

St. Philip's Parish Church



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WELCOME: We welcome you to our Watchnight Service here at St. Philip. A warm welcome is extended to all who are visiting for the first time. We pray that you find our service uplifting, inspiring and a challenge to you as you live out your relationship with Jesus in the New Year.

Organ Prelude

Order of Service

Lucernaria

The Word was made flesh, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Word was made flesh, Alleluia, Alleluia

And dwelt among us:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The Word was made flesh, Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Alleluia:

God is the Lord; He has shined upon us, Alleluia

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Prayer for Light

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of love which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy city, where dwells the true and never-failing light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect– First Sunday After Christmas

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(Lighting of candles)

CAROL SINGING

Hymn 73

Joy to the world, The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ:
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, and wonders, of his love.

GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ, our Savior
was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father
a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born
the son of God by name.

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

"Fear not," then said the angel,
"let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior,
the true and radiant light,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's pow'r and might."
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and in true love and fellowship
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
is filled with heav'nly grace

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
do you see what I see
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
do you see what I see
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
do you hear what I hear
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
do you hear what I hear
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
do you know what I know
In your palace warm, mighty king,
do you know what I know
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring Him silver and gold
Let us bring Him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere,
listen to what I say
Pray for peace, people everywhere!
listen to what I say
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

HYMN 63

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they said that his name was Jesus.

Refrain:

*He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer, oh yes, believer.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.*

The angels sang when the babe was born,
the angels sang when the babe was born,
the angels sang when the babe was born,
and proclaimed him the Saviour Jesus.

Refrain

The wise men saw where the babe was born,
the wise men saw where the babe was born,
the wise men saw where the babe was born,
and they saw that his name was Jesus.

Refrain

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavn'ly song? *[Refrain]*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *[Refrain]*

See him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise. *[Refrain]*

Prayer

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word; grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, **Amen.**

Collect: The Holy Name

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

All the lights in the church are turned on

First Lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 6th chapter of the book of Numbers beginning at the 22nd verse. (Numbers 6:22-27)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your
adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your
fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in
their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels;
 * you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your
 hands; * you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the
 field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, * how exalted is your Name
 in all the world!

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 2nd chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Philippians beginning at the 5th verse. (Philippians 2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn 246

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

*Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
before him prostrate fall,
and shout in universal song
the crownèd Lord of all.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd Chapter beginning at the 15th verse. (Luke 2:15-21)

Glory to Christ our Saviour

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE FORM D

LEADER

Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World and let us thank God for His goodness.

Silence may be kept

LEADER

We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Bishop Michael and all the people of God.

Silence may be kept

Prayer for Our Diocese

O God, you have called this diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishops, other members of the clergy and all your people. Grant that your word may be truly preached and truly heard, and your sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Holy Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love among all whom we love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for The Mission of The Church

O God, you have made of one blood all of the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ALL

Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

LEADER

We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially where there is social injustice, political unrest, where there are victims of natural disasters, victims of persecution or discrimination of any kind, and for all peoples in their various callings.

Silence may be kept

Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favour and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion us into one united people. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALL

Direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.

LEADER

We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

Silence may be kept

Prayer For Our Homes And Families

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ, born of a woman, sanctified childhood and shared the life of an earthly home; bless the homes and families of our nation. Give to parents a true sense of responsibility in the care and training of their children, that our boys and girls may grow up in the fear of your Name and the fellowship of your Church, for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for Our Young

God our father, You see Your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. Show them that Your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following You is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in Your creation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ALL

Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.

LEADER

We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the differently-abled and all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

Silence may be kept

Prayer for Discipleship

O God, your love ignites our hearts, captures our imaginations, shapes our dreams, and awakens possibilities. Make us disciples on fire with your love that we may bring good news to the afflicted, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Help us, God, to enkindle in others a sense of hope that transformation is possible. Amen

ALL

Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.

LEADER

We commemorate the departed, especially

ALL

We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

PRIEST'S NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

LEADER

Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: 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

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.

Auld Lang Syne

Should old acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!

Refrain

*For auld lang syne, my dear.
For auld lang syne.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne*

The new year brings us hope for peace,
A new day for mankind,
Where we can all live hand in hand
And leave all hate behind.

Refrain.

When dreams they seem so far away,
Your soul can feel so low.
But love is never far away;
Your heart won't be alone.

Refrain

Let's make a world where people care,
A world that knows no fear,
Where we can open up our hearts
And hold each other dear.

Refrain

Our children grow, they need to know
The Future's theirs to hold.
If we can teach them how to love
Then the world can carry on.

Refrain

For auld lang syne, my dear.
For auld lang syne.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

Homily

Presentation of the Offering

Hymn 311

GOD is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing
near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall
surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the
waters cover the sea.
From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot
hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of
God,
"Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the
waters cover the sea."

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and
increase
the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of
peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall
surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the

waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of
Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious Gospel of truth may shine
throughout the world.

Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their
captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the
waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the
deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to
the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall
surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the
waters cover the sea.

HYMN: 94

Father, let me dedicate,
all this year to thee,
in whatever worldly state
thou wilt have me be:
not from sorrow, pain or care,
freedom dare I claim;
this alone shall be my prayer,
glorify thy name.

Can a child presume to choose
where or how to live?
Can a Father's love refuse

all the best to give?
More Thou givest every day
than the best can claim
nor withholdest aught that may
glorify thy name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare
joys that yet are mine;
if on life, serene and fair,
brighter rays may shine;
let my glad heart, while it sings,
thee in all proclaim,
and, whate'er the future brings,
glorify thy name.

If thou callest to the cross,
and its shadow come,
turning all my gain to loss,
shrouding heart and home;
let me think how thy dear Son
to his glory came,
and in deepest woe pray on,
“glorify thy name.”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Father, we offer 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;

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

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: 66

GOD from on high hath heard!

Let sighs and sorrows cease!

Lo, from the opening heaven descends
to man the promised peace.

Hark! through the silent night

angelic voices swell;

their joyful songs proclaim that God

is born on earth to dwell.

See how the shepherd-band
speed on with eager feet;
come to the hallowed cave with them
the holy Babe to greet.

But O what sight appears
within that lowly door!
A manger, stall, and swaddling clothes,
a child, and mother poor!

Art thou the Christ? The Son?
The Father's image bright?
And see we him whose arm upholds
earth and the starry height?

Yea, faith can pierce the cloud
which veils thy glory now;
we hail thee God, before whose throne
the angels prostrate bow.

Our sinful pride to cure
with that pure love of thine,
O be thou born within our hearts,
most holy Child divine.

HYMN 529

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, River flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

HYMN: 93

For thy mercy and thy grace,
faithful through another year,
hear our song of thankfulness;
Jesu, our Redeemer, hear.

In our weakness and distress,
rock of strength, be thou our stay;
in the pathless wilderness
be our true and living way.

Who of us death's awful road
in the coming year shall tread?
With thy rod and staff, O God,
comfort thou his dying bed.

Keep us faithful, keep us pure,
keep us evermore thine own,
help, O help us to endure,
fit us for thy promised crown.

So within thy palace gate
we shall praise, on golden strings,
thee the only Potentate,
Lord of lords and King of kings.

CHILDREN'S HYMN 82

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth

the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in:
be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Post-Communion Prayer

**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**

Blessing Christmas

Christ, who by His incarnation gathered into one, all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace and The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL Amen.

Recessional 325

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore.

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Jan 01-03) to Jocelyn Reid (02), Jamal Reifer (03), Jermaine Reifer (03), Jayda Skeete (03), Kimberley White (03).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS (Jan 01-03) to: Barry & Cheryl Butcher (02).

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: **Patricia Clarke, Kersley Alleyne**, Joyce Sealy, Agnes Belgrave, Mercil Gill, Melanie Haggins (UK), Claristine Olton, Miranda Clarke; 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 **Maureen Alkins** -Sister of Sis Hartnell Nurse. Her funeral service will be held on Monday January 05, 2026, at 3:00 pm. Organist and choir are requested.

FEAST DAY: Thursday, January 01, 2026, is the **Feast of the Holy Name**. It is a time to honor and reflect on the name of Jesus, recognizing the blessings received through our Holy Redeemer.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **Second Sunday after Christmas**. There will be **one service at 8:00 am**. Following the service members are invited to share in a fellowship brunch on the rectory lawn.. This is the church's way of saying thanks for the continued support throughout the

year. Members are asked to confirm attendance through the church office and collect a ticket for admission.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: Tuesday, January 06, 2026 is the Feast of the Epiphany where we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the World. **There will be Sung Eucharist ad Sermon at 7:30pm.**

2026 CALENDARS: The 2026 Diocesan Calendars are available at \$6.00 each.

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	Meeting Times
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
Flower Guild	Sis. Jackie Franklin	Quarterly
Health Guild	Sis. Lolita Bushell	1 st Sat -4:00pm
Men's Ministry		
M & E	Sis. Joan Small-White	2 nd Sat -3:00 pm
Mothers' Union	Sis Joyce Sealy	2 nd Sat 9:30am
CFH	Sis Lyn-Marie Franklin	Sun 8:00 am
Ushers' Guild	Sis Shelley Blades	3 rd 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 20	Genesis 12:1-7	Hebrews 11:1-12
Tue	Psalm 72	Genesis 28:10-22	Hebrews 11:13-22
Wed	Psalm 72	Exodus 3:1-5	Hebrews 11:23-31
Thu	Psalm 72	Joshua 1:1-9	Hebrews 11:32-12:2
Fri	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Sat	Psalm 72	1 Kings 10:1-13	Ephesians 3:14-21