Name be praised**

## PSALM. 34

- 1 I Will alway give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
- 5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

- 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
- 14 Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and ensue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.
- 16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil: to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
- 19 Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
- 20 He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.
- 21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

***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***

**First Bible Reading: Here begins the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the book of Ecclesiasticus (Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 27-32)**

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky, as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens. The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises what a marvellous instrument it is, the work of the Most High. At noon it parches the land, and who can withstand its burning heat? A man tending a furnace works in burning heat, but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains; it breathes out fiery vapours, and its bright rays blind the eyes. Great is the Lord who made it; at his orders it hurries on its course. It is the moon that marks the changing seasons, governing the times, their everlasting sign. From the moon comes the sign for festal days, a light that wanes when it completes its course. The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself; how marvellous it is in this change, a beacon to the hosts on high, shining in the vault of the heavens! The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven, a glittering array in the heights of the Lord. On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places; they never relax in their watches. Look at the rainbow and praise him who made it; it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It encircles the sky with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it

out. We could say more but could never say enough; let the final word be: 'He is all.' Where can we find the strength to praise him? For he is greater than all his works. Awesome is the Lord and very great, and marvellous is his power. Glorify the Lord and exalt him as much as you can, for he surpasses even that. When you exalt him, summon all your strength, and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise him enough. Who has seen him and can describe him? Or who can extol him as he is? Many things greater than these lie hidden, for I have seen but few of his works.

**Here ends the reading**  
**The Word of the Lord**

**Office 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 Heav'n 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.

**Magnificat. (St. Luke 1)**

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath  
rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call  
me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his  
Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all  
generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered  
the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath  
exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich  
he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever

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**



**Second Bible Reading: Here begins the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse of the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Letter of James (James 1:2-8, 16-18)**

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

**Here Ends the Reading  
Thanks Be to God**

**NUNC DIMITTIS. St. Luke 2. 29.**

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of  
thy people Israel.

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

**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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

Response. **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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

**Lord, have mercy upon us**

**OUR Father**, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. Amen

*Priest* O Lord shew thy mercy upon us.

*Response.* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*Priest.* O Lord, save Our Nation

*Response* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

*Priest.* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*Response.* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

*Priest.* O Lord, save thy people.

*Response.* **And bless thine inheritance.**

*Priest.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Response.* **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

*Priest.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Response.* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

### **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 forever. **Amen.**

## **THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER.**

O GOD , from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

## **THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS.**

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you

**Response: *And with thy Spirit***

Priest: Let us bless the Lord

**Response: *Thanks be to God***

*Priest:* May the divine assistance remain with us and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. **Amen**

**Anthem- Choir**

**Welcome & Notices**

## **Hymn Before the Sermon 342**

Revive thy work, O Lord,  
thy mighty arm make bare;  
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,  
and make thy people hear.

Revive thy work, O Lord,  
disturb this sleep of death;  
quicken the smouldering embers now  
by thine almighty breath.

Revive thy work, O Lord,  
create soul-thirst for thee;  
and hungering for the bread of life  
oh may our spirits be.

Revive thy work, O Lord,  
exalt thy precious name;  
and by the Holy Ghost, our love  
for thee and thine inflame.

Revive thy work, O Lord,  
give Pentecostal showers;  
the glory shall be all thine own,  
the blessing, Lord, be ours!

**SERMON**

**Rev. Levon Alkins**

### **Offertory Hymn 313**

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
now fulfil thy church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;  
from the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces  
in the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom,

grant us courage,  
that we fail not man nor thee,  
that we fail not man nor thee.

## **Hymns for the Procession**

### **Hymn 432**

Lift up your heads, ye gates of brass;  
ye bars of iron, yield;  
and let the King of Glory pass;  
the cross is in the field.

That banner, brighter than the star  
that leads the train of night,  
shines on the march, and guides from far  
his servants to the fight.

A holy war those servants wage;  
in that mysterious strife,  
the powers of heaven and hell engage  
for more than death or life.

Ye armies of the living God,  
sworn warriors of Christ's host,  
where hallowed footsteps never trod,  
take your appointed post.

Though few and small and weak your bands,  
strong in your Captain's strength,  
go to the conquest of all lands:  
all must be his at length.

The spoils at his victorious feet  
you shall rejoice to lay,  
and lay yourselves as trophies meet,  
in his great judgement day.

Then fear not, faint not, halt not now;  
in Jesus' name be strong!  
To him shall all the nations bow,  
and sing the triumph song-

Uplifted are the gates of brass,  
the bars of iron yield;  
behold the King of Glory pass;  
the cross hath won the field.

### **Hymn 440**

We are soldiers of Christ, who is mighty to save,  
and his banner the cross is unfurled;  
we are pledged to be faithful and steadfast and brave  
against Satan, the flesh, and the world.

We are brothers and comrades, we stand side by side,  
and our faith and our hope are the same;  
and we think of the cross on which Jesus has died,  
when we bear the reproach of his name.

At the font we were marked with the cross on our brow,  
of our grace and our calling the sign:  
and the weakest is strong to be true to his vow,  
for the armour we wear is divine.



We will watch ready armed if the tempter draw near,  
if he comes with a frown or a smile:  
we will heed not his threats, nor his flatteries hear,  
nor be taken by storm or by wile.

We will master the flesh, and its longings restrain,  
we will not be the bond-slaves of sin,  
the pure Spirit of God in our nature shall reign,  
and our spirits their freedom shall win.

For the world's love we live not, its hate we defy,  
and we will not be led by the throng;  
we'll be true to ourselves, to our Father on high,  
and the bright world to which we belong.

Now let each cheer his comrade, let hearts beat as one,  
while we follow where Christ leads the way;  
'twere dishonour to yield, or the battle to shun,  
we will fight, and will watch, and will pray.

Though the warfare be weary, the trial be sore,  
in the might of our God we will stand;  
Oh! What joy to be crowned and be pure ever more,  
in the peace of our own fatherland.

### **Hymn 740**

Pleasant are thy courts above  
in the land of light and love;  
pleasant are thy courts below  
in this land of sin and woe:  
Oh, my spirit longs and faints  
for the converse of thy saints,  
for the brightness of thy face,  
for thy fullness, God of grace.

Happy birds that sing and fly  
round thy altars, O most high;  
happier souls that find a rest  
in a heavenly Father's breast;  
like the wandering dove that found  
no repose on earth around,  
they can to their ark repair,  
and enjoy it ever there.

Happy souls, their praises flow  
even in this vale of woe;  
waters in the desert rise,  
manna feeds them from the skies,  
on they go from strength to strength,  
till they reach thy throne at length,  
at thy feet adoring fall,  
who hast led them safe through all.

Lord, be mine this prize to win,  
guide me through a world of sin,  
keep me by thy saving grace,  
give me at thy side a place;  
sun and shield alike thou art,  
guide and guard my erring heart;  
grace and glory flow from thee;  
shower, O shower them, Lord, on me.

***Te Deum Laudamus.***

**WE** praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the  
Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day : we magnify thee;  
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

## **Closing Prayer & Blessing**

### **Recessional Hymn 438**

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armour on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies,  
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,  
and in his mighty power:  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,  
with all his strength endued;  
and take, to arm you for the fight,  
the panoply of God.

From strength to strength go on,  
wrestle and fight and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness down,  
and win the well-fought day.

That, having all things done,  
and all your conflicts past,  
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,  
and stand entire at last.