

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

**The Sunday of the Passion**

**Palm Sunday**

**March 29, 2026 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II**

*We, at St. Philip's Church strive to love God and love others in all we do.*

*The Invitation to silently prepare for worship.*

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;*

*During the service, let the Lord speak to you;*

*After the service, speak to one another.*

*The Liturgy of the Palms*

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Deacon:* A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (21:1-11)

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Deacon:* Here ends the reading.

*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 him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. (*Please: Raise your palm branches for the blessing of the Palms*) Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** Hosanna in the highest.

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in peace.

**People:** In the name of Christ. Amen

*Psalm 118:19-29*

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;\*  
**his steadfast love endures forever!**

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,\*  
**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,\*  
**that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;\*  
**the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me\*  
**and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected\*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;\*  
**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;\*  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!\*  
**O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.\*  
**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has given us light.\*  
**Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;\*  
**you are my God, I will extol you.**

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,\*  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Opening Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (#154)*

*The Collect of the Day (Please stand as you are able.)*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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 A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
**my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.**
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*  
**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
**when they see me in the street they avoid me.**
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
**I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*  
**they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.**
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
**I have said, "You are my God.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
**and in your loving-kindness save me."**

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians (2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Sequence Hymn: "Alone Thou Goest Forth" (#164 v. 1,2)*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (27:11-54)

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

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sequence Hymn: “Alone Thou Goest Forth” (#164 v.3)*

Sermon

Deacon Pam Hayes

*Please note: On Palm Sunday the Nicene Creed and the Confession are omitted from the service.*

*Prayers of the People (Please stand or kneel as you are able.)*

*Leader:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

*Leader:* For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Rob our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who serve, or dwell, in harm's way; and all those whose daily life is marked by peril or uncertainty, we pray to you, Lord God.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For those important to you; your prayers are invited either aloud or in the silence of your heart. (*Pause*)

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. Philip, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**People: To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*Celebrant:* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

*The Peace (Please stand as you are able)*

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

**People: And also with you.**

*Welcoming*

*Ministry in Focus*

*Offertory Sentence:*

***Celebrant:*** Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*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

## *The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B*

*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; for our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

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*Celebrant and People (S129)*

**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.*

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;**

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 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.

**People: AMEN**

*(Cantor)* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to *intone* ,

**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: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

**People: have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

**People: have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

**People: grant us peace.**

*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*

*How to receive Holy Communion:*

*Holy Communion will be served at the altar. After you receive the bread you may choose one of three options regarding the wine.*

- 1. DRINK: Immediately consume your bread and wait for the chalice bearer to bring the cup. This is the common cup designated for you to take a drink from. Dipping the bread into this cup is NOT permitted.*
- 2. INTINCT: Holding your bread, wait for the chalice bearer who is holding a small glass cup. This cup is designated for intinction (dipping) only. The chalice bearer will offer the words of administration and you may dip your bread into the shallow cup. Please note there is only a small quantity of wine in this chalice to ensure fingers do not touch the wine.*
- 3. NO WINE: Immediately consume your bread and carefully return to your seat. Please know that receiving communion in one species only is still considered a full and valid communion.*

## *Post Communion Prayer*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## *Sending Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitors*

**Deacon:** In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to (\_\_\_\_), who cannot be with us today. Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.

**People: We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

*Deacon:* Let us bow our heads before the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

*Hymn – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (#474)*

*Deacon: The Dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant:* Mother Betty Glover

*Preacher:* Deacon Pam Hayes

*Deacon:* Deacon Pam Hayes

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Don Halbert, Maitland Barnes, Jim Williams

*Lay Readers:* Don Halbert, Jim MacCallum

*Ushers:* Dennis Courtnage, Cathie Courtnage, Mary Snell, Rich Holt

*Vestry Person of the Day:* Angela Urquhart

### **Holy Week Service Schedule**

**April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM (Chapel of the Cross)  
Altar of Repose (Sanctuary) will be livestreamed**

**April 3 – Good Friday / Tenebrae – 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)**

**April 5 - Easter Day – 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)**

***Welcome!***

***There are many churches in our community and we are glad that you chose to join us in worship this morning. It is our hope that you find St. Philip's to be a new home if you are looking for a church, or a home away from home if you are visiting Southport!***

***We believe that God is Love, and that we are called to love both God and others as God's children.***

***Please know that we place a premium on having a chance to get to know one another. Unfortunately, Sunday mornings do not allow us that precious time together. It would be wonderful if you would mention on the visitor card (or drop us an email) that you would like to meet us for a time of conversation and coffee!***

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