

**Saint Philip's
Episcopal Church**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER & HOLY BAPTISM
Holy Eucharist Rite II
April 21, 2024
10:15 a.m.**

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus, Shepherd of our Souls

WORSHIP 649



1. Je - sus, shep - herd of our souls, Self - less in your
2. Je - sus, be our shep - herd still, Though the set - tings
3. Liv - ing Lord, re - new the charge At your ris - ing
4. May we with a shep - herd's heart Love the peo - ple



car - ing, Lead us out to days of peace And of
al - ter; Grant us for our chang - ing days Faith that
giv - en: That the church in love should bring To this
round us, Still re - call - ing how your love In our



thought-ful shar - ing. Free our life from ill and war;
will not fal - ter. Bless us in our mod - ern scene
earth your heav - en. Give us in - sight, show us how
stray - ing found us. Keep us, Lord, in hum - ble ways;



What is good in us re - store.
Of com - put - er and ma - chine.
Life is here the task is now.
Lead us clear - ly all our days.

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father Son & Holy Spirit.

***People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

***People:* There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

***People:* One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept.*)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for the scripture readings.)

A READING FROM ACTS

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23



- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters. [ANT.]
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [ANT.]
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. [ANT.]

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Robert Bunker

(Silence is kept after the Sermon for reflection)

HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE

Azariah Ijeoma Okaro

(Daughter of Chioma and Eloka Okaro)

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: **We present Azariah to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help her grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: **I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: **I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: **I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: **I do.**

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Azariah who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

The Celebrant continues...

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

The Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal

priesthood.

THE PEACE

WELCOME

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

THE OFFERTORY

(If you would like to make a special offering of THANKSGIVING for the baptism of Azariah Ijeoma Okaro, why not make a check out for CAMP ST. PHILIP'S to help with scholarships for families that need a bit of financial aid? Make your check out to St. Philip's Episcopal Church and put CAMP ST. PHILIP'S SCHOLARSHIP in the memo section. We are most grateful for your generosity, and because of your gift, a child may be able to attend this week-long camp for Christian formation.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Sheep, sheep, don't you know the road* (traditional spiritual)

Celebrant: All things come from you, oh Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

(The congregation is invited to stand, if able, during the Eucharistic Prayer.)

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 our thanks and praise.**

The 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. 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:

The 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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever blessed Virgin Mother, blessed Joseph, blessed Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Please come forward, while maintaining distance from other parishioners, to receive communion. At this service, please come up to the table. You may receive both bread and wine, or bread only. If you prefer to receive the bread from the priest then please hold out your hands. You may also drink from the chalice (**please note that we are not permitted to allow for intinction.**) You are also welcome to take the containers of the bread and wine and return to your pew to consume (**Do not consume the bread and wine until you have returned to your seat**). For those who wish to have wine, please take a plastic cup. **Note: We have gluten free wafers if you need one. Just indicate this when you come forward.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

There's something about that name by W. Gaither

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all together)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Good Christians all

HYMNAL 205

DISMISSAL

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all who are in need, and for those on our parish prayer list: Edd Beavers, Stacey Bonsall, Vera and Robert Brosky, Tripp Carey, Bill Cooke, Pat Davis, Cherie Dodgson, Laurie Dusterwald, Fred Fant, Selma Gallardo, Joan Lauenstein, Vivienne Lowe, Keith Reilly, Rebecca Ricketts, John Seals, Barbara Shearin and family, Jackie Sturr, Jim Toole, Michael Turner, Phyllis Walcott, Heather Sparby Welsh, Stephen Wheeler.

We also pray for those on our long term parish prayer list: Mary Biancos, Jayne Chew, Jaimie Cooper, Robert Diggs Sr., Vernida Diggs, Bob and Jo Ann Elkins, Felicia Harris, Karen Horne, Natalie Hudson, Ann Jess, Charlotte and Jason Khan,

Varis Knight, Susan and Albin Kuhn, Kathy Macoughtry, Michael Medellin, Sandee Olek & John Potts, Linda Stapf, Roburma Ware, Mary Carroll Wilbanks.

We pray for all who serve in our Armed Forces, and all affected by armed conflicts. We pray for the Church, that it may be united in mission, serving all of God's people as Jesus served us. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today especially for the Anglican Church of Australia. In the Diocese of Washington Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St Mark's Church; International Earth Day (April 22): pray for the good stewardship of the earth. We pray also for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Mariann, our Bishop; for Robert, our Rector, for Donna, who is a candidate for holy orders for the diaconate, and for all lay ministers empowered by baptism.

(Names remain on the Prayer List for four (4) weeks, unless a request is made to keep someone on longer. If you would like to have a name added to the Prayer List, contact the Pastoral Care Ministry at pastoralcarelaurel@gmail.com or the church office at admin@stphilipslaurel.org.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TENDING OUR SOIL

What is Your Story?

We still want your stories!! You can write about your connection to St. Philip's, positive experiences you have shared...whatever it is that brought you here and keeps you here.

NEW STORYBOOTH OPTION - If you would prefer to **TELL** the tale of your connection to St. Philip's instead of writing it, a member of the Tending Our Soil Ministry will be available with a dictation app to record your story. We'll also have a few story-prompting questions on hand in case that's helpful too.

When? After the 10:15 service on the following Sundays: April 14, April 21, April 28, and May 5.

You can take as little as 5 minutes to share your history with St. Philip's!

Where? In the little classroom off of Wyatt Hall (next to the Storyboard)
Every person's story is important to this Congregation and we hope to hear from you! Learning all of our collective stories will help us better understand "Who We Are" as a parish and provide insight into the core values, beliefs and practices that make us uniquely St. Philip's!

Please try to add your story to our Storyboard by May 5th.

TENDING OUR SOIL SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR – MAY 5TH

The Tending Our Soil Ministry is inviting everyone to a special coffee hour in Wyatt Hall after each worship service on Sunday, May 5th! There will be plenty of tasty food (bagels, cream cheese, fruit salad, and other goodies) plus we'll be showing a brief video clip and giving out free gifts!!!

The short video is both entertaining and thought-provoking. It's likely to leave you thinking about St. Philip's parish and our ministries (and maybe even your house or your relationships) in new ways. Please join us!!

BOOKS - BOOKS - BOOKS

Main Street Festival is scheduled for 11 May this year. The Women are planning to host their annual book sale at the festival. We need YOUR help. We need gently read books (no encyclopedias or magazines). If you have books to donate please bring them to the Wyatt Hall or if you need them picked up contact Kama Hamilton (kama.hamilton@yahoo.com) and she will arrange a pickup time. We will need help sorting books, setting up, selling and cleaning up and passing along the unsold books. If you are available to help please let Kama Hamilton know. Thank you.

CAMP ST PHILIP'S JULY 8-12, 2024 STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help us give our children a wonderful week's adventure. In Wyatt Hall you will find a sign up sheet. We need many helpers to make the week a success. Please check the bulletin board near the beverages table and see if there is something you will be able to help with. We need to fill all slots by mid May in order to gather helpers and have time to plan.

Camp St Philip's is a one week ALL DAY adventure.

We are in session from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily. There is before and after camp care available. We provide breakfast and ask campers to bring lunch. We will have one all day field trip as well as another part day trip with cook out and special adventure.

Registration begins Sunday, March 24 and runs until Sunday, June 2. We invite campers as young as those entering Kindergarten in Sept 2024 to register. We urge all ages above that to join us in this yearly adventure. Registration forms will be available at St Philip's and will soon be found on our website as well.

Currently, you can find forms for counselors and campers on the long table below the Alpha Window.

More details will soon follow. Please speak to one of us listed below with questions you may have.

Jennifer Toole

Robert Bunker

Betsy Welsh