St. Philip's Church

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Christ's Entry Into Jerusalem. Peter Paul Rubens, 1632. Musée des Beaux-Arts, Dijon, France.

PALM SUNDAY

LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND HOLY EUCHARIST APRIL 13, 2025 • 10:30 A.M.



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest,
to all who mourn and long for comfort,
to all who struggle and desire victory,
to all who sin and need a Savior,
to all who are strangers and want fellowship,
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
to all who have been blessed and wish to give thanks,
and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord.

Palm Sunday is unique in having two Gospel readings. Originally there were two distinct liturgies. The palms were blessed and the Triumphal Entry Gospel was read outside of the church building. The door of the church represented the gate through which Jesus entered the city.

The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the reading of the Passion Gospel in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. The emphasis of the liturgy turns to the days that lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail Jesus as King one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting, "Crucify him!"

2019 Book of Common Prayer

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare on St. Theodulph

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

THE INTROIT

The Simplest and the Best

arr. Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,

Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang:

To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,

The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,

The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,

Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest," that ancient song we sing.

For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.

Now may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice.

And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Text: Jennette Threlfall (1821-1880). Music: Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953) ©2014 St. James Music Press. Used by permission.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The People standing, the Officiant says,

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

People Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Officiant Dearly beloved brethren, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by penance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Officiant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Remaining standing, the Officiant says

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest reads the Triumphal Entry Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.

^{19:29} When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.

Priest Let us pray.

Remaining standing, the Officiant prays

We praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with thy blessing, we humbly beseech thee, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his Name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

All sing the processional hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 62 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodulph

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels are praising thee on high; And mortal men, and all things created make reply. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went: Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise: To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text: Melchior Teschner (1684-1635), pub. 1615. Music: St. Theodulph. c. 820; Translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866), 1854

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People kneel.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy 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 be made partakers in his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The People are seated for the reading of God's Word.

THE LESSON Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand and sing the hymn.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark all the tribes Hosanna cry;

Thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky

Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;

The Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;

Bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868). Music: Winchester New, adapted from Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

Luke 23:1-49

The People **are seated** for the first portion of the Passion. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

¹ Then the whole company of them arose and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." 3 And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." 5 But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place." 6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. 9 So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. 10 The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 11 And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. 12 And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with

each other. ¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. 15 Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶ I will therefore punish and release him." ¹⁸ But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—19 a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. 20 Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, 21 but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" 22 A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. 24 So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. ²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross,

to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

[The congregation stands]

³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an

inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." 44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

[Silence is kept]

⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

THE SERMON

Contemplation of These Mighty Acts

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

THE NICENE CREED

All stand and say in unison

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneeling, the Celebrant or other person appointed says the following prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For Steve, our Archbishop, and Chip, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our brethren in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

The Reader concludes with this Collect.

Grant these our prayers, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands alone and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I TIMOTHY 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. JOHN 2:1-2

All stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Go, Congregation, Go!

John Antes (1740-1811)

Esther Spade, soprano

Go, congregation, go! Go and see thy Savior in Gethsemane.

There is a scene which with amaze must strike thee; there, astonished, gaze! thy Master prays.

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows!

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities,

The chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed.

Text: 18th cent. Moravian hymn, Isaiah 53:4-5 Music: John Antes (1740-1811) arr. Clarence Dickinson (1873-1969) Used by permission.

All are invited to stand and sing the Doxology.

DOXOLOGY, HYMN 189 (s. 1) And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love Unde et Memores

And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,

And having with us him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread forth to thee,

That only offring perfect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Words: The Rev. William Bright (1874). Tune: Unde et Memores, Public Domain.

THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit. People Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord. People

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do. People

All remain standing as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The People are invited to sing

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, HYMN 796

I. Merbecke, 1549

Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Remaining kneeling, all are invited to sing the Agnus Dei.

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMN 706

J. Merbecke, 1549

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion at the high altar or the standing stations in either one kind (bread only) or both kinds (bread and wine). You may stand or kneel to receive Communion. To receive the bread in the traditional way, please place your right palm over your left and the bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your mouth), or you may leave the bread in your palm and then dip it into the wine when the chalice is brought to you. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion (including children who do not yet receive) are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

The St. Philip's Prayer Team is available at this time. If you would like someone to pray with you, please see the team in either side aisle by the large doors.

The congregation is encouraged to sing all hymns.

Passion Chorale

O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn: O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn; What sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflow'r? O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heav'n adore!

Thy beauty, long desired, hath vanished from our sight: Thy pow'r is all expired, and quenched the light of light. Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace: Show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry. With thee for my salvation upon the cross to die. Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath, To mourn thee, well-beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.

My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal pow'r, To hold me that I quail not in death's most fearful hour: That I may fight befriended, and see in my last strife To me thine arms extended upon the cross of life.

Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601, adapted and har. by J. S. Bach Text: Paulus Gerhardt, 1656; Tr. Robert Bridges, 1899. By permission of The Clarendon Press, Oxford

COMMUNION HYMN

The Power of the Cross

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary; Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face; bearing the awesome weight of sin; Every bitter thought, every evil deed, crowning your blood-stained brow.

Refrain: This, the power of the cross; Christ became sin for us; Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head; Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the victory cry. *Refrain*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds for through your suffering I am free; Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live; won through your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross, Son of God, slain for us: What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us and we remember The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you eat and remember; The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.

As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The People join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

After the blessing, all are invited to stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 71 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended Herzliebster Jesu

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee! 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offer'd; The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffer'd. For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, Not my deserving.

Music: Johann Crueger, 1640 Words: Johann Heermann, 1630; Tr. Robert Bridges, 1899

> There will not be a receiving line today. The congregation departs in silence.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

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Tamara Dallery, Sara Forbes

Lector

Chloë Huddleston

Chalice

Bill Stafford, Clark Hanger, Guv Gottshalk, Lowell Grosse, Tammy Gottshalk, Gerry McCord

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Acolyte Mentor

Clay Hershey

Acolytes

Rose Fitzgerald, Tilley Fitzgerald, Charlotte Freer, James Ray, Josh Ray

Altar Guild

Elizabeth Bowles, Lindsay Long

Flower Guild

Jane Jilich, Tamera Dengler, Garden Frampton, Ashley Jackson, Liza Layfield, Nancy McGowan, Jody Millis, Elizabeth Strickland, Kristin Tishman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Second Sunday Choral Evensong is this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. All are encouraged to join us for this contemplative service of psalmody and prayer.

The Rector's Thursday Bible Study is now in recess and will resume in the fall. Our Wednesdays Alive! service, supper, and class is in recess this week and next, resuming April 30.

DATE CHANGE: Our April Saturday Serve will be at Star Gospel Mission from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 26. We will be working with some of the residents to spread mulch and driveway rocks, plant flowers, and do other backyard tasks to make the Mission look great. This is a fantastic project for anyone over 16 who doesn't mind getting their hands dirty for Christ.



The Lowcountry FCA Annual Banquet is at the Gaillard on Monday, April 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Come hear an incredible message from Paralympic Gold Medalist Ryan Neiswender and celebrate and support our home mission partner's ministry so that they can continue engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes in the Lowcountry. When registering, enter "St. Philip's Church" as the table host who invited you.

The St. Philip's Tea Room is May 5–9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily. The Tea Room Committee is now very gratefully accepting your donations for the gift shop (the sooner the better so that Cassie Nagel can work on the fabulous gift shop layout!)—and volunteer sign-up is open! Whether you prefer to make desserts at home or wish to join us in the dining room, kitchen, or gift shop, we hope you will consider giving us a little bit of your time. We need many volunteers to make the week successful. Visit saintphilips.church/ **volunteers-tea-room** or scan the QR code at right to sign up!



St. Philip's Academy is currently accepting 4K and 5K applications for the 2025-2026 school year! Learn more about classical Christian education and submit your child's application at saintphilips.church/st-philips-academy. Questions? Email Primary School Director Trisha Reese at stpacademy@stphilipschurchsc.org.



Important Dates:

- April 27 ~ Youth Confirmation (during the 10:30 service, reception to follow)
- June 3 ~ Red Cross Blood Drive (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)
- June 9–12 Vacation Bible School (VBS, registration opens after Easter)
- June 13 Diocesan Night at the Riverdogs (register at adosc.org)

For further details and for registrations, please visit saintphilips.church/events To receive our email newsletter, please visit saintphilips.church/newsletter

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

This Afternoon

4:00 p.m. Second Sunday Choral Evensong

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday (April 14–16)

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (in the Chapel)

Note: Wednesdays Alive! service/supper/class in recess this week and next

Maundy Thursday (April 17)

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Note: Rector's Bible Study in recess until the fall

Good Friday (April 18)

12 noon Good Friday Liturgy

Weather permitting:

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper (in the Parish Hall)

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (on the Parish House lawn)

Note: The church office will be closed on Good Friday.

Easter (April 20)

6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(on the Parish House lawn, weather permitting)

9:00 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist* (in the church, overflow in Parish Hall)

11:15 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist (in the church, overflow in Parish Hall)

Note: No Sunday school, Rector's Forum, or Children's Church on Easter.

The church office will be closed Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday.

*Nursery available



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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday

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The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy, Assistant for Hospitality Ministry
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