

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 4, 2021**  
**10:00 AM – Rite II**  
**Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina**

*If you would like social distance seating, please tell the usher.*

Celebrant and Preacher: Father Eric Mills

*Call to Worship - "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty  
power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

*Opening Hymn – "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (#616)*

*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*

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.**

*Gloria (S280)(sung)*

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Collect of the Day*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (5:1-5, 9-10)

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 48

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \*  
**in the city of our God is his holy hill.**

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
**the very center of the world and the city of the great King.**

3 God is in her citadels; \*  
**he is known to be her sure refuge.**

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
**and marched forward together.**

5 They looked and were astounded; \*  
**they retreated and fled in terror.**

- 6 Trembling seized them there; \*  
**they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,  
**in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  
God has established her for ever.**
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  
**in the midst of your temple.**
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \*  
**your right hand is full of justice.**
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
**because of your judgments.**
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \*  
**count the number of her towers.**
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \*  
**that you may tell those who come after.**
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
**he shall be our guide for evermore.**

### A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (12:2-10)

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that

it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Sequence Hymn: ““Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (#657 v. 1-2)*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6:1-13)

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony

against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sequence Hymn – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (#657 v. 3)*

Sermon

Fr. Eric

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## *The Prayers of the People – Form III*

*Deacon:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People: That we all may be one.**

*Deacon:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Deacon:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Deacon:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Deacon:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Deacon:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Deacon:* Give to the departed eternal rest.

**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Deacon:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Deacon and People:*

**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 neighbors as ourselves.  
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.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People: Amen.**

*The Peace:*

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

**People: And also with you.**

*Announcements*

*Offertory*

(Congregation stands and sings the following with the presentation of gifts.)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### *Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the

God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### *Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People: AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### *Communion*

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.*

*Please follow the ushers' instructions to receive.*

### *Post Communion Prayer*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

***Celebrant and People:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord; To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Farewell and Godspeed**

*Celebrant:* In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. When you came to St Philip's we rejoiced to receive you into our fellowship in the Gospel. In this community of faith you have heard the proclamation of God's Word, which reveals his loving purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nourished at Christ's holy table and

called to be witnesses to the Gospel. God has blessed you in this fellowship, and he has blessed us through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in your new ministry and your new church home as you continue to serve with us in the kingdom of God.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**People: Eternal God, we thank you for Larry and Ida Parker. We thank you for our life together in this parish and community. They have been a blessing to us, faithful in talents, joyful in serving, committed in practice. May Larry and Ida always be for us an inspiration for our continued ministry together. So now we ask you Lord to send Ida and Larry forth to be a blessing to others, go before them and prepare for them a new home, with new friends, and a new family in Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* May the Lord bless your going out and your coming in. May God bless you in work and in rest. In health and with long life. And may you always be surrounded with God's Holy Angels and keep you in the palm of His hands. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

*Celebrant: Blessing*

*Deacon: Dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Closing Hymn: "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (#717 )*

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God  
in Loving Memory of Agnes Ashdown  
by Carol Amaya*

**AND**

*In Loving Memory of Norman Wheeler,  
who is now with the Angels and all the Company of Heaven  
By Priscilla Wheeler.*

