

St Philip's

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SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST
11 AM, MARCH 29, 2026

Walk with us through Holy Week to the joy of Easter:

Palm Sunday – March 29

8:30am - Holy Eucharist (Garden Close)
10:15am - Ecumenical Palm Procession (First Pres)
11am - Holy Eucharist (Church)

Holy Monday – March 30

12pm - Holy Eucharist (Church)

Holy Tuesday – March 31

12pm - Holy Eucharist (St. Titus')

Holy Wednesday – April 1

7pm - Tenebrae service (Church)

Maundy Thursday – April 2

6pm - Agape Meal (Parish Hall) *
7pm - Worship with foot washing (Church)
8pm-8am - Keeping Watch (Church) *

Good Friday – April 3

12-1pm - Way of the Cross (Church)
1-3pm - Church open for prayer
7pm - Good Friday Liturgy (Church)

Holy Saturday – April 4

9am-1pm - Between Death and Resurrection (The Trees) *
8pm - The Great Vigil of Easter (Church)

Easter Sunday – April 5

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist (Church)
10 am - Egg Hunt & Festive Reception (Garden Close)
11 am - Holy Eucharist (Church)
Light festive reception to follow

All week (closed Wednesday)

10am-6pm - Stations of the Cross (The Trees)

More details and RSVP*
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Easter at
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Walking with Christ
Journey through Holy Week at St. Philip's

Welcome!

Palm Sunday

Welcome to St. Philip's! Our procession with palms and branches enacts the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, when the crowds shouted 'Hosanna!' (Save us!) and gathered along his route to give thanks for God's promises to deliver them from everything that oppressed them. The palms are joy and the longing for freedom made visible, waved because our praise cannot be still. Yet planted within that joy is a premonition of the sorrow and pain that will follow only a few days later.

Bathrooms are in the parish house (in hallway outside parish hall).

Social time available after all services:

Following 8:30am: Parish Hall & Garden Close

Following 11am: Social hour in parish hall

Visitor cards can be found throughout the campus.

If you're here for the first time, please fill out a visitor card! Put your completed visitor card in the offering plate, or hand it to one of our clergy after the service.

Please ask if you need help – we'll make sure you find the right place.

Worship & Formation

Sundays

8am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Chapel</i>)
9am	Holy Eucharist for all ages (<i>Parish Hall</i>)
10am	Adult Forum (<i>Parish Hall</i>) Children's Formation (<i>2nd floor</i>) Youth Formation (<i>Lower level</i>)
11am	Holy Eucharist with choir (<i>Church</i>)
12:30	Social Hour (<i>Parish Hall</i>)

Wednesdays

5:30pm	Holy Eucharist (<i>Chapel</i>)	
5:30-6:30	Dinner (<i>Parish Hall</i>) →	
6-6:25	Family Choir (<i>2nd floor</i>)	
6-6:45	Intermediate Handbell Choir (<i>Lower level</i>)	
6:30-7	Junior Choir (<i>2nd floor</i>)	
6:30pm	Engage! Adult formation (<i>Library</i>)	

Worshipping with Children

Children are welcome at all services. We know kids wiggle and make noise – that's okay! Tips for engaging children in worship: Sit where they can see what's happening and point out what's happening during the service; help your child follow along in the bulletin; and bring quiet toys that are special for church. If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to walk them out and encourage them to come back and try again. Know that you probably notice your child's noises and wiggles more than anyone else.

Children's worship materials are available in the parish hall and church.

Nursery

8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

First floor, off of Parish Hall

Infants – kindergarten

Please sign your children in and out of the nursery. You'll be asked to complete a registration form if it's your child's first visit.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The people gather outside the church in the grassy area by the large stone cross.

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

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Assisting Minister then reads from the Gospel of Matthew, the story of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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

The Celebrant blesses the palms.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give 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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Assisting Minister Let us go forth in peace.

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

The Celebrant continues,

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people process, holding and waving palm branches and singing the following song.

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 stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.
 Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

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

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

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

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

Anglican Chant by James Turl (1802-1882)

The congregation sings the antiphon where indicated; the choir sings the verses

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

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

There is a green hill far away

Hymnal 167

Please stand as you are able.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 through 5. The first system covers the first five lines of the first stanza, and the second system covers the first five lines of the second stanza. The music ends with a double bar line.

1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a ci - ty wall,
2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,
*3 He died that we might be for - given, he died to make us good,
*4 There was no o - ther good e - nough to pay the price of sin,
5 O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And we must love him too,

1 where our dear Lord was cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.
2 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.
3 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his pre - cious blood.
4 he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heaven and let us in.
5 and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Horsley*, William Horsley (1774-1858).

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All may be seated. Please follow the reading in the Passion leaflet.

Sermon

The Rev. Gabe Lamazares

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor bids the prayers.

The Leader and People pray responsively,

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for all prisoners, especially those in the Durham County Jail, **Joseph, Freddy, Isaiah, Brett, Darius, Patrick, Brandon, Julio, Ricardo, Alexander.** In our parish we pray for **Anne, Coye, Erin, Claudia, Cal, Lisa, Nilda, Diane, Nick, Angie, Diane, Karen, Lily, Sam, Becky, Federico, Lindley, Michele, Brenda, Clara, Kappy, Robert, Giles, Mark, Ciara, Charlotte, Sandy, Carol, Madison, Sylvia, Mike, Frances, Beth, Dory, William, Jennifer, Annette, Justin, Rowena, Sarah, Samuel, Mitali, Louise, Donna, Seth, Lisa, Dorothy, Sharon, Aileen, Margot, Phil, Jim, Eileen, Gwen, Dan** and for those we name either silently or aloud, (*pause*).

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes,

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

The Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people and celebrant greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Greetings and Announcements

The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant continues with the offertory sentence.
Please stand as the bread and wine are brought forward.*

Offertory Anthem

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory;
it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory:
even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Music by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

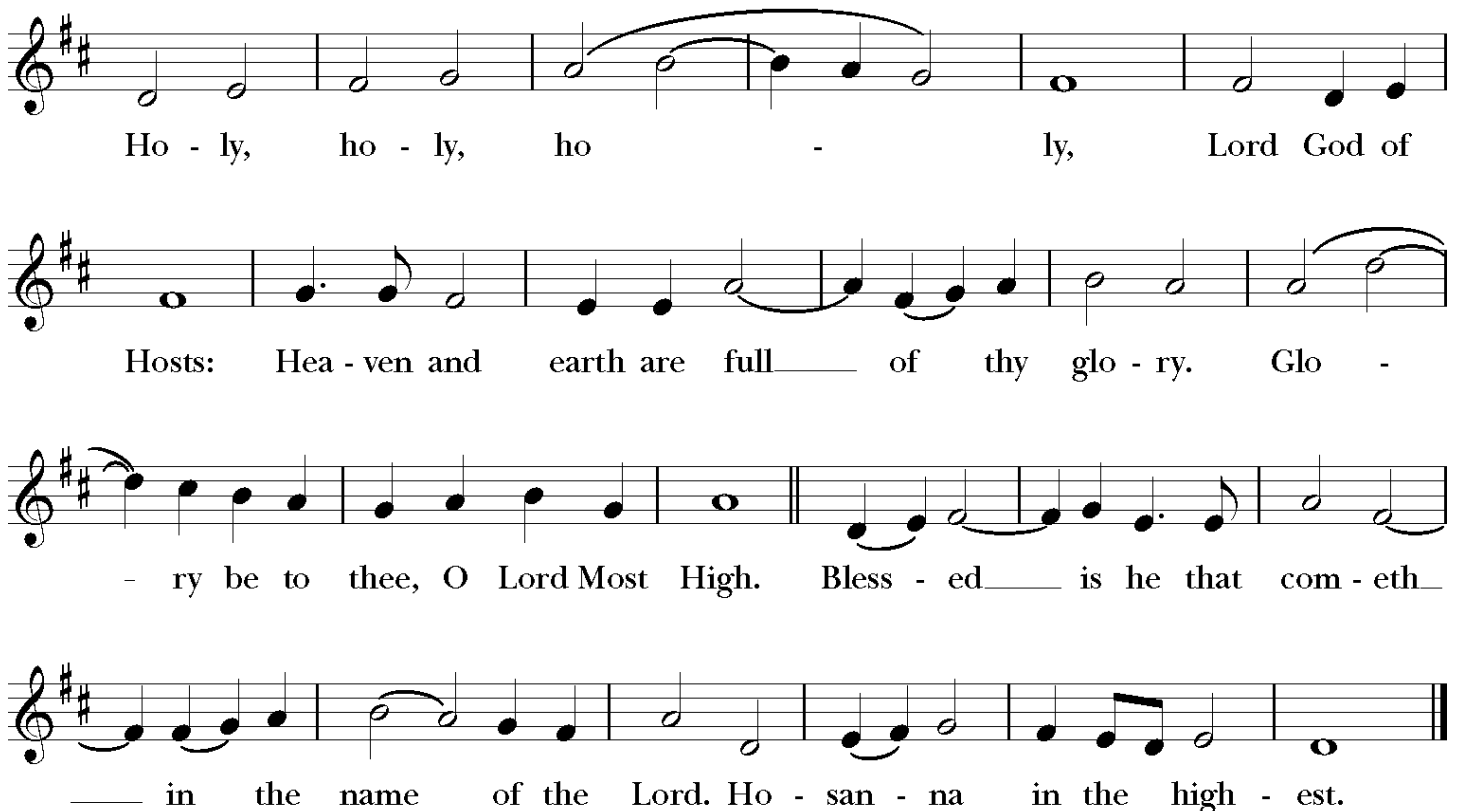
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus et Benedictus

All sing.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

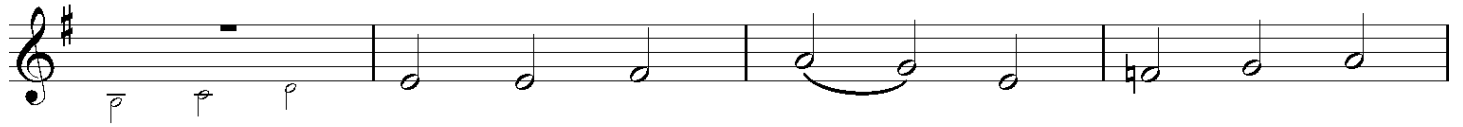
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Agnus Dei

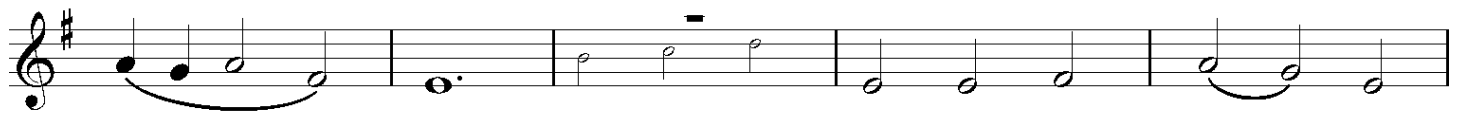
All sing.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -



way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. O Lamb of God, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have



mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is offered in the form of bread and wine. To receive bread only, open your hands, where the priest will place a wafer (gluten-free wafers available).

Wine is offered through sipping from the cup or intinction by the chalice bearer.

If you would like to receive a blessing in place of communion, please come forward to the altar and place your hands across your chest.

To drink from the cup, first consume the bread. When the chalice bearer approaches, gently guide the cup to your mouth. For intinction, the chalice bearer will take the bread, dip it in the wine, and place it back in your hand.

Communion Motet

Music from Stabat Mater by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)

Stabat mater dolorosa
Juxta Crucem lacrimosa,
Dum pendebat Filius.

At the Cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful Mother weeping,
close to her Son to the last

Communion Hymn

My song is love unknown

Hymnal 458

Due to copyright restrictions, a digital image of this hymn is not available.

Please enjoy listening to the music.

1. O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed,
 2. Thy beau - ty, long de - sir - ed,
 3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion
 4. What lan - guage shall I bor - row
 5. My days are few, O fail not,

1. - de - filed and put to scorn;
 2. - hath van - ished from our sight;
 3. - my heart to share doth cry,
 4. - to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 5. - with thine im - mor - tal power,

1. O king - ly head sur -
 2. thy power is all ex -
 3. with thee for my sal -
 4. for this thy dy - ing
 5. to hold me that I

1. round - ed with mock - ing
 2. pir - ed, and quenched the
 3. va - tion up - on the
 4. sor - row, thy pit - y
 5. quail not in death's most

1. crown of thorn; what
 2. light of light. Ah
 3. cross to die. Ah,
 4. with - out end? Oh,
 5. fear - ful hour; that

1. sor - row mars thy grand - eur? Can
 2. me! for whom thou di - est, hide
 3. keep my heart thus mov - ed to
 4. make me thine for - ev - er! and
 5. I may fight be - friend - ed, and

Hymn continues

1. death thy bloom de - flower?
 2. not so far thy grace,
 3. stand thy cross be - neath,
 4. should I faint - ing be,
 5. see in my last strife

1. O coun - ten - ance whose splen - dor
 2. show me, O Love most high - est,
 3. to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed,
 4. Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er,
 5. to me thine arms ex - tend - ed

1. the hosts of heav'n a - dore!
 2. the bright - ness of thy face.
 3. yet thank thee for thy death.
 4. out - live my love for thee.
 5. up - on the cross of life.

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Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

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 Solemn Prayer

The Assisting Minister says,

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.

Closing Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross

Hymnal 474

Please remain kneeling.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After the procession, the people depart in silence.

Worship Leaders

Lectors

John Sommerville
Marcus Southern

Intercessor

Donna Rewalt

Eucharistic Ministers

Amanda Harrison
Bob Walker

Ushers

Freda Tucker
Ashley Njai
Carol Linden
David Kneeburg

Livestream Support

Paul Keys

Crucifer

Henry Sommerville
Trot Sappenfield

Torch Bearer

James Irvén-Moore
James Sommerville

Verger

Bill Pierson

Alto

Vanessa Bak
Carolyn Coolidge
Erica Jackson
Kimberly Slentz-Kesler
Caroline Whitaker
Valerie Wettlaufer

Tenor

Mitchener Howell
David Smith
Gabe StClair
Del Wigfall
Chase Taylor

Choir

Soprano

Sarah Ázeline
Julie Bennett
Erin Conn
Laura Nichols
Rebekah Shamberger

Bass

Michael Adams
Jacob Groff
Jack Mitchell
Johnny Reis
Alex Smith

What's Happening at St. Philip's

Bring Easter Sunday Nibbles!

Easter Sunday, April 5 • 10am
Sign up to bring an Easter dish to share

This year, we're taking a different approach to our Easter Sunday receptions. Chef Tonya rightfully spends Easter Sunday with her family, so we are reimagining our usual brunch. Instead of a full meal, we'll share Easter nibbles at 10am. Let's all pitch in and have a festive time together!

Sign up to bring a dish (pimento cheese sandwiches, deviled eggs, fruit, veggies & hummus, or biscuits), or to help with set-up & clean-up. Food can be dropped off on Good Friday (9am–3:30pm) or Holy Saturday (9am–12pm).

Sign up: [Tinyurl.com/EasterNibbles](https://tinyurl.com/EasterNibbles)



Sunday Forum A/V Volunteers Needed

Sunday Forums often include slides, videos, and Zoom participants – and we're looking for a few volunteers to help with simple A/V and tech setup on Sunday mornings. Training is available; experienced volunteers will walk you through how everything works. If you're interested in supporting the Sunday Forum, contact Gabe at gabe@stphilipsdurham.org.

Snag a nametag

If you've requested a nametag, look for it 1–2 weeks later in the breezeway vestibule, and remember to wear it on Sundays. Visitors (and anyone who forgot theirs) can use a temporary nametag. Planning to return? Sign up here or at any nametag station.

Get a nametag: [Tinyurl.com/StPhilipsNametags](https://tinyurl.com/StPhilipsNametags)



Get a
nametag

Vestry Highlights

The vestry met Monday, March 23. Here's what happened:

The vestry approved proceeding with Phase 2 of renovations this summer after reviewing last month's Sacred Spaces Committee presentation. Once funds are raised, this summer's work will include paint, plaster, and planning for future renovations.

This work is not included in the 2026 operating budget – please consider a one-time gift toward our summer renovations!



Give today: [Tinyurl.com/PaintPlasterPlanning](https://tinyurl.com/PaintPlasterPlanning)

The Episcopal Housing Ministries grant committee is developing a simple request for proposals (RFP), Treasurer Marcus Southern reported. The RFP will be open to the community. The committee will then review the proposals and identify one or two projects that could use the \$300,000 grant amount toward improving or preserving affordable housing opportunities.

Maryann and Gabe sought input from the vestry on this summer's worship schedule and format, as we prepare for both Maryann's sabbatical and for all services worshiping in the parish hall during renovations. We'll share more details as plans take shape.

Vestry committees began shaping their goals for the year and identifying initial next steps. The committees include Community Connection, Governance, Buildings and Grounds, Youth Programming, Outreach, Stewardship, and UMD.

Keeping Watch: Maundy Thursday Vigil

April 2 (8pm) — April 3 (8am)

Following our Maundy Thursday liturgy, we'll take turns staying awake at the Altar of Repose until 8am on Good Friday. In the ancient vigil tradition, we'll keep watch with the suffering of Jesus. Sign up at the link or QR code for a one-hour vigil shift.

Sign-up Form: [Tinyurl.com/StPKeepWatch](https://tinyurl.com/StPKeepWatch)



Keep watch

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal RSVP

April 2 • 6pm • Parish Hall

All ages are invited to a Maundy Thursday Agape Meal featuring a short prayer service, a retelling of Jesus' last meal with the disciples and biblically-inspired (think Middle Eastern) food served family-style. The Agape Meal will compliment the 7pm Maundy Thursday service. Join us for one or both!

RSVP: [Tinyurl.com/StPAgapeMeal](https://tinyurl.com/StPAgapeMeal)



RSVP

Ladies' Breakfast

This Wednesday, April 1 • 9am

Guglhupf Restaurant (2706 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd)

Inviting all ladies of every age to join us for breakfast. We meet the first Wednesday of every month to share in conversation and get to know each other beyond the "Peace" in church. Email Carol Linden at carol@effectivewithpeople.com for more details.

Old Guys' Breakfast

This Wednesday, April 1 • 9am •

Refectory Cafe (2726 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd)

Are you an old – or not-so-old – guy? Come have breakfast with our older but young-at-heart men at the Refectory Cafe this coming Wednesday. All gentlemen, regardless of age, are welcome to join us. Email John Sommerville at cjsommerv@gmail.com for more details.

April Book Group: “The Emperor of Gladness”

Sunday, April 12 • 12:30pm • Parlor

Join the book group in discussing “The Emperor of Gladness” by Ocean Vuong, a novel about chosen family, unexpected friendship, and the stories we tell ourselves in order to survive. Come whether you’ve finished the book or not!

Holy Saturday Retreat: Between Death and Resurrection

Saturday, April 4 • 9am – 1pm

The Trees (1701 Pleasant Green Rd)

Framed by the great liturgies of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, this contemplative retreat will explore spiritual themes connected with death and resurrection. What in us is dying or needs to die? What in us is coming alive or needs to be reborn? Facilitator Timothy Hinton of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at NC State will guide us.

Suggested donation: \$35

More info: [Tinyurl.com/HolySaturdayRetreat](https://tinyurl.com/HolySaturdayRetreat)

Join the Beloved Community on Circle

The diocese has created a new online community where Episcopalians across the diocese can gather to share ideas, learn from each other and find new partners in ministry. The Beloved Community of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina is built on Circle, a community platform created specifically for building spaces where those with similar interests can gather and grow. There are no ads and no algorithms, only community. The intent is to give every Episcopalian across the Diocese of North Carolina a place to connect, build relationships, work, learn, share resources and more.

Sign up: episdionc.circle.so/feed



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