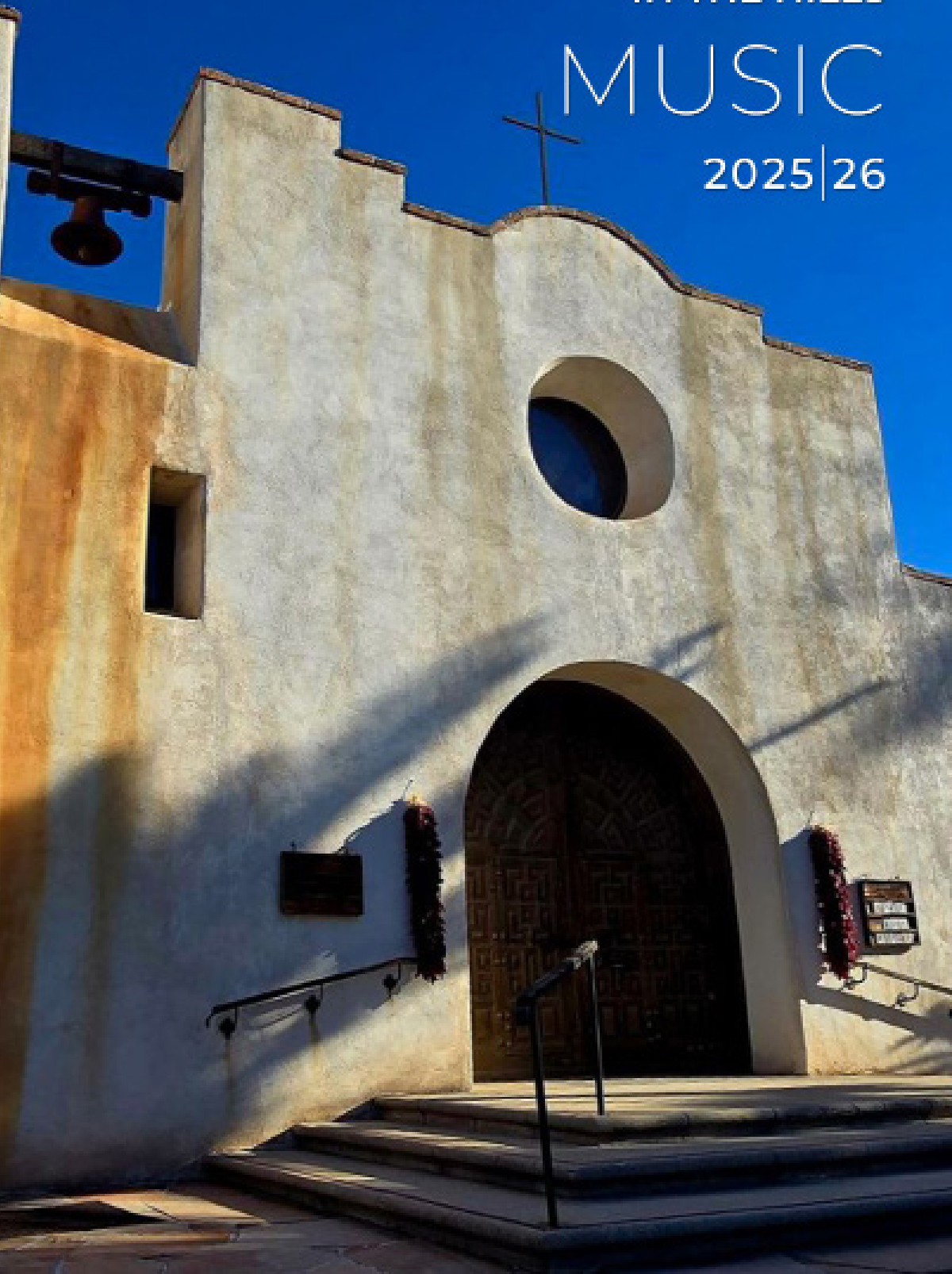


SAINT PHILIP'S
IN THE HILLS

MUSIC

2025|26



Dear Friends & Fellow Parishioners

Liturgical Calendar of the Church Year



In a year of transition at Saint Philip's, I am pleased to see our musical tradition moving forward energetically. Last year, our choirs sang weekly Evensong—a huge but exciting addition—and more frequent choral masses on Sunday mornings. This year, we plan to continue these substantial offerings, imbuing our feast day celebrations with beautiful choral music. We will also offer several significant concerts.

I am happy to introduce a slight adjustment to our branding. Our 'First Sunday Music' projects will continue, but will support Major Feast Days. This adjustment allows us to celebrate the liturgical calendar more robustly, while continuing our tradition of substantial offerings throughout the year. Many of these feast days still fall on the first Sunday of the month. We look forward to singing Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* (Ss. Philip and James, May 3), Howells' *Collegium Regale Te Deum and Jubilate* (St. Michael and All Angels, October 5), and anthems by Paul Halley (Christ the King, November 23), in this series of feast days. Like last year, our choirs will sing robust anthems and occasional choral masses on Sundays throughout the year. I encourage you to consult this booklet and our website to keep abreast of these feast day services.

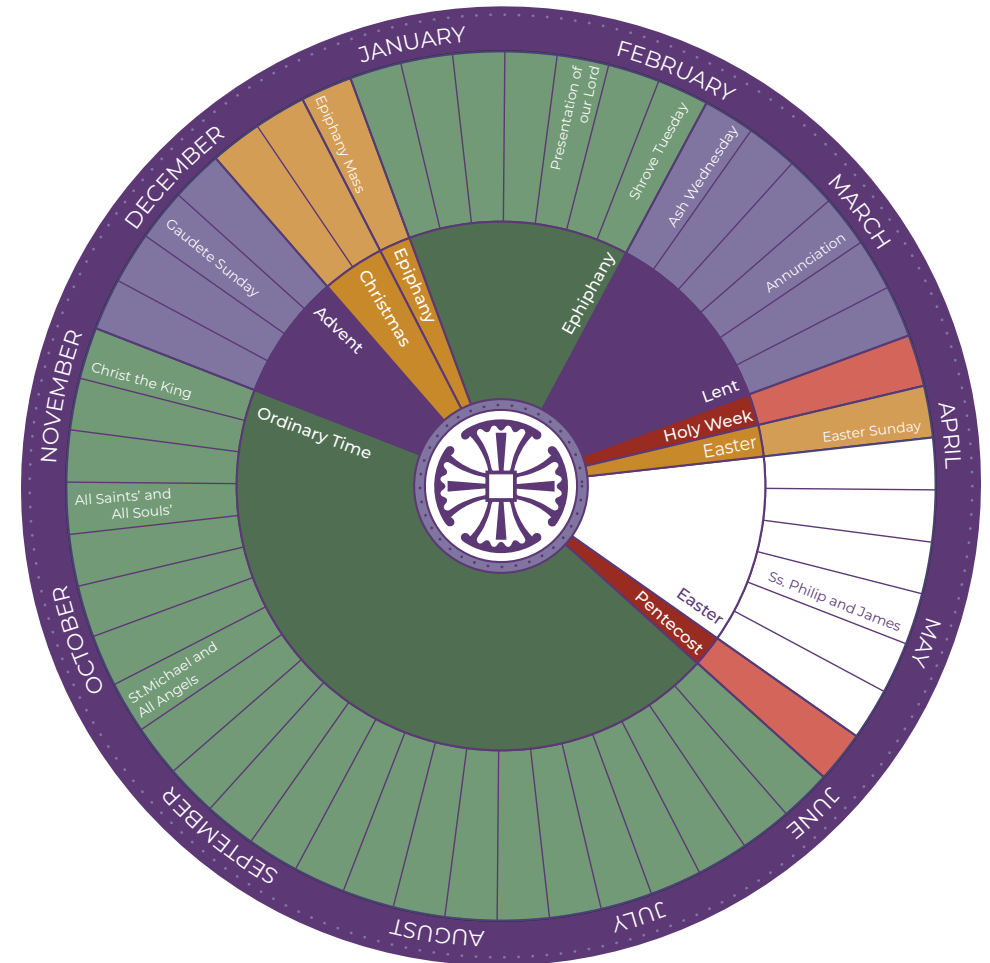
This September, the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt turns 90, prompting worldwide celebrations from Carnegie Hall to the BBC Proms, and the Pärnu Music Festival. We feel privileged to mark several feast days with his choral works, acknowledging their profound depth and spiritual profundity. The Choir of Saint Philip's is also thrilled to mount a full performance of Bach's *Mass in B Minor* on February 21, a concert that represents several years of singing segments of this majestic work in the liturgy. We have several other fine programs, such as Bernadette Harvey in recital and several youth-driven events, including our Rising Stars concerts.

All of this music draws us to consider the good, the true, and the beautiful. None of this music is possible without your generous ongoing support. Our projects (Major Feasts, Concerts, UK Residency) are all made possible by faithful donors supporting our musicians. I hope you will consider making a generous gift today to continue the musical tradition at our parish.

Thank you for the sustaining part you play in this work. Keep this book handy, and I look forward to seeing you at services and concerts.

Yours with thanks,

Justin Appel



Liturgical Colors

- GREEN**—the color of growth. It is used during Epiphany and Ordinary Time.
- PURPLE**—the color of preparation and repentance. It is used during Advent and Lent.
- RED**—the color of God's love and sacrifice. It is used during Holy Week and Pentecost.
- GOLD/WHITE**—the colors of light, triumph, and glory. They are used during Christmas and Easter seasons.

Major Feasts of the Church Year



ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 10:00 AM
Herbert Howells | *Collegium Regale, Te Deum, and Jubilate*

To mark the first feast day in the program year, our choir will sing Herbert Howells' glorious morning canticles written for King's College Choir in the mid-century.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025 10:00 AM
Ēriks Ešēnavalds | *St Philip's Missa Brevis*

Ēriks Ešēnavalds' atmospheric Saint Philip's *Missa Brevis* with organ and orchestra adorns the All Saints' liturgy. The annual performance of this mass has become an anticipated annual celebration for the parish.



ALL SOULS' DAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025 7:00 PM
Works by Pärt, Ešēnavalds, Tabakova

For our commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, the Choir of Saint Philip's will sing Gregorian mass ordinaries, and evocative a capella anthems by Arvo Pärt and Ēriks Ešēnavalds, with soulful violin solos by Ellen Ensey.



CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 10:00 AM
Anthems by Paul Halley

Our choir marks the final major feast in the liturgical cycle, Christ the King, with rousing anthems by the prolifically talented Canadian composer, Paul Halley.



GAUDETE SUNDAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 10:00 AM
Arvo Pärt | *Music for the Mother of God*

To reflect on the quietly joyful anticipation of Gaudete Sunday, we present Marian works by Arvo Pärt, including his iconic *Magnificat* for a capella choir.



EPIPHANY (transferred)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026 5:30 PM
Benjamin Britten | *Missa Brevis*

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Saint Morwenna Voices combine to present a special mid-week *Missa Cantata* to mark the feast of Epiphany.



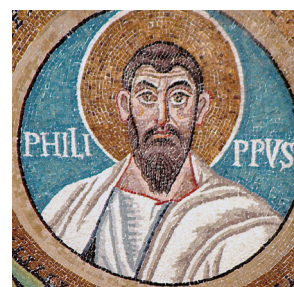
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 10:00 AM
J.S. Bach | *Sanctus and Agnus Dei* from the *Mass in B Minor*

Two complete movements from this great summit of Western sacred music are presented in the context of our Sunday morning liturgy celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple.



ANNUNCIATION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026 5:30 PM
Benjamin Britten | *Missa Brevis*

A second mid-week sung mass will be presented by the combined youth choirs in honor of the feast of the Annunciation.



SS. PHILIP & JAMES
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 10:00 AM
Leonard Bernstein | *Chichester Psalms*

On Saint Philip's Day, the choir will sing Leonard Bernstein's immensely popular *Chichester Psalms*, first written for the Southern Cathedrals Festival in 1965, in the composer's chamber version.

Christmas at Saint Philip's



SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS DECEMBER 21, 2025 4:30 PM

This popular traditional Service of Lessons & Carols is modeled after the famous service held annually at King's College, Cambridge, featuring choir, organ and harp.

Christmas Eve DECEMBER 24, 2025

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 3:00 PM

A Christmas pageant for the whole family with Christmas carols for all to sing.

EUCHARIST CELEBRATION 5:00 PM

A festive celebration of the Eucharist with a re-telling of the Christmas story for young people. The Saint Nicholas choir sings carols of the season.

TRADITIONAL MASS 7:00 PM & 10:00 PM (please note time change)

Missa ad praesepe, George Malcolm
This wonderful mass by the British 20th-century organist and composer George Malcolm has now become a Christmas tradition at Saint Philip's. The charming simplicity of much of this music underscores the title 'Mass at the Crib' and the rare outbursts of joy in the Gloria and Hosanna movements celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child through striking harmonic and declamatory passages of great impact. Hymns and carols of the season will be led by brass quartet and organ.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Please join us for our traditional Holy Week liturgies, sung by our choirs.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026 10:00 AM

The Liturgy of the Palms and the chanting of the Passion Gospels mark the beginning of our Holy Week observances.

TENEBRAE APRIL 1, 2026 7:00 PM

One of the most dramatic liturgies of Holy Week, where the psalms and anthems are sung as we move from light to the darkness of the tomb.

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2026 7:00 PM

The liturgy of the Three Holy Days (*Triduum*) begins with this powerful service commemorating the institution of the Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2026 12:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

EASTER VIGIL APRIL 4, 2026 8:00 PM

The Lighting of the New Fire, Old Testament Readings, and Psalms culminate in the Glory of the Easter Proclamation. A dramatic service with brass quartet, organ, and timpani.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Joined with organ, strings, and brass, the Choirs of Saint Philip's will sing Gerre Hancock's *Missa Resurrectionis* and a new setting of the John's gospel lesson for choir and string ensemble.



Saint Philip's Concert Series

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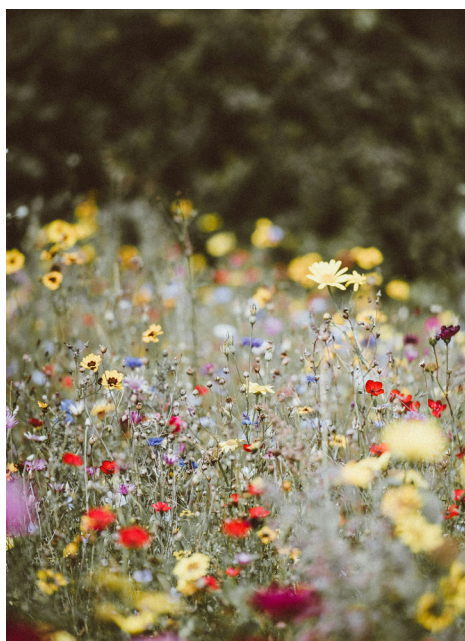


SAINT PHILIP'S SINGS:
Mass in B Minor, J.S. Bach
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2026 4:00 PM

An artistic and spiritual summit of Western civilization, Bach's *Mass in B Minor* continues to speak across more than 300 years, asking the eternal questions of salvation and redemption. Clothed in the multi-faceted musical forms of the Baroque language, Bach seems in this work to inhabit and share today the mysteries of our earthly and spiritual pilgrimage. A rare performance, and a first for Saint Philip's, not to be missed.

**YOUTH OF SAINT PHILIP'S
IN CONCERT**
SATURDAY,
MAY 9, 2026 7:00 PM

For our annual UK Residency fundraising concert, the Saint Nicholas Choir and Appel/Friesen quintet return with performances of favorite liturgical anthems, canticles, and folk-song arrangements, featuring upper voices, organ, and string ensembles. Come celebrate these wonderful young musicians and support a good musical cause at Saint Philip's. A free concert. Donations for the UK Residency program will be accepted gratefully.



BERNADETTE HARVEY IN RECITAL
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 4:00 PM

Our annual piano concert on the Saint Philip's Steinway B, donated in memory of Jim Kautz by Mary Nickerson and the Kautz Memorial Fund, features internationally renowned Australian pianist Bernadette Harvey. A free concert. Donations to support the Saint Philip's music program will be gratefully accepted.

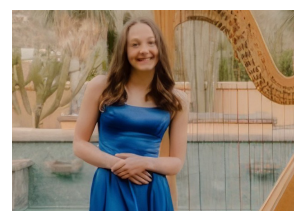


Rising Stars Series

Now in its fourth year, Rising Stars showcases outstanding young Tucson musicians in Saturday afternoon concerts. Saint Philip's sanctuary provides a beautiful environment, and Rising Stars recitals fill a popular niche for music lovers of all ages. Free admission, donations welcome.



TWIN VIOLINS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 3:00 PM
Jacqueline & Scarlett Stewart



HARP & MORE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026 3:00 PM
Desiree Blute & Ayla Moreno



BRASS TAPESTRY
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 3:00 PM
Oliver Ward & Joshua Parker
with Brass Ensemble

Choral Evensong

Donate

SUNDAYS 4:30 PM (begins October 5)

Saint Philip's offers Choral Evensong every Sunday, beginning with a short organ prelude. The service will be sung by a variety of our choral ensembles. We invite you to this peaceful, musical service which is offered daily in many English cathedrals and chapels.

One service per month is sung by our senior youth choristers and alumna, the Saint Morwenna Voices, named after their Welsh patron saint, known for building a church out of stones carried a distance with her own hands. Other services are sung by our lay clerks, and a traditional Anglican ensemble with the Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum.

Our choirs are beginning a two-year period of preparation for the fifth UK Choral Residency in July 2027 at Exeter Cathedral. Donors from the Saint Philip's community and beyond help make this formational program possible.

Choral Evensong is offered every Sunday from October-May. Said Evening Prayer will be offered on the following dates: October 26, 2025; December 28, 2025; January 4, 2026; April 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday).

Our Major Feast Day music, Concerts, and the UK Residency are all funded through your support, not the operating budget. Please consider making a donation today to ensure the future of our music program. You can return a check in the enclosed envelope, or make a donation by credit card online at our website:

<https://stphilipstucson.breezechms.com/give/online>

You can find the online giving form by visiting our website (<https://stphilipstucson.org>), finding the 'Give' tab and selecting 'Give now'. Choose the correct category from the drop-down menu:

First Sunday Music—supports Major Feast Day music projects

Friends of Music—general support for the music program and Concerts

Youth Residency and Pilgrimage—supports choristers (youth & adults) on the UK Residency at Exeter Cathedral

Thank you for supporting music at Saint Philip's in the Hills!



FIRST SUNDAY

Lay Clerks

SECOND SUNDAY

Saint Nicholas Choir

THIRD SUNDAY

Saint Nicholas Choir &
Schola Cantorum

FOURTH SUNDAY

Saint Morwenna Voices

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GET INVOLVED

We welcome singers of all ages and experience. Please contact Dr. Justin Appel or Dr. Jeffrey Campbell for more information.

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