

# **St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

**Maundy Thursday**



**Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
with the Washing of Feet**

**5:30 p.m.**

**March 28, 2024**

*Welcome! This 5:30 p.m. service is broadcast on Facebook Live or YouTube, and you can view it live. Livestreaming begins at 5:25 p.m.*

## **The Word of God**

*In keeping with the penitential nature of the season, please prepare for our liturgy with prayer and quiet contemplation.*

**PRELUDE**

Contemplation I & II

Ad Wammes

**HYMN**

Three Holy Days Unfold Us Now

*Rockingham*

*Wonder, Love, and Praise #731*

Three holy days enfold us now  
in washing feet and breaking bread,  
in cross and font and life renewed:  
in Christ, God's firstborn from the dead.

The myst'ry hid from ages past  
is here revealed in word and sign,  
for Jesus' story is our own:  
new life through death is God's design.

Christ lifted high upon the tree,  
before you every knee shall bend  
and every tongue in praise proclaim:  
'You are the Lord of all. Amen.'

CELEBRANT

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

PEOPLE

**His mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People together say*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The following is sung, all standing*

**TRISAGION**

*Archangelsky  
The Hymnal 1982 #S 102*

The musical notation is for a two-part setting of the Trisagion. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a series of chords, mostly triads and dyads, with some notes beamed together. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. It features a series of notes, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some beaming. The lyrics are written below the staves: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the text.



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT      The Lord be with you.  
 PEOPLE          **And also with you.**  
 CELEBRANT      Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will

pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

READER                      The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE                     **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

**PSALM 116:1, 10-17**

*Dilexi, quoniam*

Please join me in reading the psalm responsively by half verse.

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of  
my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever  
I called upon him.**

10 How shall I repay the LORD\*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD\*  
**in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD\*  
**is the death of his servants.**

14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD\*  
**in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

READER                      The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE                     **Thanks be to God.**

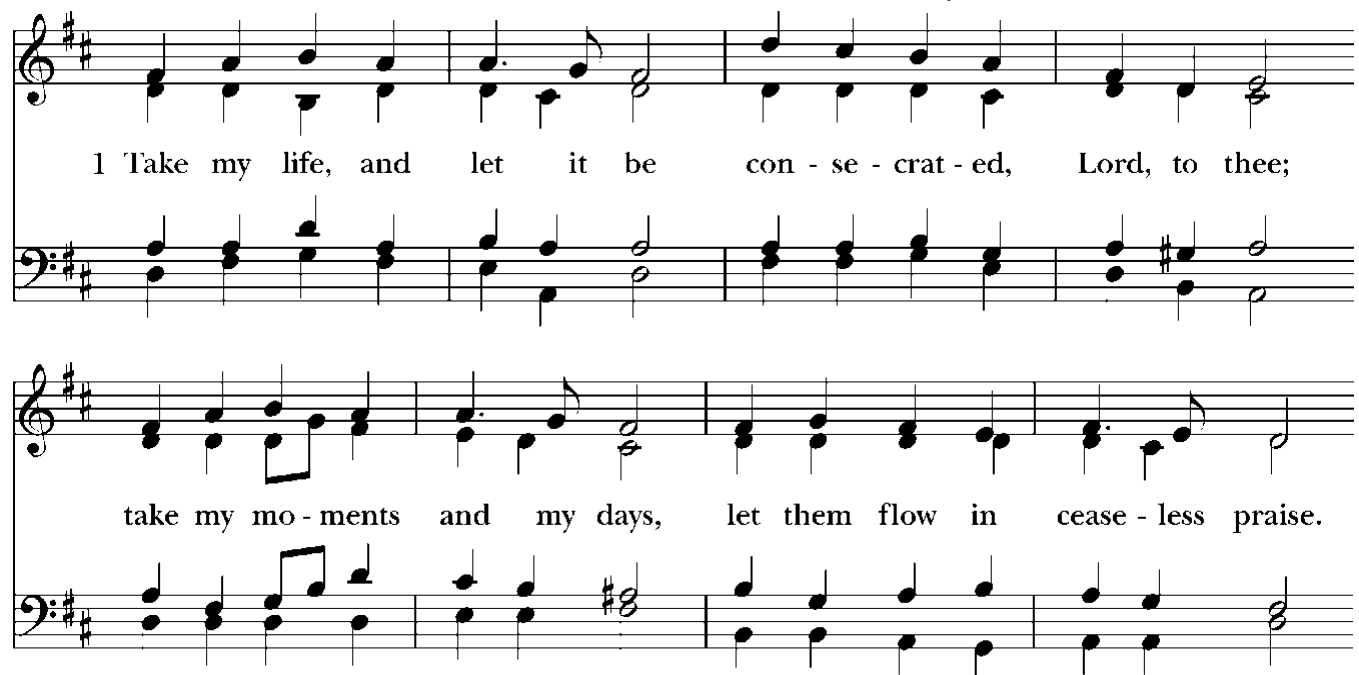
*All stand as they are able.*

## HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

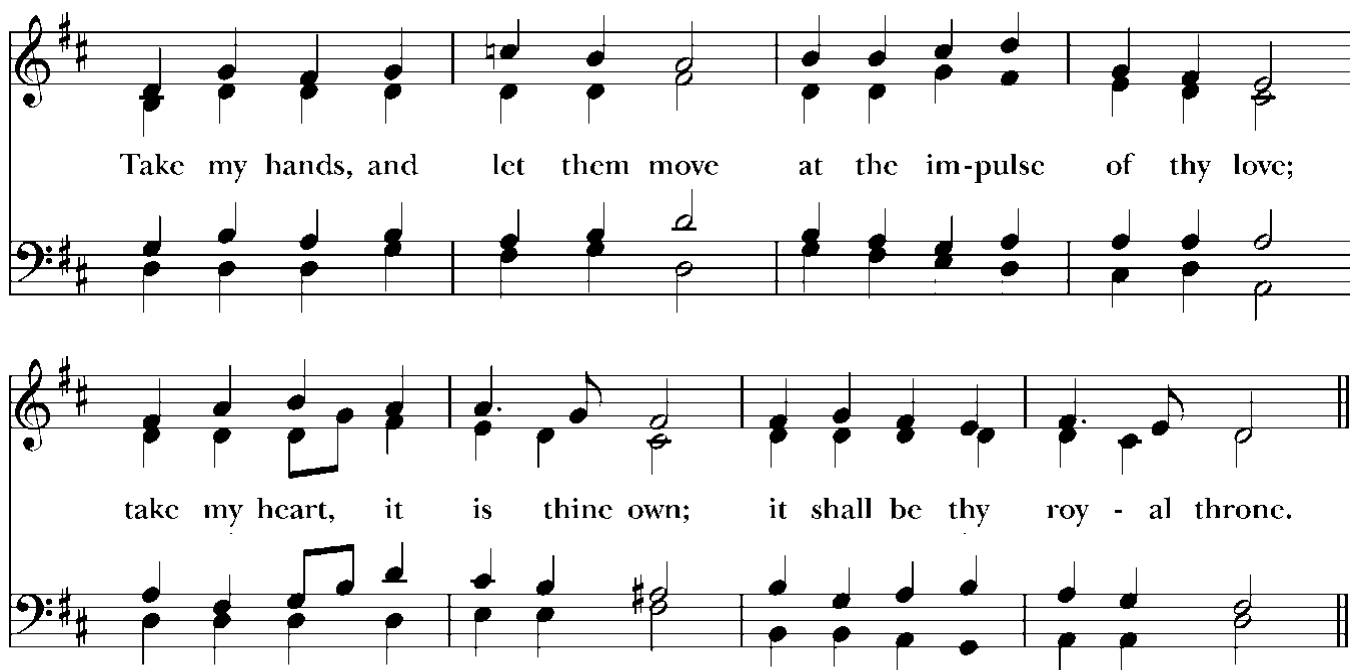
*Hollingside*

*The Hymnal 1982 #707 (st. 1)*



I Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.



## HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

PRIEST

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

PEOPLE

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

<sup>31b</sup>“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

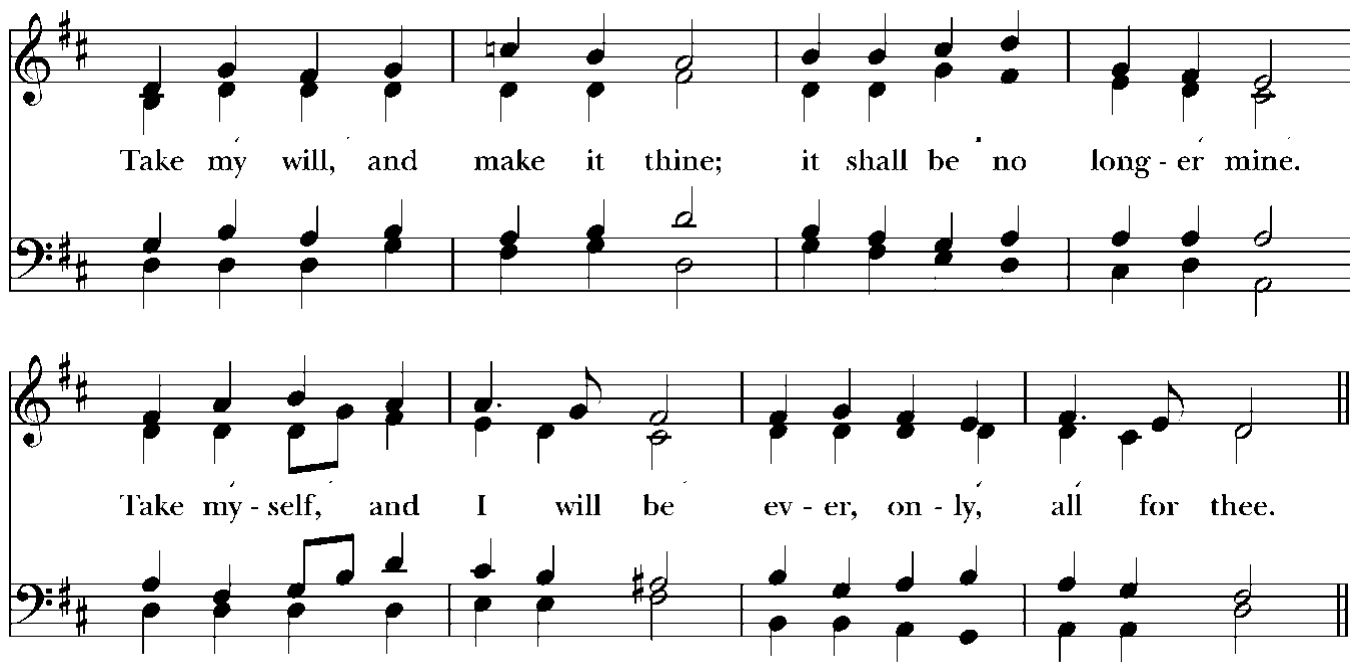
PRIEST            The Gospel of the Lord.  
PEOPLE          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HYMN** Take My Life, and Let It Be *Hollingside*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #707 (st. 2)*

2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.





**SERMON**

Dr. Fred H. Brown, Jr., M.Div.

## **THE WASHING OF THE FEET**

*The Officiant says,*

Jesus said, “So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

*The congregation may come to the chapel as the ushers direct. Please be prepared to wash the feet of the person in front of you in line or you may come forward with a friend or family member and wash each other’s feet. Or, you may remain seated in the pew in silent reflection and prayer.*

*If you are unable to move to the level of the chapel, please tell an usher and the clergy will come to you for the washing of feet.*

## MUSIC AT THE MANDATUM

### ANTHEM

#### Domine Tu Mihi Lavas Pedes

José Mauricio Nunes Garcia (1767-1830)

Domine tu mihi lavas pedes?

Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

Respondit Iesus et dixit ei:

Jesus answered and said to him:

Si non lavero tibi pedes, non habebis  
partem mecum.

If I wash thee not, thou shalt have no part  
with me.

### ANTHEM

#### Ubi Caritas

Dan Locklair


### HYMN

#### God Is Love, and Where True Love Is


*Ubi caritas (Murray)*

*The Hymnal 1982 #577*

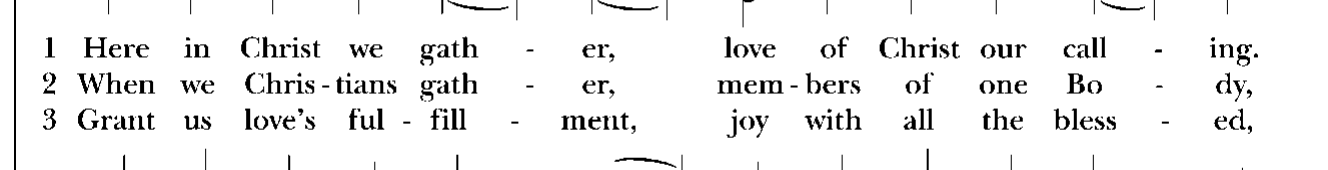
*Refrain*



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

## ANTHEM

## Wash Me Thoroughly

Music: David Halls (b. 1963)

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,  
 and forgive me all my sin.  
 For I acknowledge my faults,  
 and my sin is ever before me.

*(Psalm 51:2–3)*

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

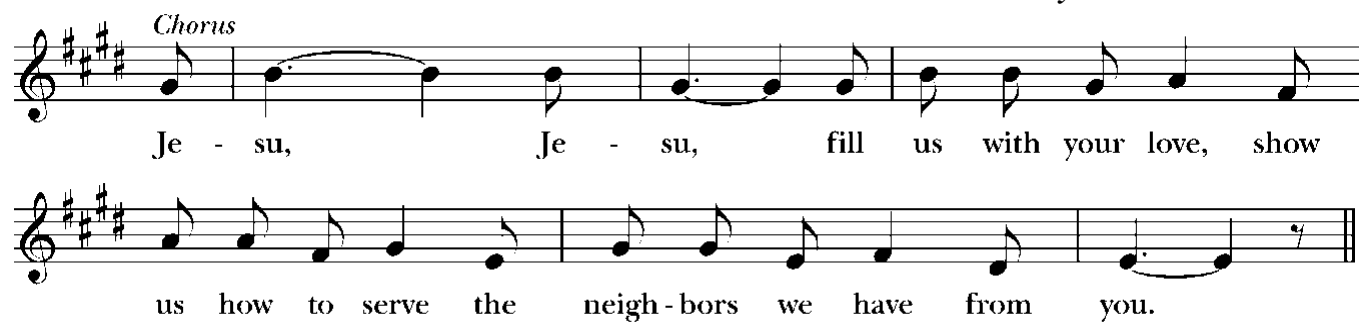
# HYMN

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Cheriponi*

*The Hymnal 1982 #602*


*Chorus*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and  
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

*Repeat Chorus*



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.  
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Ruth Anderson, Roger Atkinson, Dez Blue, Leslie Brown, Will Burkey, Jim Calloway, Randy Clifton, Rick Davis, Lance Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Annie Driggers, Howard and Dianne Dyer, John Ehrler, Annette Ellerton, Martha C. Fout, Catherine Frey, Kathy Haehnel, Tim Harris, Nancy Higgins, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, James Keirstead, Michael Kirwen, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Pam Love, Elisabeth Marchant, Dottie Marcinko, Sheree Martines, Johnny Martinez, Kathryn McKinley, Robert Mitchener, Nathalie Moffitt, Francisco Leon Olea, Nancy Patterson, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Arlindo and Alice Silva, Ray Snellgrove and family, Rus Snelling, Jim Tso, Emily Walthall, Ryan Weld, Ed Wiseman, Moonyean and Risdon Wood, Amber, Barry, Charles, Christy.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

*All stand as they are able.*

CELEBRANT	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE	<b>And also with you.</b>

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

**ANTHEM**                      Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence                      arr. Gustav Holst

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Eighth Tune*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #43 (st. 4)*

1 2

4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people stand as they are able.*

CELEBRANT	The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE	<b>And also with you.</b>
CELEBRANT	Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
CELEBRANT	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Richard Proulx  
*The Hymnal 1982 #S-125*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, with some notes beamed together. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel as they are able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM**

CELEBRANT We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.  
PEOPLE **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

### **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All who seek Christ are invited to receive the bread and wine standing or kneeling at the altar rail. If you choose not to receive the wine, let the server know that you want only the bread by placing one hand over your heart (receiving only the bread is full communion). If you prefer not to take communion, you may come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest, or not come forward at all; no one will judge you.*

*To receive the wine by intinction, please come to the altar rail. Extend your hands, palms flat, and the bread will be placed there for you to dip the bread into the wine.*

*To receive the wine by sipping from the chalice, please also come to the altar rail, consume the bread, then please help the Lay Eucharistic Minister guide the chalice to your lips to sip.*

*Please wait for an usher to release you from your pew to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**ANTHEM** Ave Verum W.A. Mozart

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

**Let us pray.**

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The People remain kneeling as they are able for the hymn. Toward the end of the hymn, the candles are extinguished by the acolytes and the Priest takes the Sacrament to the place of Reservation.*

**HYMN**

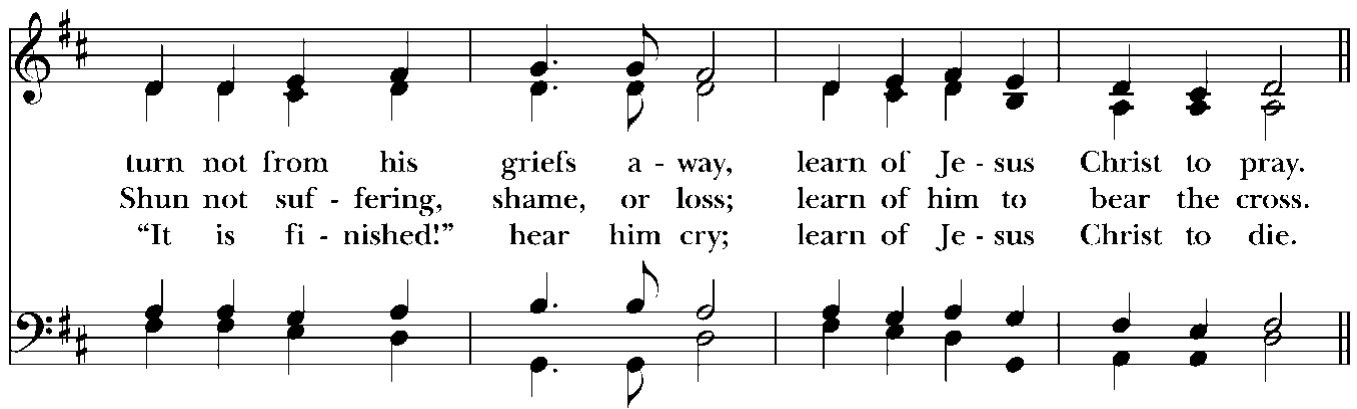
**Go to Dark Gethsemane**

*Petra*

*The Hymnal 1982 #171*

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
 3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con-flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;



*The Choir moves to the nave.*

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*All kneel in silence as they are able.*

## **PSALM 22**

*Deus, Deus meus*

*The Reader reads the psalm while the sanctuary is prepared and the altar is stripped*

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
 and are so far from my cry  
 and from the words of my distress?
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
 by night as well, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
 enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
 they trusted, and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
 they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
 scorned by all and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
 they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- <sup>8</sup> "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
 let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

- <sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup> I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my  
mother's womb.
- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- <sup>12</sup> Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- <sup>13</sup> They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- <sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- <sup>16</sup> Packs of dogs close me in,  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.
- <sup>17</sup> They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.
- <sup>18</sup> Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- <sup>19</sup> Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- <sup>20</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- <sup>21</sup> I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

- <sup>22</sup> Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- <sup>23</sup> For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- <sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.
- <sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- <sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- <sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- <sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  
in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- <sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- <sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*Silent departure. The church will remain open for a period of prayer.*

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Hearing Loop assistance is available inside this building. Set hearing aid on "T" (telecoil) setting. Headsets are also available in both the narthex and Miller Hall that will allow access to the Hearing Loop. Please see an usher for help.

## **ABOUT THE SOLEMN STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

This ritual expresses symbolically the starkness and the reality of Jesus' death. He himself was stripped – of his freedom, of his personal dignity, of his clothing, and, finally, of his life. The choir and congregation remain kneeling following the postcommunion prayer and begin to sing the final hymn, “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (*The Hymnal* 1982 #171). When the hymn ends, Psalm 22, the Passion Psalm (page 610 in *The Book of Common Prayer*), is read. As it is read, the clergy wash the altar – again, a symbolic act expressing the ancient ritual of washing the body of one who has died. The clergy will then exit to the side. The congregation leaves without a dismissal, and in complete silence.

## **HEARING THE WORD MAUNDY THURSDAY**

On Thursday, March 28, 2024, we welcome Dr. Fred H. Brown, Jr., M.Div. to preach at our Maundy Thursday service. Please join Elizabeth in welcoming Fred!

## **GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING**

Support for the Church in Jerusalem began in biblical days. The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts, which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education, and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children. Please make checks payable to St. Philip's Church with “Good Friday Offering” on the memo line; [click here to make a donation online](#); and [click here](#) to read Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Good Friday Offering Letter.

## **ABOUT OUR 2024 EASTER OFFERING**

In keeping with the tradition of St. Philip's to designate the Easter offerings for specific charitable uses, the offering collected at our Easter services will be given to TC Strong. TC Strong's vision is that every youth in Transylvania County feels confident and secure in connection, purpose, and hope; it was formed to create a broad coalition of youth, school, and community leaders to address the mental health of teens in a collaborative and effective way. Please give as generously as you can. Designate “Easter Offering” on the memo line or envelope.

## **ALL ARE WELCOME AT THESE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AND EVENTS**

St. Philip's welcomes everyone to journey through Holy Week and celebrate our Lord's Resurrection! All these services are held at 256 E. Main St. in Brevard, NC. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) are also livestreamed on our Facebook page and [YouTube channel](#).

### **Good Friday, March 29 - \* 12:00 p.m. Liturgy for Good Friday**

From 12:00-3:00 p.m. the church, labyrinth, and contemplative path will also be open for private prayer.

### **Easter Eve, Saturday, March 30 - 7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil**

The service begins in front of the parish hall doors on Main Street and moves into the church. An Alleluia Celebration in Miller Hall will follow the liturgy.

### **EASTER DAY, Sunday, March 31**

*(Note the special service times!)*

**7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at the Labyrinth** (bring your lawnchairs!)

**8:30 a.m. Easter Festival Eucharist** with choir and brass

**10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt** - All children through 5th grade are invited - bring your own basket and meet in the back parking lot at the gate to the playground. (There will be separate areas for younger and older children, and extra baskets for children who need them.)

**\* 11:00 a.m. Easter Festival Eucharist** with choir and brass

*\*Services with an asterisk are livestreamed.*

### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 1**

The parish office will be closed Easter Monday, April 1, 2024, and will resume its usual hours the following day.

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Officiant..... The Rev. Elizabeth Roles  
Homilist ..... Dr. Fred H. Brown, Jr., M.Div.  
Director of Music Ministry .....Dr. Brittnee Siemon  
Organist .....Scott Coates

**5:30 p.m.**

Acolyte	Nancy Harger	LEM	Denis Bolena
Reader 1	Bill Rigot		Sallie Mullikin
Reader 2	Christine Wright	Ushers	Scott Elliott
Reader 3	Gena Hawk		David Yeager



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