

St. Philip Parish Church



God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. (Gen1:31)

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WELCOME: We welcome you to St. Philip this morning as we celebrate our **Harvest Festival of Thanksgiving. It is also the Fourth Sunday in Lent and Mothering Sunday. Readings are for Harvest Festival.** A warm welcome is extended to all who are visiting for the first time.

The members of 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

Organ Prelude

Procession- Choir, Eucharistic Members, Servers, Clergy

Procession of children-

Greeting

President: Welcome in the name of Christ!
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Poem- *Welcome to our Harvest* – **Nikyra Straughn**

Introit Hymn 708

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise we yield;
wheat and tares therein are sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
ripening with a wondrous power
till the final harvest-hour;
grant, O Lord of life, that we
holy grain and pure may be.

For we know that thou wilt come,
and wilt take thy people home;
from thy field wilt purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
and thine angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in thy garner evermore.

Come then, Lord of mercy, come,
bid us sing thy harvest-home:
let thy saints be gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin:
all upon the golden floor
praising thee for evermore:
come, with all thine angels come,
bid us sing thy harvest-home.

Salutation

President: We worship with Christians near and far,
living and departed, old and young.
God's word is for all of us.

All: **May it be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.**

Opening Prayer

President: Lord, speak to us

All: **that we may hear your word.**

President: Move among us

All: **that we may behold your glory.**

President: Receive our prayers

All: **that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.**

Collect- Harvest Festival

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

First Reading: A reading from the word of God written in the 8th Chapter of the book of Deuteronomy beginning at the 1st verse (*Deuteronomy 8: 1-3, 6-10*)

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and

barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 65:9-14

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the
ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and
bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
* and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

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

2nd Lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 1st chapter of the Letter of James beginning at the 17th verse. (*James 1:17-18, 21-27*)

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. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Poem- *Thank You God*- Trekyiah Bowen

Solo- Kaisea White

Gradual Hymn 711

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th chapter, beginning at the 25th verse. (Matthew 6: 25-33)

Glory to Christ our Saviour

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for

all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ our Lord

SERMON

Selection-Instrumental – **Jaquon, Damanie , Antonio**

The Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

President: Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All: Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Absolution

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

All: Amen

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so
freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and
our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love,
We thank you, Lord.

For health, strength and skill to work, and leisure to rest
and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, patient in suffering and
faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue peace, justice and truth.
We thank you, Lord.

Today, we give thanks especially for.....
We thank you, Lord

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and
promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be
praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

A General Thanksgiving (To be said together)

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people; We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And give us we pray such a sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, for ever and ever **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 GREETING OF PEACE

President: By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, Keep the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

ALL: **We are bound by the love of Christ**

President: The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

Song: The Peace of the Lord [Judy Bailey]

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

Peace

And also with you, also with you

Peace

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Poem- *Harvest Blessings*- **Zaiden Pile**

Acrostic Poem- *Thanksgiving*- **Youth**

Song- I have a very Big God

Offertory HYMN: 717

Praise, O praise our God and King;
hymns of adoration sing:

Refrain:

*for his mercies still endure
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Praise him that he made the sun
day by day his course to run:

Refrain

And the silver moon by night,
shining with her gentle light:

Refrain

Praise him that he gave the rain
to mature the swelling grain:

Refrain

And hath bid the fruitful field
crops of precious increase yield:

Refrain

Praise him for our harvest-store,
he hath filled the garner-floor:

Refrain

And for richer food than this,
pledge of everlasting bliss:

Refrain

Glory to our bounteous King;
glory let creation sing:

Final Refrain

*glory to the Father, Son,
and Blest Spirit, Three in One.*

HYMN: 713

God of the earth and sky,
Lord of our hills and plains,
Ruler of night and day,
bright sun and cooling rains –
O bounteous Lord, to thee we raise
our harvest hymn of joyful praise.

‘Mid dancing azure seas,
upheld by thy command,
our lovely islands rise
in tropic splendour planned.
And we are stewards of thy grace
until we see thee face to face.

Thine is the fruitful field,
the broad-leaved plantain thine;
banana, slender cane,
tall palm and lowly vine.
Thine own, O Lord, we bring to thee,
of all thy bounty rich and free.

Star-apples, purple-dyed
'mid leaves of bronze and green!
With ackees' scarlett hue
gay citrus gold is seen.
Thou matchless artist! Here may we
thine own eternal beauty see.

God of love! Not alone
in nature's form we find
that thou art great and good,
and merciful and kind:
for Jesus died, that we might come
to share our heavenly Father's home.

As we with thankful hearts
these festive anthems sing,
and gladly to thy house
our harvest offering bring,
O, help us Blessèd Trinity,
ourselves to consecrate to thee.

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.

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 - Harvest Festival

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Word active in creation, who dwelling among us Himself rejoiced in the beauty of the earth; giving thanks to you for the fruits of harvest and the fishes of the sea; and through His own work hallowing all human service.

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

President: Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
He touched untouchables with love and
washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

President: The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

President: Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
He took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This is our story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

President: Therefore, Father, with this bread and this
cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all
the world.
This is our story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

President: 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 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.**

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

HYMN MP 60

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When for awhile we part,
This thought will soothe our pain,
That we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way,
While each in expectation lives,
And longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

HYMN 719

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
for all things living thou madest good;
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour we bring to serve thee,
that with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with thee;
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for thy children,
thy wisdom guiding teaches us share
one with another, so that rejoicing
with us, our brother may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing reach every people;
freely confessing thy gracious hand.
Where thy will reigneth no one will hunger:
thy love sustaineth; fruitful the land.

Hymn 605

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in - sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel!) everywhere.

Refrain

HYMN: 851- (*Each verse is repeated*)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Children's Hymn 707

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures big and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

The bright and sunny weather,
our sparkling waters pure
are gifts from God as well as
the white sand on our shore.

Refrain

The mangoes in the summer,
the sea grapes growing wild,
guinep and plums and guavas
are gifts for every child.

Refrain

The waters round our islands
are brimming full with food;
grouper and crab and lobster
that do our bodies good.

Refrain

Post Communion

ALL

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you and all persons in you
with gladness and singleness of heart,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of
God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing
of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PRESIDENT:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Solo- Shamyia Stoute

Recessional Hymn 725

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

Refrain

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Mar 30-Apr 05) Chloe Skeete (30), Muriel Callender (31), Laurine Barrow (02), Renaldo Moore (04) and Shazia Allamby (05).

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: Wilma Estwick, David Harewood, Erskine Batson, Carmen Franklin, Hensley Robinson, Camille Wilson, Eugene Norville, Michael Gittens, Iolanthe Manifold, Kellman Parris, Dafton Mayers, Corletta White, Myrna McCarthy, Geneva McCarthy, Edith Mullin, Glenville Davis, Kayrene Forde, Marlene Mottley, Keith Alleyne and Myrtle Inniss.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Persons are encouraged to contribute towards the flowers for Easter in memory of loved ones or in celebration of a special occasion. Persons wishing to make donations are asked to contact any member of the Altar Guild.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- **KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY** continues on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 7:30 pm via Zoom.
- **MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS** continue on Wednesday, April 02, 2025 -at 7:00 am.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88653340207>
Passcode 375362
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** continue via Zoom on Friday, April 04, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm.

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

CHILDREN's FELLOWSHIP HOUR will resume at 8:00 am

CFH EASTER PARTY



OFFICE HOURS: Office hours continue on Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am to 12:noon. Persons can also visit the church's website at:

<https://stphilipsparishchurch.com/see-the-priest/> to make an appointment to see the priest.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: Members are asked to note the following new email addresses: Canon O'Neale:

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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 contribution.

Call to Ministry



Ministries	Leaders	Meeting Times
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	3 rd Sat. -9:30 am
Health Guild	Sis. Lolita Bushell	1 st Sat -4:00pm
Men's Fellowship	Bro. Ulric Sealy	1 st Sun-4:30 pm
M & E	Sis. Joan Small-White	2 nd Sat -4:30 pm
Mothers' Union	Sis Joyce Sealy	2 nd Sat 9:30am
CFH	Sis Lyn-Marie Franklin	Sun 8:00 am
Youth Group		
Ushers' Guild	Sis Shelley Blades	

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 53	Leviticus 23:26-41	Revelation 19:1-8
Tue	Psalm 53	Leviticus 25:1-19	Revelation 19:9-10
Wed	Psalm 53	2 Kings 4:1-7	Luke 9:10-17
Thu	Psalm 126	Isaiah 43:1-7	Philippians 2:19-24
Fri	Psalm 126	Isaiah 43:8-15	Philippians 2:25-3:1
Sat	Psalm 126	Exodus 12:21-27	John 11:45-57