

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**  
**The First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 10, 2021**

**Congregational participation in bold.**

**A Liturgy for Spiritual Communion**

*Opening Acclamation*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

*Collect for Purity*

*Celebrant:* 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.

**People: Amen**

*The Gloria*

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.**

*The Collect of the Day*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and Holy Spirit and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

**People: Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (1:1-5)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

*Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory  
thunders; \*  
**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*

**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*

**and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD \*

**all are crying, "Glory!"**

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*

**the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*

**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

### A Reading from the Acts of Apostles (19:1-7)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:4-11)

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sermon*

**Fr. Eric**

## *The Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

*Celebrant:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People: I do**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People: Amen**

### *Prayers of the People Form II*

*Deacon:* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Rob ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

*Deacon:* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

*Deacon:* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

*Deacon:* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Deacon:* I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers  
or the thanksgivings of those present.*

*Silence*

*Deacon:* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Deacon:* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**People: Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant:* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**People: Amen**

*The Peace*

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on 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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Act of Reception**

Let us pray: In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered in their homes around this town and community, especially our brothers and sisters of St Philip's family, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

**People: Amen.**

**Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen**

*Silent Pause for personal prayer.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

### *Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

**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, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves 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 Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**People: Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14**

*Celebrant: The Blessing*

*Deacon: The Dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## St. Philip's Vestry

<b>Senior Warden:</b> Dana Richardson
<b>Junior Warden:</b> Dave Ham
<b>2019 – 2021</b> - Debbie Evans, Tom Griffin, Liz Halbert, Deborah Jordan
<b>2020 - 2022</b> - Mike Chase, Dave Ham, Holly Meiners, Steve Russell
<b>2021-2023</b> – Bill Bittenbender, Dana Richardson, Jimbo Smith, Bob Wright
<b>Appointed Officers</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b> Bob Fuchs
<b>Clerk:</b> Margaret Bearden

### **Ministry Boards**

<b>Worship:</b> Ricky Evans (Chair), Bobbie Fuchs (Communicator)
<b>Outreach:</b> Ruth Smith (Chair), Cathie Courtnage (Communicator)
<b>Faith Formation:</b> Nan Bush (Chair), Deborah Miller (Communicator)
<b>Facilities and Finance:</b> Don Halbert (Chair), Margaret Bearden (Communicator)
<b>Parish Life:</b> Linda Humphreys (Chair), Tink Shelton (Communicator)
<b>Pastoral Care:</b> Pam Hayes (Chair), Janet Fox (Communicator)

### **Parish Staff**

<b>Rector:</b> The Reverend Eric Mills	<b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. Deacon Pamela Hayes
<b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. Deacon Sally Learned	<b>Organist-Choirmaster:</b> Mrs. Deborah Skillman
<b>Vergers:</b> Mr. Ricky Evans	<b>Parish Administrator:</b> Mrs. Lorraine Beamer
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