

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



Holy Eucharist
Sunday, March 29, 2026
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

*****Notes*****

Welcome! We offer two services today: one at 8:00 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast on Facebook Live or YouTube. Livestreaming begins at 10:25 a.m. If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card (located in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

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.**

The Celebrant says

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. **Amen.**

Here the seminarian reads the following

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"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."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

 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 God 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. 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 forever. **Amen.**

OFFICIANT Let us go forth in peace.
PEOPLE **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

CELEBRANT Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Hosanna in the highest.**

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben
The Hymnal 1982 #154*

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The Word of God

OFFICIANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

OFFICIANT 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

⁴The 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.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}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

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

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
**my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.**

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
**my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I 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.

¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For 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.**

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and 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.**

All stand as they are able.

HYMN

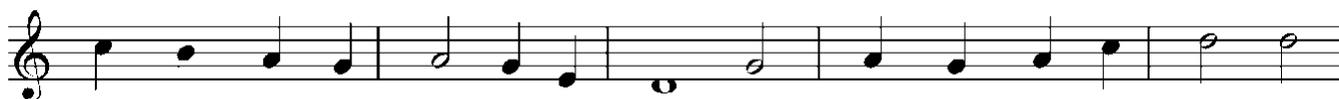
What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

The Hymnal 1982 #439

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

THE PASSION GOSPEL (PART ONE)

Matthew 26:14—27:32

Please be seated for a period of silence in preparation for Part One of the Passion Narrative.

READER The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

¹⁴One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests
¹⁵and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him
 thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an
 opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
 “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”
¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher
 says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my
 disciples.’” ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they
 prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they
 were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they
 became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely

not I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” ³³Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

³⁴Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.

³⁸Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes

were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶³But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” ⁷¹When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.^{27:}

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” ⁷After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of

the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.”

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So 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?” ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While 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.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said,

CONGREGATION **“Let him be crucified!”**

²³Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION **“Let him be crucified!”**

²⁴So 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.” ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and 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!"³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

PEOPLE **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

PEOPLE **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

PEOPLE **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

PEOPLE **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

PEOPLE **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

PEOPLE **For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Christy Adams, Alston, Kathy Ambrose, Peggy Ayres, Barry, Bill, Dez Blue, Christopher Bolk, Leslie Brown, Charles, Courtney, Jay Curwen, Norah Davis, Carl Denny, Judy Caldwell Dexter, Lance Dickenson, Nancy Dillard, Suzanne Dininny, Jan Dryselius, Dianne and Howard Dyer, Judith Egan, Ellen, Eugene, the Borgia family, Liz Ford, Ann

Franklin, Colten Frey, Edie Gabcik, John Gannon, Jane Glenn, Tim Harris, Howard Jackson, Kay Jones, Lyn Kane, Roxann Kibbin, Michael Kirwen, Kurt, Rick Laws, Ruth LePine, Tom Lewis, Elisabeth Marchant, Dottie Marcinko, Buddy Marines, Johnny Martinez, Larry Maupin, Mark and Leslie Montgomery, Veronica Morrow, Jenifer Morrow, Nikarra, Pam, Pat, Nancy Patterson, Judy Pierce, Debbie and John Poe, Liam Rial, Jim Rice, Lisa Rodke, Mary Rose, Hudson Rudisill, Gabrielle Ruge, Linda Schieve, Frank Shoemaker, Alice Silva, Isabella Smith, Ray Snellgrove, Matthew Sundstrom Sr., Barbara Staubs, Caroline Stein, Brenda Summers, Arden Swift, Marcia Thies, Mike Tiddy, Jim Tso, Jeremy Tuck, Emily Walthall, John Welch, Penny Williams, Eileen Gilson Williams, Ed Wiseman, Risdon Wood, Judy Yancey

Hear us, Lord;

PEOPLE **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

In our diocese, we pray for the Parish of the Holy Communion, Glendale Springs. In our Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

PEOPLE **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering Jamie Ross and Frank Taylor.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

PEOPLE **Who put their trust in you.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

**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.**

ABSOLUTION

The Priest stands and says

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

PEACE

All stand.

CELEBRANT The peace of Christ be always with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

ANTHEM

A Palm Sunday Antiphon

David C. Morgan (b. 1946)
Text: Matthew 21:9

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna to the Son of David. Thou that sittest in the highest heav'ns. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

OFFERTORY HYMN (10:30 a.m. only)

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 **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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Schubert/Proulx
The Hymnal 1982 #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed 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.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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.”

Celebrant

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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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). To receive the wine by intinction, please come to the altar rail in the church. 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 come to the altar rail in the chapel. Extend your hands and the bread will be placed there. 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.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

HYMN

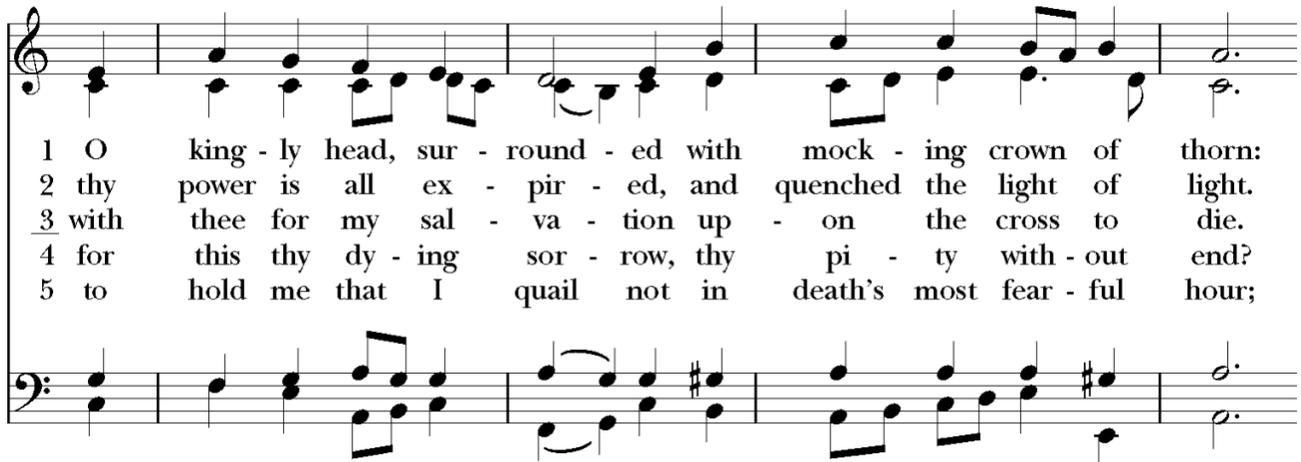
O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

Passion Chorale

The Hymnal 1982 #168



1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

This prayer takes the place of the Postcommunion Prayer for those worshipping at home.

Gracious God, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The people stand as they are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of 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 Savior. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

After the prayer, the People respond

Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER

All kneel. The Celebrant says

Let us bow down before the Lord.

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. **Amen.**

THE PASSION GOSPEL (PART TWO)

Matthew 27:33-66

The congregation stands.

³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and 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.” ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²“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. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And 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?”

⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for

Elijah.”⁴⁸ 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.⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

There is a period of silence.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ 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!”

⁵⁵Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus.⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.⁵⁹ So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’⁶⁴ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”⁶⁶ So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*A period of silence follows the Passion Narrative.
A bell will toll three times signifying a Trinitarian blessing.*

The congregation exits in silence. Clergy will not greet at the exit to maintain the solemnity of the service.



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.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We welcome children of all ages in all of our worship services. You can find worship bags with quiet activities for children in the narthex. **Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available at our 10:30 a.m. service beginning at 10:15 a.m.** An usher can direct you to our nursery located on the lower level of our parish building.

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. PHILIP’S

- **Sunday at 8:00 a.m. – Sunday at 8:00 a.m.** – During this season, we enjoy sharing the same Holy Eucharist, Rite II liturgy in our Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. spoken service as the 10:30 a.m. service.
- **Adult Formation at 9:15 a.m.** – Please see our two opportunities described below.
- **Youth Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.** – Middle and high school youth are invited to join us for Sunday School. We are using short videos from bibleproject.com to jump start our discussions. This fully animated series traces key biblical themes from their first appearance through the entire narrative of the Bible. We meet in the youth classroom located downstairs in the Education wing.
- **Godly Play at 9:15 a.m.** – Children ages 4 through 5th grade will be engaged in Godly Play. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Godly Play meets in the education wing downstairs.
- **Nursery at 9:15 a.m.** – Nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger is available today beginning at 9:15 a.m.
- **Children’s Church at 10:30 a.m.** – On Sunday all children (K-5th grade) are invited to Children’s Church during the Liturgy of the Word in the 10:30 a.m. service. Children may be brought to the Sunday School room across from the Godly Play room (the youth classroom) before parents/grandparents go to church. Children will be taken to the church during the Peace and should join their family for communion.
- **Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** – Join us for Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music) at our 10:30 a.m. service.

- **Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service** – All are invited and always welcome to join us in Miller Hall (our large upstairs meeting room) after the 10:30 a.m. service for juice or coffee and fellowship. This is a great chance to mingle, meet new people, or just relax with friends.

ADULT FORMATION OFFERINGS THIS SUNDAY

- **‘Stumbling Toward Wholeness: A Lenten Journey’**

Among the strivings of the human heart is the desire for wholeness—an at-oneness with God, self, and others. Yet, the achievement of wholeness seems just beyond our grasp. Over several weeks during Lent, the Adult Formation Class will explore this idea of wholeness conversationally, considering both some of its components as well as practices to integrate those components into our daily habits.

Among the topics we will consider are: The role of our individual uniqueness in the quest for wholeness; the external and internal barriers to wholeness; the integration of brokenness; choosing the Good; the value of relationships; and taking our wholeness to the world

These conversations are led by David Yeager and will meet in the YAC (our large downstairs meeting room) at 9:15 a.m.

- **Coffee and Conversation** – From now until Easter, the Coffee & Conversation Team will facilitate group discussion and connection. For this period the focus will be on "Living in Oneness" and will be prompted by reflections on the Gospel of John and other works of spirit. Coffee & Conversation meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Miller Hall, our large upstairs meeting room.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

The Good Friday Offering, established in 1922 by The Episcopal Church, supports the ministries of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Rooted in the aftermath of World War I, it focuses on pastoral care, education, and healthcare. Your generous donations help strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land, promoting peace and understanding. 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 to read Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe’s Good Friday Offering Letter.

ABOUT OUR 2026 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 benefit our Cornerstone Centennial 2026 gift designees: Camp Henry, the Episcopal camp at Lake Logan, and Bound for Glory Camp, a free literacy and adventure camp for struggling readers in

Brevard. Please give as generously as you can. Designate “Easter Offering” on the memo line or envelope.

Holy Week Services			
Monday March 30	Wednesday April 1	Thursday April 2	Friday April 3
11:45 am Holy Week Moment of Prayer & Lament in Miller Hall	5:30 pm Contemplative Anointing Service in Miller Hall	5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Washing of Feet and Holy Eucharist	12:00 pm Liturgy for Good Friday

Celebrate Easter with us!

Saturday, April 4

3:00 pm
Family Easter Eve Service
with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 5

7:30 am Outdoor Eucharist at the Labyrinth	8:30 am Festival Eucharist with choir, brass & timpani	11:00 am Festival Eucharist with choir, brass & timpani
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Children’s Egg Hunt at 10:15 am on the playground



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 6

The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 6, 2026, and will resume its usual hours on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday, the sixth Sunday in Lent, marks the start of Holy Week, commemorating Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The service begins with a palm procession but shifts to the solemnity of the Passion. The colors in the church change to red, symbolizing martyrdom and Jesus’ sacrifice.

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL NUGGET: 1940S-1950S-THE MEN OF THE CHURCH

During this time, the men of the church were involved in financial and legal matters as well as church repairs. They led, with the Rector, the Every Member Canvass. The Rector



distributed pledge cards at the campaign’s beginning. The men visited those who had not pledged or were behind in their pledges. It was the Treasurer’s responsibility to account for all expenditures. The men of the Vestry worked to balance the budget. The first full financial statement was included in the April 4, 1948, Vestry Notes, written and submitted by Mr. Alex Kizer, Treasurer.

The first major financial and legal matter occurred in 1950. The Vestry received a letter from Mr. J. S. Bromfield offering a lot for a rectory site, to be an Easter offering from the Bromfield family, whose property bordered the church. The letter stated the lot deed would be executed when \$10,000 was obtained in a Rectory Fund. The letter

also stated the property should be used for church purposes or the title would revert to the Bromfield heirs or Thompson Orphanage. A campaign was initiated which included the congregation, friends of St. Philip’s, summer visitors and August loose plate collections. By December 1950, the \$10,000 sum had been reached. Building began in January 1951.

Church repairs were an ongoing job for the men. The coal furnace was inefficient, requiring much attention. The furnace grates failed. During wartime, parts were difficult to obtain. After two years consideration (price and parts’ availability), an oil furnace was purchased. Shrubbery and ivy had to be trimmed and trees cut. The Men’s Church Repair Committee built a walkway for the choir in 1947.

In 1954, Deacon Paul Ritch, serving as Rector, organized a St. Philip’s Men’s Club. The church women prepared dessert and coffee for their regular meetings. They began by cutting trees on the church property. A men’s “Welcoming Group” greeted visitors. They planned stew suppers. It might be noted that only men served as ushers and lay readers. Although a few women were elected after 1936, all men communicants were eligible for Vestry election. *(Photo: Bromfield Property and Little Rectory, built 1951.)*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays

29 Jeff Hunt	1 Rebecca Peele	3 Rob Field
29 Ruth Anderson	1 Rebeccah Rojas	3 Johnny Martinez
29 Kathryn Polmanteer	2 Brandon Smith	3 Mary Douglass Kimble
29 Angela Emerson	2 Pat Whaley	
31 Nan Lee	2 Jayne Chapman	

Anniversaries

29 Mark and Janine Isabelli

30 Elliott and Emily Walthall

31 Russ and Mimi Pomeroy

04 Frank and Rosemary Duckworth

WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. PHILIP'S

Join us each week at our services of Holy Eucharist!

- Sundays, 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*spoken*)
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*with music*)
- Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II (*College Walk Senior Living Community Chapel*)
- Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (*Chapel*)



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OUR VISION: *Rooted in God's word and guided by Christ's example, St. Philip's Episcopal Church will be a loving, inclusive community committed to living out Christ's commandments.*



OUR MISSION: *Guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and informed by Scripture, tradition and reason, we will:*

- *Learn and teach by word and example how God continues to be at work in the world and in our lives;*
- *Love and serve all people as Christ loves us;*
- *Grow in faithful stewardship of the resources God has given us; and*
- *Celebrate joyfully this faith in our life, worship, prayer, and service.*

