

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**  
**The Sunday of the Passion**  
**Palm Sunday**

**March 24, 2024 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;  
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;  
After the service, speak to one another.*

*The Invitation to silently prepare for worship.*

*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 Mark (11:1-11)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*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 the 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.

**People: 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)*

*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 (50:4-9)

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

*In te, Domine, speravi*

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 Mark (15:1-39)

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

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he 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)*

*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 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*

(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 A*

*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; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author 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:

*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.*

*Celebrant:* : Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**

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:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

## *Communion*

### *How to receive Holy Communion:*

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

- 1. DRINK: Immediately consume your bread and step to the chalice bearer farthest from the priest serving the bread. 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, go to the first chalice bearer who is holding a small glass cup. This cup is designated for intinction (dipping) only. As you stand in front of the chalice bearer, they 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 walk past both chalices if you desire to not take part in the wine. 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.**

*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 – “My Song is Love Unknown” (#458)*

*Deacon: The Dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant:* Mother Lisa Erdeljon  
*Preacher:* Deacon Pam Hayes  
*Deacon:* Rev. Deacon Sally Learned  
*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Maitland Barnes, Dan Corsi, Cynthia Davis  
*Lay Readers:* Cynthia Davis, Nancy Corsi  
*Ushers:* Bob Fuchs, Bobbie Fuchs, Rich Gaglie, Dottie Gaglie  
*Vestry Person of the Day:* Paul Bailey

## **Welcome!**

**There are many churches in our community and we are so glad that you chose to join with 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!**

**Be Blessed,  
Eric+ & Lisa+**

## **Lenten and Holy Week Service Schedule**

Wednesdays in Lent -12:00 PM - Holy Eucharist Rite II – Chapel of the Cross

March 24 – Palm Sunday – 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Sanctuary)

March 27 – Tenebrae – 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

March 28 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM (Chapel of the Cross)

March 29 – Good Friday – 7:00 PM (Chapel of the Cross)

March 30 - Easter Vigil – 7:00 PM (Chapel of the Cross)

Easter Day – 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Sanctuary)