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Peace
on Earth



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*Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday / 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
December 31, 2018/ Rite II / 10:00 PM (Mass)*

MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of Saint Philip’s Church is to be a loving, caring and faithful worshipping congregation that is diverse, embracing others and committed to community service.”

WELCOME TO ST. PHILIP’S

All guests and visitors worshiping with us this New Year’s Eve are warmly welcome. You are invited to join on Sunday, January 6th for Youth Sunday which begins at 9:30am. If you are not currently a member of a Church family, and/or are seeking a Church home, please consider making St. Philip’s your home. Any of our Ushers will be happy to provide you with the necessary information to make this possible.

A restroom may be found in the corridor leading to the Parish Hall. Additional restrooms may be found downstairs beneath the Parish Hall.



“A Prayer For the New Year”

<http://adailyprayer.wordpress.com/>

Father, we want to be Your faithful follower as You fulfill Your purpose in our lives. The Psalmist traced Your hand to the secret place where all Your ordained plans were written for his life before he drew his first breath. We too can trace Your hand in the origin of our birth right up to the present day in which we close out another year. We need not fear when we take hold of Your hand, for You will help guide us through the uncertainties and puzzlements that will frequent our path, for You fully know what Your intentions are for our lives. We trust You for the days ahead and the new year that will unfold before us. We will not fear nor dread the future, since it is through eyes of faith, that we see the victory ahead! In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Mass of the Holy Name
YEAR C - RITE II
Monday, December 31, 2018

Please be courteous and turn your cell phones off as you enter the church.

This new year begins with a blessing. For us, blessing speaks of a consecration or setting aside of a thing or space or person, but the biblical use of blessing goes deeper than that. A blessing is an action of God that leads to happiness and fulfillment. So we end 2018 and begin 2019 with a blessing that's bigger than all time.

SUNG MASS & SERMON

PRELUDE "The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away", BWV 614 Johann S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL "To The Name Of Our Salvation" HYMNAL #248

ACCLAMATION BCP p. 355

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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. Amen.

"Gloria in excelsis" Hymnal S-280

COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP p. 213

Celebrant: Let us pray.
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.

FIRST READING Numbers 6: 22-27

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Numbers

God's active blessing recorded in the book of Numbers is realized in Jesus. God's action is to become one with us, to bring happiness and fulfillment.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

BCP p. 592

- 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!

SECOND READING

Galatians 4: 4 - 7

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

Paul seeks to show the Galatians the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be full adopted into God's family as sons and daughters.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy;
Today a Savior has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

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.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Carver W. Israel

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LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Favorably bear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, stands and, facing the people, says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE	BCP p. 376
OFFERTORY <i>“How Bright Appears The Morning Star”</i>	HYMNAL#497
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (II)	BCP p. 361
THE SANCTUS	Hymnal S-125
THE LORD’S PRAYER (<i>sung</i>)	LEVAS # 264
THE FRACTION	Hymnal S-151
AGNUS DEI	Hymnal S-161
THE COMMUNION	BCP p. 364

COMMUNION HYMNS	
<i>“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”</i>	HYMNAL#81
<i>“New Songs Of Celebration Render”</i>	HYMNAL#413
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP p. 365
THE BLESSING	BCP p. 366
THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	
THE RECESSIONAL <i>“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”</i>	Hymnal #450
THE PEACE	
POSTLUDE <i>“Voluntary”</i>	Maurice Greene

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Senior Warden:	Mr. C. Lester Beck	2020
Junior Warden:	Ms. Patricia Moorehead	2018
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Ms. Shaneka Gulston	2018	Ms. Marvette Green	2020
Mrs. Susan Ransom	2019	Mr. Lawrence Trotman	2020

PARISH STAFF

Ms. Carol Glasgow, Parish Secretary
Mr. Keith Gauntlett, Sexton
Mr. Paris Stokes, Sexton

The Ministers of Jesus Christ
The Priest and People of St. Philip's, Including:

Organist	Vacant
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