



**ST. PHILIP**  
Episcopal Church

**Maundy Thursday**

**April 2nd, 2026**

**7:00 p.m.**

Welcome to worship at Saint Philip Episcopal Church.

Here are a few notes to make you feel more comfortable.

- Relax and allow your focus to be on praising God. Leave the “outside” and spend the next hour in embracing God, His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
- Above all, ask questions either in-person or through Zoom’s chat feature, if you have one. Anyone in the congregation will be happy to try and answer them.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.*

## OPENING HYMN *(standing, as able)* PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST IN THE HEIGHT H446

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| 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,<br>and in the depth be praise;<br>in all his words most wonderful,<br>most sure in all his ways!          | 4 and that the highest gift of grace<br>should flesh and blood refine:<br>God's presence and his very self,<br>and essence all-divine. |
| 2 O loving wisdom of our God!<br>When all was sin and shame,<br>a second Adam to the fight<br>and to the rescue came.                            | 5 Praise to the Holiest in the height,<br>and in the depth be praise;<br>in all his words most wonderful,<br>most sure in all his ways |
| 3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,<br>which did in Adam fail,<br>should strive afresh against the foe,<br>should strive, and should prevail; |  |

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## TRISAGION

S102

The musical score for the Trisagion consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the last two phrases. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(standing, as able)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

*People* **Amen.**

## **EXODUS 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14** *(seated)*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ] This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. 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 116:1, 10-17** (*seated*)

- 1** I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10** How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11** I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12** I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13** Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14** O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15** I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16** I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17** in the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26** (*seated*)

*Reader*            A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth.

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

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** (*standing, as able*)    **WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**    **H439**

1    **What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown  
for my soul.**

2    **To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme  
I will sing.**

3    **And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.**

**JOHN 13:1-17,31b-35** (*standing, as able*)

*Gospeller*        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** (*seated*)

*The Rev. Christopher C. Richardson*

## **FOOT WASHING** *(seated)*

*Celebrant* The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

*People* **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

*Celebrant* I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

*People* **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

*Celebrant* By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

*All who wish to come forward for the ceremony of the washing of feet are invited to do so here.*

## **UBI CARITAS** *(seated)*

**WLP831**

**Ubi caritas et amor,**

**Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM V** *(standing, as able)*

*Leader* 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.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Kristin, Ken, Nedi, and Wendell, our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For Suellen Austin- Blasingame, Father Jerome Burns and Carol Burns, Wade Franklin, Ann Kindle, Nadya Richardson, Kervyn Scipio, and Suzanne Tolbert.  
I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People** **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**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.**

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

**People** **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *(standing, as able)*

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(seated)*

**OFFERTORY** *(seated)*

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *(seated)*

FOR LOVE OF YOU

*John Carter*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *(seated)* **JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE H458**

**REFRAIN**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
Show us how to serve the neighbors  
We have from you.**

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| <p>1    <b>Kneels at the feet of his friends,<br/>silently washes their feet,<br/>Master who acts as a slave to them.<br/>[REFRAIN]</b></p> <p>2    <b>Neighbors are rich and poor,<br/>neighbors are black and white,<br/>neighbors are nearby and far away.<br/>[REFRAIN]</b></p> | <p>3    <b>These are the ones we should serve,<br/>these are the ones we should love.<br/>All are neighbors to us and you.<br/>[REFRAIN]</b></p> <p>4    <b>Loving puts us on our knees,<br/>serving as though we were slaves;<br/>this is the way we should live with you.<br/>[REFRAIN]</b></p> |
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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A** *(standing, as able)*

*The people remain standing.*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*     It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**LEVAS255**

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

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

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*           **AMEN.**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant*       Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Celebrant*       The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.*

## COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *(seated)*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Arr. by Lloyd Larson*

### COMMUNION HYMN *(seated)*

### O SACRED HEAD, SORE WOUNDED

A250

1 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'en adore!

4 What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me Thine for ever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love for Thee.

2 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.

5 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.

3 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.

### COMMUNION HYMN *(seated)*

### THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN OF PRAYER

A425

1 There's a garden where Jesus is waiting,  
There's a place that is wondrously fair,  
For it glows with the light of His presence -  
'Tis the beautiful garden of prayer.

2 There's a garden where Jesus is waiting,  
And I go with my burden and care,  
Just to learn from His lips words of comfort -  
In the beautiful garden of prayer.  
[REFRAIN]

#### REFRAIN

O the beautiful garden, the garden of prayer,  
O the beautiful garden of prayer!  
There my Savior awaits, and He opens the gates  
To the beautiful garden of prayer.

3 There's a garden where Jesus is waiting,  
And He bids you to come meet Him there,  
Just to bow and receive a new blessing -  
In the beautiful garden of prayer.  
[REFRAIN]

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*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.**

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE** *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

*Deacon*

Bow down before the Lord.

*Silence*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*People*

**Amen.**

**THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** *(standing, as able)*

*The congregation is invited to assist the Altar Guild in silence.*

**ANTHEM**

WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD

*All leave in silence.*

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*Our mission at St. Philip is to live and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to serve the needs of our local and global communities, and to support the evangelical work of the Episcopal church in the United States of America.*

**Core Values:**

- *Sustaining our foundation of faith*
- *Sustaining our roots in our African American heritage while embracing cultures and traditions of all*
- *Nurturing our young parishioners as well as the community*
- *Promoting Christian fellowship*
- *Faith-based community of inclusiveness*
- *Understanding and accepting change*

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