

Sunday, August 16, 2020

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Service in the Parking Lot

Online worship is also available at: www.stpfeds.org

Welcome
to St. Philip's Church!
We are really glad you are here!

If you are visiting us for the first time, here are a few things to help get you oriented.

Bulletin—Everything you need for worship is in this bulletin. The bulletin is also available as a .pdf file on our website: stpfeeds.org.

Communion—All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. The communion ministers will be standing at the bottom of the stairs. Please form a line and keep 6' of distance between you and the next person in line. Keep your mask on while receiving the wafer in your hands and wait to consume it until you have returned to your seat.

Offering—There will be an offering receptacle available. You can make your donation when you first arrive, during the service or at the end. You may also donate online at: stpfeeds.org/donate.

Bathrooms—If you need to use the bathrooms, please enter through the parking lot entrance to the church. Proceed through the church and follow the instructions on the bathroom doors.

Let us know you're here—Next to the offering plate there is a *Welcome* card. Please take a moment to fill it out to let us know you're here. Include any comments, questions or concerns and how we can help you—use the back if you need more space. Just drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

Subscribe to our weekly newsletter, the E-pistle: To learn more about St. Philip's and to find out when and how we will be worshipping, subscribe to our email newsletter by going to stpfeeds.org.

This is a new experience for all of us. Please be patient as we figure out how to manage worship during this pandemic.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Liturgy of the Word

Presider: The grace of the great God be upon you.

People: ***The grace of the Virgin Mary's Son be upon you.***

Presider: God of the universe, listen to our prayers. Bend your ear to us. Let our supplications and prayers ascend to you. In the name of the holy and undivided Trinity. ***Amen.***

Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Response

Read in unison.

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.*
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.*
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.*
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.*
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.*

The Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's churches.

People: ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence

The Gospel

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach,

and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rector

Iona Creed *All stand and together say...*

***We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.***

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

***We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.***

***We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God’s new community of hope. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers in the name of our God
who always makes things work for good
and is ever ready to reach out to save us, saying: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers,
and all the holy people of God. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop;
Bonnie, our Bishop; Wendell and Stewart, our retired Bishops;
Eric, Ann and John, our priests;
Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic;
Lutheran Bishops Elizabeth, Donald and Craig;

For our diocesan household, remembering especially
Church of the Incarnation in Pittsfield Township;
and Divine Grace in Mosovi, Dominican Republic.

That God's people may never grow discouraged
despite the winds and waves against them,
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family,
that we may hear the voice of Jesus and live with confidence and faith,
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those in places of leadership and authority,
for Donald, our President, Gretchen our Governor,
that they may hear God's call of wisdom and understanding
and plant seeds for peace and justice,
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who live and work in places of danger,
including first responders and those in the military,
remembering especially ***Ryan, Trace, Stephanie, Dylan, Matthew, Ian and Dan;***
and all those who work for peace,
that God will still the storms of war and bloodshed
and bring the human family to places of calm and cooperation,
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who sail, or who make their living on the sea,
that God will protect and guide them,
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who experience the storms of daily life,
and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially
Paul Bozymowski, ***Nancy*** Jones, ***Gregory*** Norbet, ***George*** Williams,
Jason & Chelsea Josefiak, ***Deane*** Tierney, ***Ian*** Zdral, ***Karen*** Bush,
Rob & Sue Halbach, ***Christie*** Kane, ***Char***, ***MaryAnn*** Sopko, ***Jim*** Steere, ***Margaret***
Hall, ***Kinley*** Bunting, ***Jane*** Brigg-Bunting, ***Todd***, ***Alena***, ***Janet*** Potton; ***John*** Griffin;
Liz Jones; ***Jan & Leo*** Simsic; ***Lee & Betty*** Freel; ***Alex*** Sherry; ***Jane***; ***Jim***;
Frank Lude; ***Brenda*** Geyer; ***Megan*** Alter, ***Becky***, ***Meredith*** Lindley, ***Henry***, ***Rick***,
Michael Ciaramitaro, ***Ann***, ***James***, ***Connie*** Paton, ***Sean D.***, ***Rich***, ***Janis***, ***Sylvia***, ***Susan***,
Ray, ***Lois***, ***Larry*** Ciaramitaro, ***Wendy*** Deutsch, ***Jane*** Brown, and ***Kathy*** Meloche.
Are there others?

May they be held up by the strong hand of God,
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially . . .
That God will lead them safely to the haven of eternal life,
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Philip and all the saints, who have borne witness to Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ in the power of the Spirit. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant: Master and monarch of wind and water, hear the prayers we offer this day for all battered by the waves of this world and bring them and us in safety to your harbor; through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***AMEN.***

Confession and Absolution *Please stand, kneel, or sit as is your custom and for your comfort.*

Priest: Remembering our sins and our falling short of the way of Christ Jesus, let us also pray for reconciliation with God and neighbor.

(Silent confession of our sins)

Priest: O Almighty God, the heavenly Father,

People: ***And the only-begotten Son,***

Priest: Have mercy upon us,

People: ***Have mercy upon us.***

Priest: O Father, O Son, O Holy Spirit,

People: ***Have mercy upon us, O God, the only God,***

Priest: O God of heaven, have mercy upon us.

People: ***Have mercy upon us, O God,***

Priest: from whom and through whom is the rule of all created things, O God,

People: ***to whom be glory and honor, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Priest: 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. ***Amen.***

Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant: God makes peace within us.

People: ***Let us claim it.***

Celebrant: God makes peace between us.

People: ***Let us share it.***

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Almighty God, giver of life and Love; Bless those who you have joined in holy matrimony. Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their life together, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counsellor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And so knit their wills together in your will, and their spirits in your spirit, that they may show forth your love and abide in your peace all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Offertory *You may make your offering at any time before, during, or after the service.*

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant All things are yours, O God of all creation,

All ***And so we return our gifts to you.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God of all creation, through whose goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made;

All ***May it become for us the bread of life.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God of all creation, through whose goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands;

All ***May it become for us the cup of blessing.***

Celebrant Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of ourselves.

All ***In life and in death, may we be an offering to you forever.***

Celebrant Great Creator Spirit, from whom all life comes forth,
here we gather again with bread and with wine, seeking your presence,
longing once more to be nourished,
hungering for wholeness in our lives,
for unity on earth and for peace among the nations.

All ***Here we gather with bread and with wine,
but with more than bread and wine.***

Celebrant Here we gather with creation's elements all around us. With earth, air, fire,
and water still expanding through the universe, with the glory of the sun, the
whiteness of the moon, the glittering of heaven's lights off flowing waters.

All ***Here we gather with bread and with wine,
but with more than bread and wine.***

Celebrant So with everything that we see and sense around us, with visible and
invisible energies that pulse with life, we join our souls in the song that
vibrates throughout the whole of creation.

All ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God of all creation, your glory knows no bounds, and your love is without end. Blessed is Jesus, who in life and death revealed your glory and lived in your love. He taught his friends that to find life was first to lose it, and he spoke of the suffering that would be his.

On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out, and gave the cup to his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

(Silence is kept for a time.)

Celebrant Come upon us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and upon this bread and this wine, that we may be renewed once again, and that as the whole of life is made new, we may find your peace within and around us. We ask this in the Name of God who creates us, who redeems us, and who sustains us. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant continues...

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.***

Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Presider: The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

People: ***We being many are one bread, one body,
for we all share in the one bread.***

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Gluten free wafers are available on request. Communion is offered in one kind only (the wafer) at the bottom of the stairs. Please keep 6' of distance as you line up.

After communion, the Presider begins

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for calling us together today and for sustaining us with this holy meal. This place is sacred, this time is sacred, and in this place and this time, we have shared a mystery. May we in every place and time recognize the sacredness of life, and may we accept the mystery as we accept your love. Amen.

Blessing

Leader: Wherever we go, may the joy of God the gracious

All: ***Be with us.***

Leader: Wherever we go, may the face of Christ the kindly

All: ***Be with us.***

Leader: Wherever we go, may the compassing of the Spirit of grace

All: ***Be with us.***

Leader: Wherever we go, the presence of the Trinity around us

All: ***To bless and to keep us.***

Postlude

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*The lamp in the sanctuary is dedicated in August
to the Glory of God and in celebration of Nolen's birthday
by the Joseph family.*

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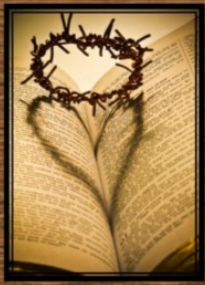
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OPEN

It's not really new, but it is a feature that we have with REALM, which we are using for registration. Download the app **REALM CONNECT** to make registering for events even easier! The app allows you to access **your** information on St. Philip's database. Not just events, but you can also see **your** contributions, read about upcoming events, and groups can keep in communication with their group members - not just announcements, but communicating with each other. You can also look up another member's contact information. Contact Susan at 248-651-6188 if you need more information or assistance in setting up your REALM account. In the July 29th and August 1 Epistles, there is a link to a video that is a great overview of Realm. Take a few minutes to watch to see some of the possibilities Realm offers.

Consider Realm as our new bulletin board like we have in the hall. We can sign-up for events (just like on the clipboards,) we can post pictures, and we can post everything else you are used to seeing on the bulletin board.

Red Cross Volunteers needed



Heart Words

*"If it is possible,
so far as it depends on you,
live peaceable with all."*

Romans 12:18

STP's DIY PICNIC

Tuesday, August 18; 12:30pm

Pack a picnic, bring a chair, then join us on the lawn for fellowship and fresh air!

Missing our monthly luncheon? So are we!! So let's have a 2020-style luncheon! Pack a picnic or grab some carry out and join us by the benches under the trees near the upper parking lot. We will get together and catch up while socially distancing. Please wear a mask while walking around, set up your chairs to keep households 6' apart, and you can take off your masks once we are settled. Register online using Realm or contact the office for assistance.



FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

The Forward Day-by-Day devotional is available on Sunday mornings. Make sure to pick one up. Contact the office if you would like to arrange to pick one up during the week.

SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Altar Guild (8/8-8/14):

S. Rios-Doria / J. Depp / S. Ubaydi

Lectors:

R. Grobbel / J. Brown

Chalice Bearers:

T. Jones

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