



MARCH 28, 2024

## Gather in Silence

## Voluntary

*O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, Op. 122/2*  
(“O World, I Must Leave You”)

Johannes Brahms  
(1833–1897)

## ✦ Call to Worship

On this day,  
**Christ the lamb of God gave himself  
into the hands of those who would slay him.**

On this day,  
**Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**

On this day,  
**Christ took a towel and washed his disciples’ feet,  
giving us an example that we should do for others  
as he has done for us.**

On this day,  
**Christ our God gave us this holy feast,  
that we who eat this bread and drink this cup  
may hear proclaim his holy sacrifice,  
partake in his resurrection,  
and at the last day may reside with him in glory.**

## ✦ Hymn 671 [\(see page 6\)](#)

*O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine*

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,  
 whose covenant with us is never broken,  
 we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.  
 Though you have bound yourself to us,  
 we will not bind ourselves to you.  
 In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,  
 but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.  
 We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.

In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.  
 Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ,  
 who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

*silent prayer*

## ✦ Response

*Lord, have mercy* | Kyrie

John Weaver  
 (1937-2021)

Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## ✦ Response

*Glory to the Father* | Kyrie

John Weaver

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the  
 Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is  
 now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men. A - men. A - men.

## ✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

**Anthem***Ubi Caritas*Maurice Durufle  
(1902-1986)*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.*Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.*Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Amen.*And from a sincere heart let us love one.  
Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Amen.– *Liber Usualis*, p. 675**Prayer for Illumination****Gospel Reading**

Matthew 26:17-29

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!****Sermon**

Holy Rhythm

John W. Wurster

*Silence and stillness*♠ **Hymn 523** ([see page 7](#))*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

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**Sacrament of Holy Communion****Invitation to the Lord's Table****Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

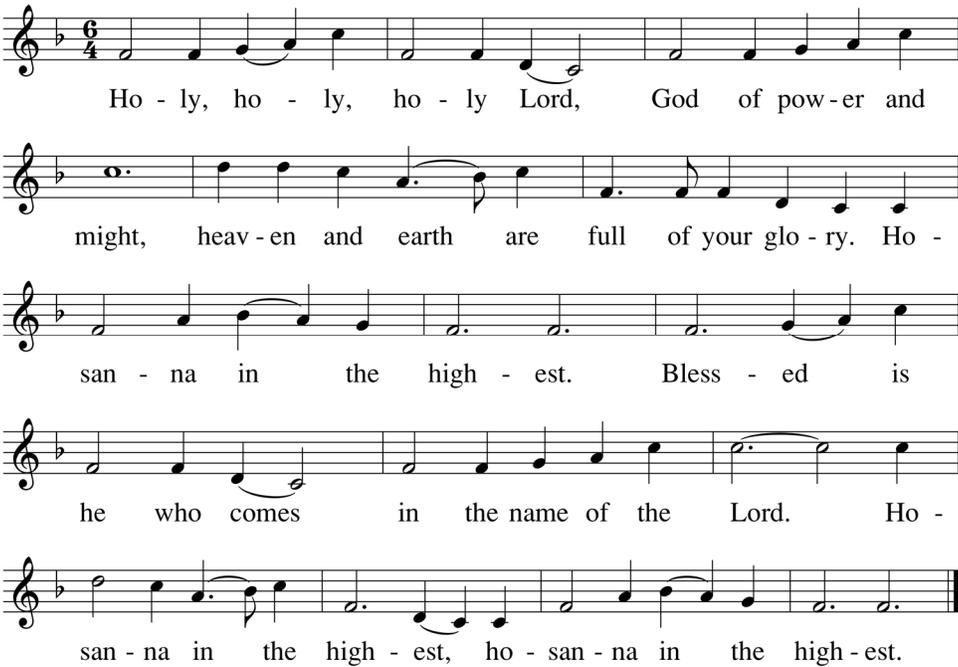
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:



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

Remembering all of your might and merciful acts. . .  
 Fill us with hope as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.  
 Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit, . . . one God, forever and ever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Hear us as we pray in the way Jesus taught:

### The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts,  
 as we forgive our debtors.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
 for Thine is the Kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of God's Gifts

### Communion of the People

*Please come forward via the center aisle, receive the bread and take a cup of juice, then return to your seat via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available.*

### Communion Voluntary Meditation on "Ubi Caritas"

Carson Cooman  
(b. 1982)

### Gospel Reading

John 13:21-38

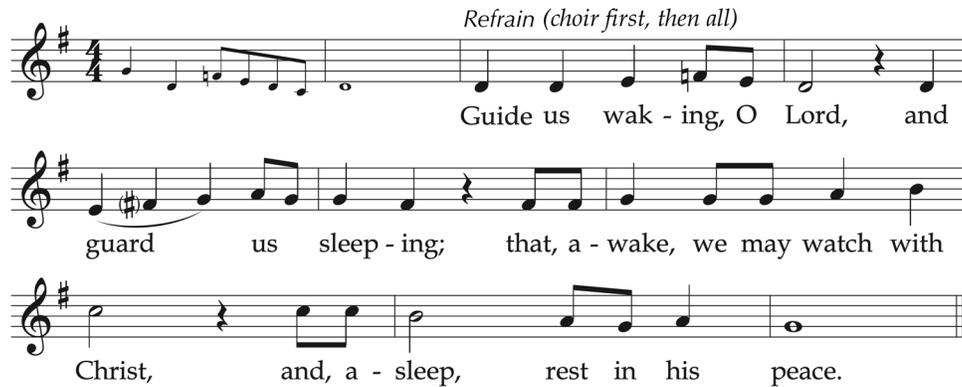
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### Stripping of the Church

*Canticle of Simeon* | Nunc dimittis

John Weaver

*Refrain (choir first, then all)*



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and  
guard us sleep - ing; that, a - wake, we may watch with  
Christ, and, a - sleep, rest in his peace.

*Cantor:*

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace;  
your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.      *Refrain – All*

### Voluntary

*Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)

### Depart in Silence

*The service continues on Good Friday at 12 noon and 8:00 p.m.*

## SERVING TODAY

### Liturgists

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

### Musicians

Matthew Dirst – organist | St. Philip Choir | Justin Langham – director of music

## WORSHIP NOTES

Through the ages, Christians have gathered on Maundy Thursday to remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples on the same night when he was later betrayed. Our word, "maundy," comes from the Latin word, *mandatum*, meaning "commandment." For on this night, Jesus said, "I am giving 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" (John 13:34-35). The stripping of the church at the end of the service symbolizes the desertion of those who shared the meal with Jesus that night.

**Today's Lectionary readings:**

- Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14—*Before the exodus, the Lord gives instructions for the Passover.*
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19—*What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift the cup of salvation.*
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26—*Paul recounts and interprets the tradition of the Lord's Supper.*
- John 13:1-17, 31b-35—*Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives a new commandment.*

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**Hymn 671***O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine*

1 O ra-diant Light, O Sun di-vine, of God the Fa-ther's  
 2 O Son of God, the source of life, praise is your due by  
 3 Lord Je-sus Christ, as day-light fades, as shine the lights of



death-less face, O im-age of the Light sub-lime,  
 night and day. Our hap-py lips must raise the strain  
 e-ven-tide, we praise the Fa-ther with the Son,



that fills the heaven-ly dwell-ing place:  
 of your es-teemed and splen-did name.  
 the Spir-it blest and with them one. A-men.

This text is a 20th-century metrical paraphrase of one of the oldest Christian hymns, *Phos hilaron* (gladdening light), dating from at least the 3rd century (see also nos. 672 and 673). It is associated with an evening service, held both in churches and in homes, when lamps or candles are lighted.

TEXT: *Phos hilaron*, 3rd cent.; trans. William G. Storey, c. 1970  
 MUSIC: Sarum plainsong, Mode IV, 9th cent.; harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1943  
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 LM  
 (alternate harmonization, 84)

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## Hymn 523

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

*Refrain* D Bm G F#m D/F# Em A D

You sat-is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat;

Bm F#m Em A D *Fine*

come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Bm G F#m G A7 Bm

- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Em A Em Em7 A *to Refrain*

so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re-joyce.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav-en-ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can-not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Submitted together, this text and tune were chosen from about two hundred entries to be the official hymn for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress held at Philadelphia in 1976. At the center of its many biblical images, the third stanza draws on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.

TEXT: Omer Westendorf, 1976

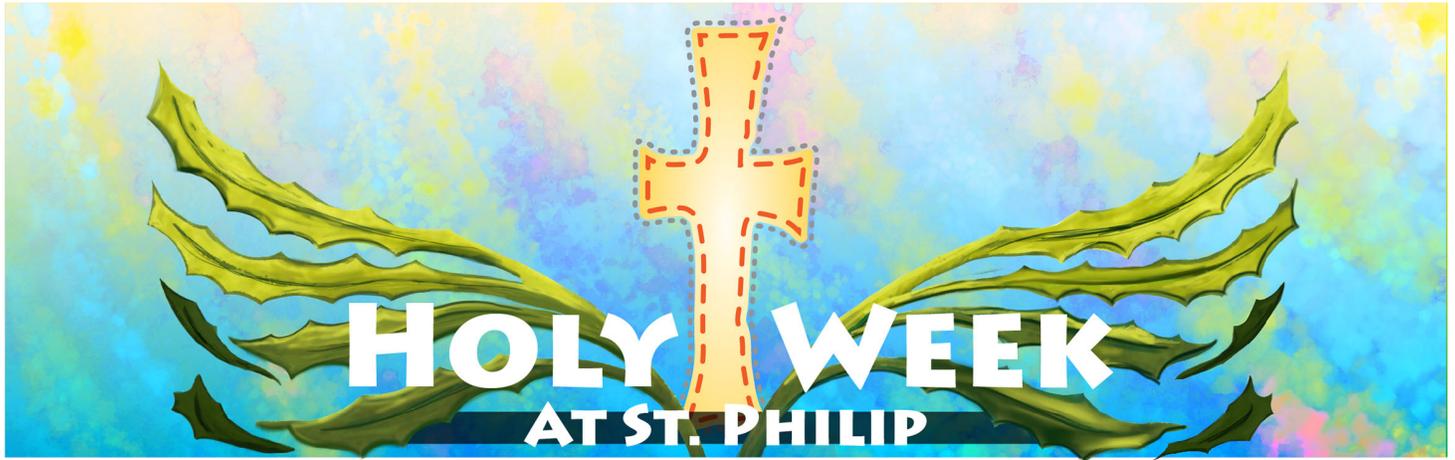
MUSIC: Robert E. Kreutz, 1976

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## GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29

**12 P.M.** | **SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG**  
WITH CECELIA DUARTE

**8 P.M.** | **TENEBRAE SERVICE OF DARKNESS**  
WITH THE ST. PHILIP CHOIR

*Musical Meditation: Godly Sorrow*

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30 | 5 P.M.**

MATTHEW DIRST, JULIA FOX, AND YVONNE SMITH

## EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31 | 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.

FESTIVAL SERVICES WITH COMMUNION,  
ST. PHILIP CHOIR, AND BRASS ENSEMBLE

**CONFIRMATION AT 11 A.M. SERVICE**  
BREAKFAST AND EASTER ACTIVITIES BETWEEN SERVICES.



### Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net).

**AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,**

**we seek to be an inclusive,  
grace-filled community,  
engaging the world with open minds,  
willing hands and generous hearts.**

**WE LONG**

**for deeper faith,  
vibrant hope  
and boundless love  
for everyone, every day, everywhere.**

**Thank you for joining us today!** We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

**A Hearing Loop** is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your "T switch" to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones.

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**Worship with us, whenever, wherever.** Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net). We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

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**I Give Electronically**—in response to parents' hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.

