11:00 A.M. | PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 2, 2023

Preparation for Worship

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.

—Henry Hart Milman, Hymn 198

Voluntary

Partita on *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*
BWV 768

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Introit

Hosanna to the Son of David

Carol McClure
(b. 1955)

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

— Matthew 21:9

✠ Opening Sentences

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
This is the day the Lord has made.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Let us rejoice and be glad.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

✠ Hymn 196 (see page 14)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

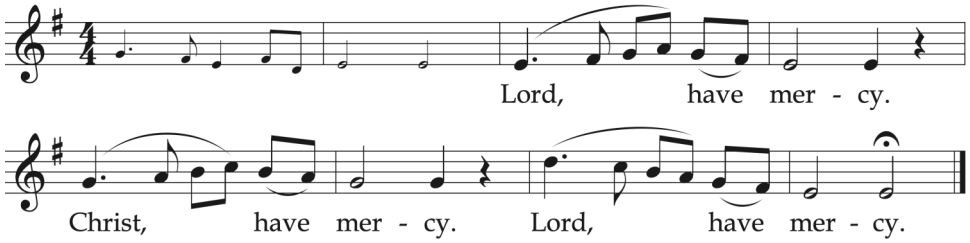
✠ Prayer of Confession

Triumphant God,
we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises.
While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes.
We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us.
We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real,
daily leading us away from you.
Have mercy on us.
Ride into our hearts with healing grace.
Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be.
Lord, save us.
Hosanna!

silent prayer

✠ Response

John Weaver



✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✠ Response

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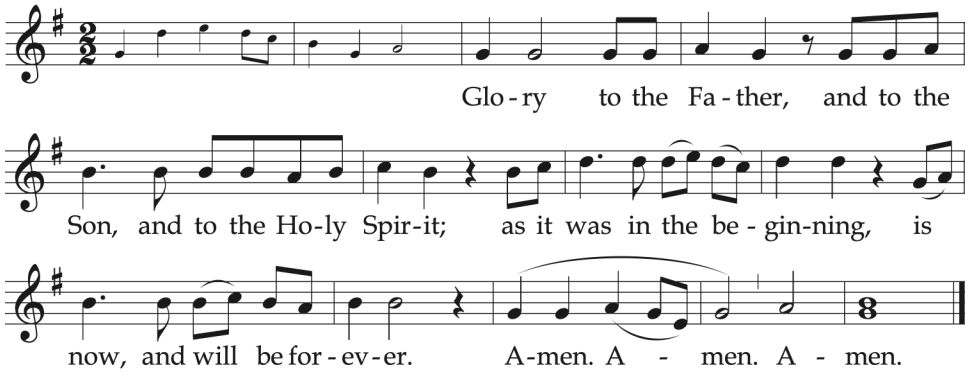


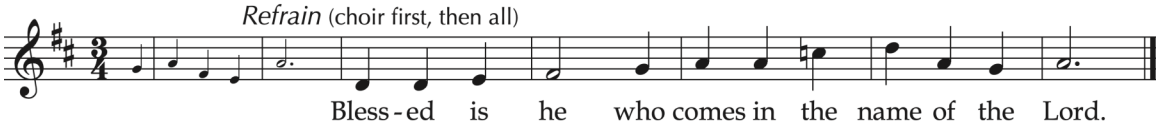
✠ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Psalm 118

Gordon Johnston



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures forever." *Refrain – all*

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
"This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous may enter." *Refrain – all*

Hosanna, LORD, hosanna!
LORD, send us now success.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD. *Refrain – all*

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11 N.T. pg. 23

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

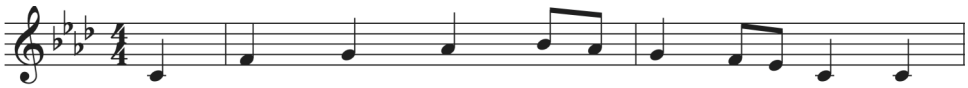
Sermon

Present Tense Faith — John W. Wurster

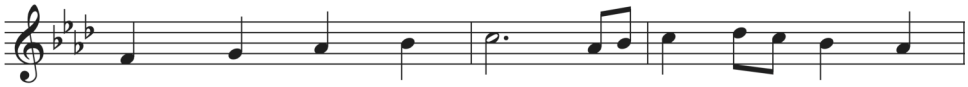
silence and stillness

✠ Hymn

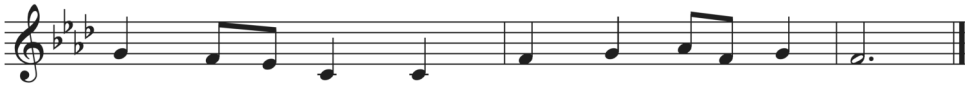
A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd — MORNING SONG



1. A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2. They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3. When day dimmed down to deep - 'ning dark the
4. Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5. In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.

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Offering

Offertory Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David — Arthur Hutchings (1906–1989)

Hosanna to the Son of David:
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

— Matthew 21:9

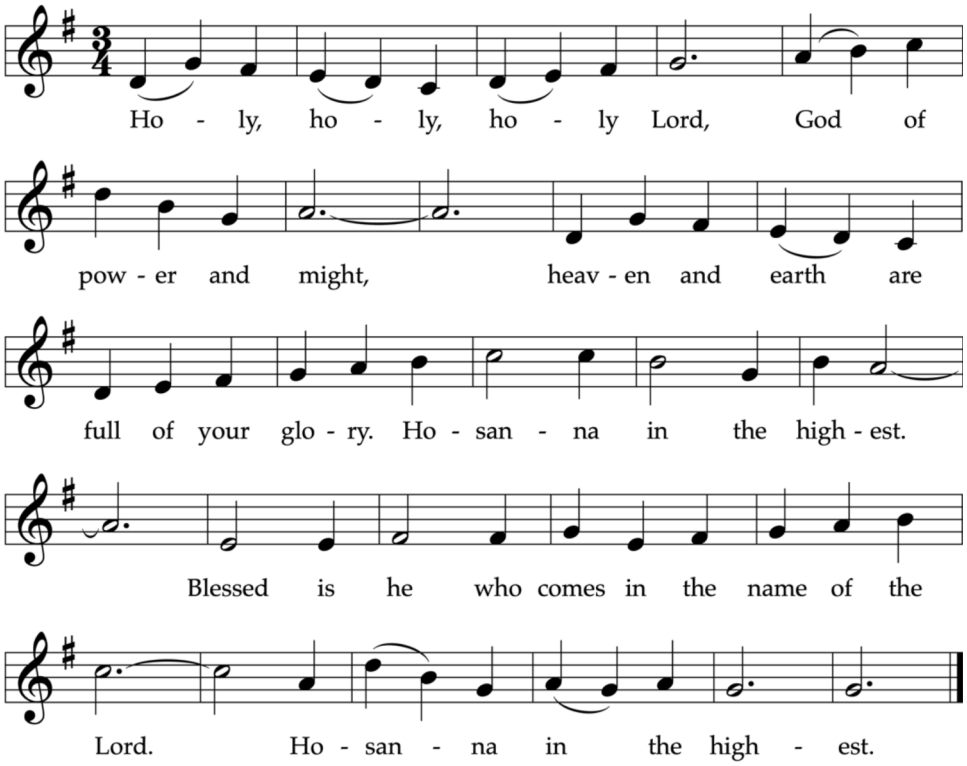
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God . . . Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:



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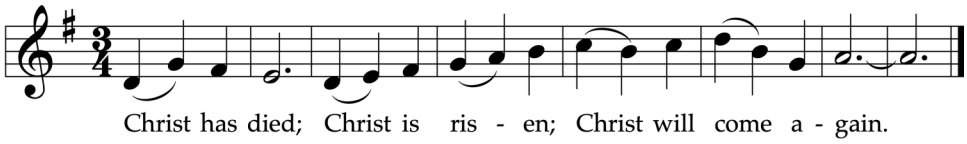
SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior . . .
We offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.



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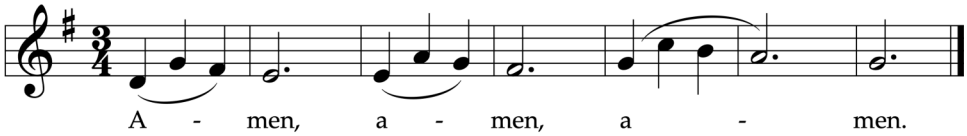
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . .
We bless you, God of glory, now and forever.



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AMEN (Pavlechko)

As the children of God, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

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 Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Communion Anthem *Jesus, So Lowly* Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth,
Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lowly, weary and sad,
Teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale,
Be this the token — love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free,
Teach me how glorious death is to be.

— words by Edith Williams (1889–?)

✠ Litany for Holy Week

Great God,
We tell your story.
We follow your footsteps.
Lead us into Holy Week.

We walk towards the city.
We wait in the garden.
Lead us onto holy ground.

We journey towards death.
We hope for resurrection.
Lead us into holy joy.

Holy One, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. Amen.

✠ Hymn 224 (see page 15) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ROCKINGHAM

✠ Charge and Blessing

Please be seated* in silence *for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

Voluntary Final Variation on *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig* BWV 768 J. S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Pastors
John Wurster | Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Liturgist
Kate Burkart

Musicians
Greyson & Elizabeth Bratton, Sadie & Ashton Fair, Mason Arnes,
Lincoln Vahora and Sydney Benard — St. Philip Children's Choir | Eliza Nicholson, director
St. Philip Choir | St. Philip Staff Singers | Matthew Dirst — organist | Randall Swanson — director of music

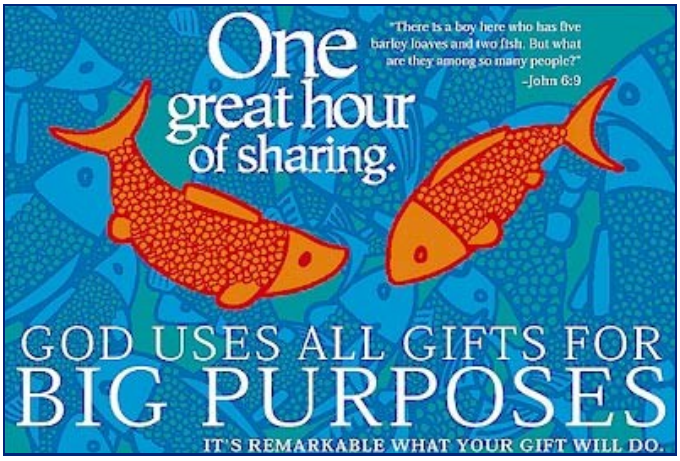
FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Orlean Anderson to celebrate all the volunteers doing God's work at St. Philip.

WORSHIP NOTES

To receive communion today, please come forward via the center aisle, for a piece of bread. The bread may be dipped in the chalice of grape juice and consumed or you may take a small cup of grape juice from the tray. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available, just ask the servers as you come forward. Those with mobility challenges may receive communion in their seats, just signal the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. Our communion offering this month supports the One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering of the PC(USA) that funds Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. You may also make a secure contribution through MyStPhilip choosing the Communion fund or by sending a check to the church office, with "Communion" in the memo line.



Today's Lectionary readings:

- Matthew 21:1–11—*Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey; the people shout: Hosanna!*
- Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29—*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

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Holy Week and Easter at St. Philip

Maundy Thursday April 6

Worship at 7:00 p.m. with the St. Philip Choir. The service concludes with the symbolic stripping of the church.

Good Friday April 7

12 noon – a brief service remembering the death of Jesus in scripture and song
8:00 p.m. – a dramatic Tenebrae service of light and shadows with the St. Philp Choir.

Holy Saturday April 8

5:00 p.m. – a musical meditation for Holy Saturday with Matthew Dirst, Cecilia Duarte, and Thomas O'Neill.

Easter Sunday April 9

Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Festival Services of Easter with the St. Philip Choir.

10:00 a.m.—Christian Education invites you to breakfast.
10:15 a.m. they will have an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn for children.
Bring fresh flowers from your yard or the store to decorate the flower cross.
Get your picture taken for the new church directory.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

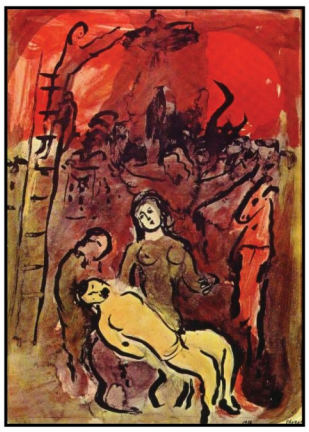
Bach's partita on the Lenten hymn tune *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig* (Hail to You, kind Jesus) is his most highly evolved work in the chorale variation genre. The work survives in a couple of different versions, with more variations ending up on the page the second time around. Unusually for his chorale partitas, this work has movements for manuals alone and others requiring pedal. Today's **opening voluntary** comprises a highly decorated treatment in two parts (var. 2) and a chaconne-like elaboration (var. 10). The **closing voluntary** (var. 11) is the most darkly chromatic of the lot, and is marked "organo pleno" (full organ).

Choral Music

Today's **offertory anthem** is by twentieth-century British composer and musicologist Arthur Hutchings, who taught successively at the University of Durham and the University of Exeter. First published in 1939, *Hosanna to the Son of David* upon first hearing sounds like music of a much earlier era, alternating between homophony and counterpoint within a relatively uncomplicated harmonic framework, and making this text come alive in its joyfulness. It's fun to sing too!

This morning's **communion anthem** is a beautifully contemplative work by American composer and organist Harold Friedell, who taught at the Juilliard School and Union Seminary, while also serving as organist and choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City. Though more of his works deserve to be heard, next to his very well-known *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*, Friedell's *Jesus, so lowly* is one of but a small number of his anthems still consistently sung. The anthem's strophic text is now the only widely-known poem by Edith Williams, who was the sister of British poet, novelist, theologian, and scholar Charles Williams (1886–1945).

—Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson



MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP PRESENTS

PILGRIMAGE AND SACRIFICE

A Musical Meditation for Holy Saturday

SATURDAY | **APRIL 8, 2023** | 5:00 p.m.

Gather with us in the stillness of Holy Saturday as **Matthew Dirst**, mezzo-soprano **Cecilia Duarte** and tenor **Thomas O'Neill** present music of meditation on the mysteries of the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Christ for voice and piano: **Benjamin Britten** – ***Canticle II: Abraham and Isaac*** (1952) • **Samuel Barber** – selections from ***Hermit Songs*** (1954) • Canadian composer **Robert Fleming** – ***The Confession Stone: Songs of Mary*** (1968) with texts by African American poet **Owen Dodson** • plus keyboard works by **Bach** and **Brahms**.

FREE
Program duration about one hour

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Homebound—Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Ellen MacDonald; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolf; George and Larraine Scott; Sondra Sullivan; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians— Rosebud Wiese Kirby – friend of Tina Bryan; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Carol Gilliland - friend of Orlean Anderson; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Clayton Amacker—friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: **deacons@saintphilip.net**

It's Easter candy season!

The Equal Exchange table will be in the Gathering Area **TODAY** from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. for all your Easter basket (and other!) needs. We will offer our usual selection of chocolate bars, including the darker varieties that are so good for us! (One exception is the Panama bar, which has been found to contain cadmium. Watch this space for when it will be offered again.)

We will also have the coffees, teas, other chocolate products, and olive oil that you love to have in your own kitchen or give to others.

We continue our longstanding support of the Brookwood Community by decorating the chancel for Holy Week with Easter lilies.

We invite you to contribute to our flower fund and dedicate a lily to someone this Easter. Donations may be made for any amount either through our website—saintphilip.net, choosing the Flowers/Holiday fund option from the menu; or by sending a check to the Church Office. If donating online where the memo line is limited in the number of characters, please e-mail Lorrie Castle (lorrie@saintphilip.net) with the details of your dedication, including your name and the person(s) being honored and/or remembered. Similar information should be included with mailed checks. Mailed dedications should arrive by **APRIL 3**. Thanks for your help in continuing this holiday tradition!

The list of donors and memorials/honors will appear in the bulletin and the Philip-Eye following Easter.

EASTER LILIES Donation of any amount

I/we would like to make a donation to purchase lilies to adorn our chancel during this Easter season.

Donor—your name(s) (Please print legibly)

In honor of:

In memory of:

*Please place envelope in the offering plate or return it with your **payment** to the church office by April 3. Use additional space below if needed.*

I have included a _____check, _____cash or _____will pay online.

Today in celebration of Palm Sunday, our congregation has partnered with the Presbyterian Hunger Program to use Eco-Palms—a branch truly worthy of celebration.

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PALM SUNDAY IMPACT

From Jerusalem, to Petén to Sunday Palm in Minnesota. The tradition has survived for almost two thousand years. After the entry of Jesus, the symbol of the palm branch was solidified forever.

For more than 15 years, Rainforest Alliance, through USAID funding, has worked with Eco-Palms to connect faith-based communities in the United States with communities in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve to provide palm fronds for Easter week celebrations.

Uaxacatún and Carmelita are two of the communities in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve that harvest, prepare and package the palms for Eco-Palms and the Holy Week celebrants in the United States. They have benefits year after year from the generous connection made through this program.

Community members are proud of this durable relationship which has helped improve the livelihoods of families in these forest communities and helped them protect Central America's most important rainforest.

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Some of the **benefits** are:

1. Introduction of women to the xate palm industry
2. Waste was reduced by 50%
3. Income for farmers was doubled
4. Xate palm was certified by FSC (Forest Stewardship Council)
5. A forest management work plan was implemented
6. Switched to a greener business model

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Sofia Hernandez and Reina Valenzuela are two of the many women who have been benefited from working in the xate palm industry. Granting them to provide higher education to their children.

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821 new jobs for men

346 new jobs for women

53 Technical coaching

34 Trainings and workshops

5 Learning exchanges

How your continued support through Eco-Palms has transformed our communities

- Healthcare & Access to medication
- Workers Comp. - prevention and safety
- Education & scholarships for children
- Food Safety
- Trainings / continued learning and development
- Improvement of work conditions
- Quality control certification
- Support for the church

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

GODLY PLAY (Age 3-Kindergarden) — Room 104

ELEMENTARY (Grades 1-5) — Room 105

YOUTH (Grades 6-12) — Room 205

SPa (St. Philip Adults) – Room 200—All adults of any age are welcome to participate - grab some coffee and join us. There is no need to prepare or purchase materials for class, so come as you are able.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201—This class meets from **9:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. Church & Society will not meet Easter Sunday, **Apr. 9**. **Apr. 16** - Climate Confidential: A Life of Climate Advocacy - Presented by Mark Wenzler - Director of Chautauqua Climate Initiative. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:
churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We are continuing our study of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 2 Kings with the story of Elisha and the fate of Jezebel in Dr. Robert Alter's Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets (2013). Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn. The Children's Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday during the 11 o'clock service children will be able to participate in this.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

LAMBETH STUDY–Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at:
keatan@saintphilip.net.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets at 9:30 a.m. A hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphlip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP— Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office conference room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Apr. 13** we will discuss *The Maid* by Nita Prose. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at:
nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints – 2nd Mon. of each month @ 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Circle – 3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m.
Thursday Evening Circle – 1st Thurs. of each month @ 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 5 - SUMMER LECTURE SERIES - Please plan to join us on Saturday, **Aug. 5** for St. Philip's annual Summer Lecture Series. This year's speaker will be the Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network and author of the recently-published book, *Following Jesus in a Warming World -a Christian Call to Climate Action*. More details to come. Please contact Omar Rouchon with any questions.

April 23 after 11:00 worship
Spring Potluck Picnic on the Lawn
Earth Day Celebration
Details in April 4 Philip-eye

TALKING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT-The 225th PC(USA) General Assembly passed six important environmental overtures. The Presbyterian for Carbon Dividends Team has created a resource to learn about these significant policies.

- What exactly do the overtures encourage/advocate for?
- What direction do the overtures suggest for Presbyterians as individuals, groups, or congregations as they determine their path forward?

April 8—10 a.m. – 12 Noon
In-person or Zoom

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, 4881 W Panther Creek, The Woodlands, 77381. Please contact Cinda Hitchcock to receive further information and the Zoom link. cchtx@att.net

GUIDED TOUR OF ST. PHILIP—We probably all know where the Sanctuary is, but do you know where the Choir Room is? Or the Children's Chapel Room? Or the Pastors' Offices? The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites anyone interested—and especially those who may be newer to the St. Philip community—to join us in a short walking tour of the St. Philip campus, beginning at 9:30 on **Apr. 23**. We'll visit the key spaces where we worship, serve, learn, and share fellowship. You'll also hear a bit about some of the activities of our congregation, like our community gardening, Arts & Crafts Studio, or where the Presbyterian Women meet? Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to St. Philip or not. You'll get to know your church home better, and there will be yummy treats to enjoy!

When: 9:30 am, Sunday, **Apr. 23**
Where: Meet in the Gathering Area, the open space with tables near the Sanctuary.

MY NAME IS... Everyone has problems sometimes remembering names. It is so nice to see name tags to jog the memory. If you do not have a St. Philip name tag, please email the church at welcome@saintphilip.net or call the office (713-622-4807) to request one. Also, please check the boards in the narthex to see if you have one and didn't know it. They are alphabetical with the last name.

Youth Families on Good Friday
Friday, April 7
Come to church for dinner, Easter prep, and worship!

6:30-Fajitas for the family
7:15-stuff Easter eggs for Sunday hunt
8:00-Tenebrae Worship
Meet in the Dining Room

A Day at Austin Seminary

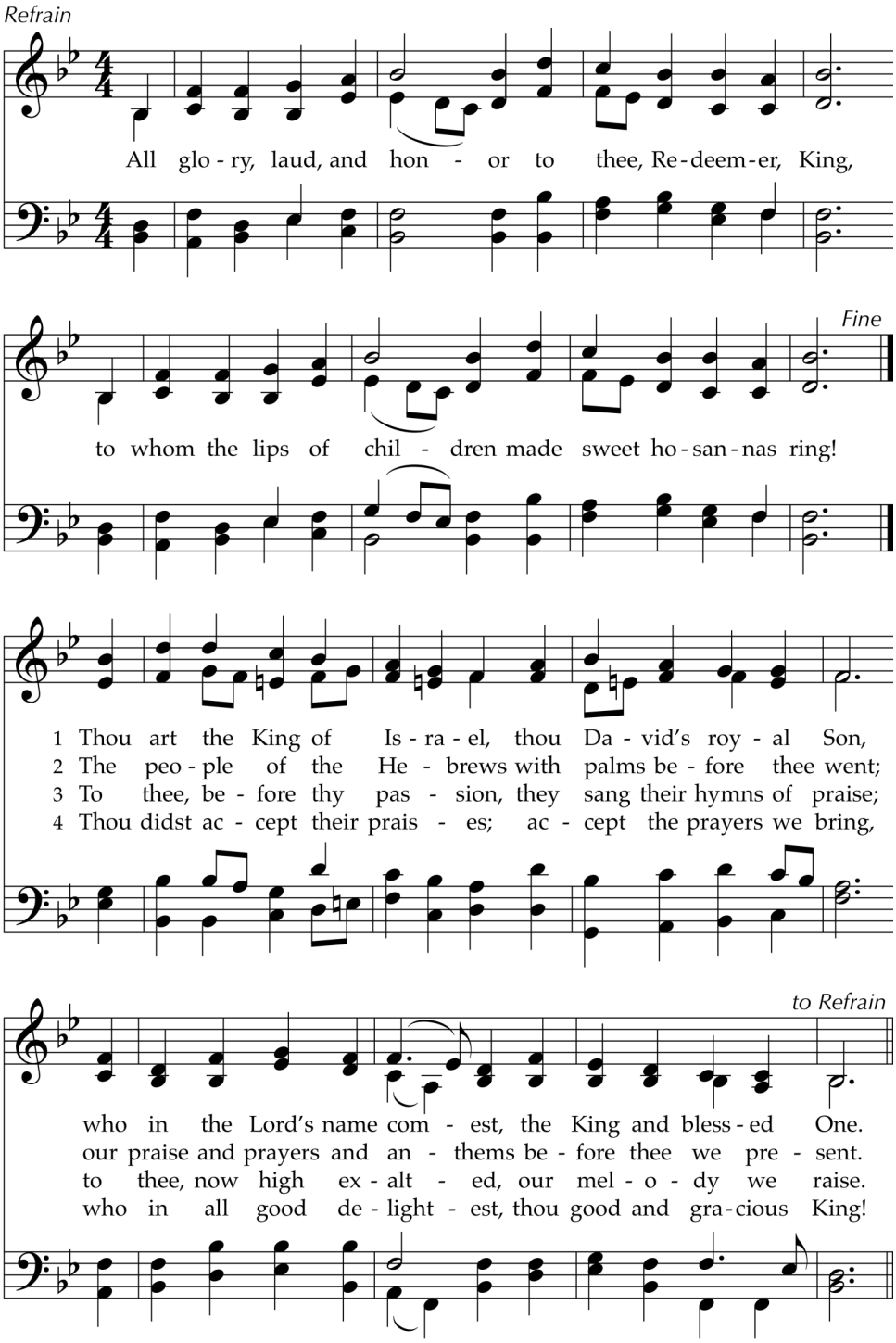
April 18, 2023

Join us for an up-close and personal experience of this beloved community which for more than a century has educated and formed leaders for Christ's church. We will depart from New Hope Presbyterian Church in Katy at 8:00 a.m. and depart for Houston at 3:30 p.m. Highlights of the trip include:

- Worship with the Seminary community, including the debut of a new hymn by Dr. Mary Louise Bringle who will be present in worship
- Lunch with Austin Seminary students
- Faculty lecture with Professor Ángel Gallardo
- Conversation with President Irizarry

To sign up or receive more information about the trip, contact Omar Rouchon at omar@saintphilip.net Last day to sign up to attend campus visit is April 3, 2023.

Hymn 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt. VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861 7.6.7.6.D

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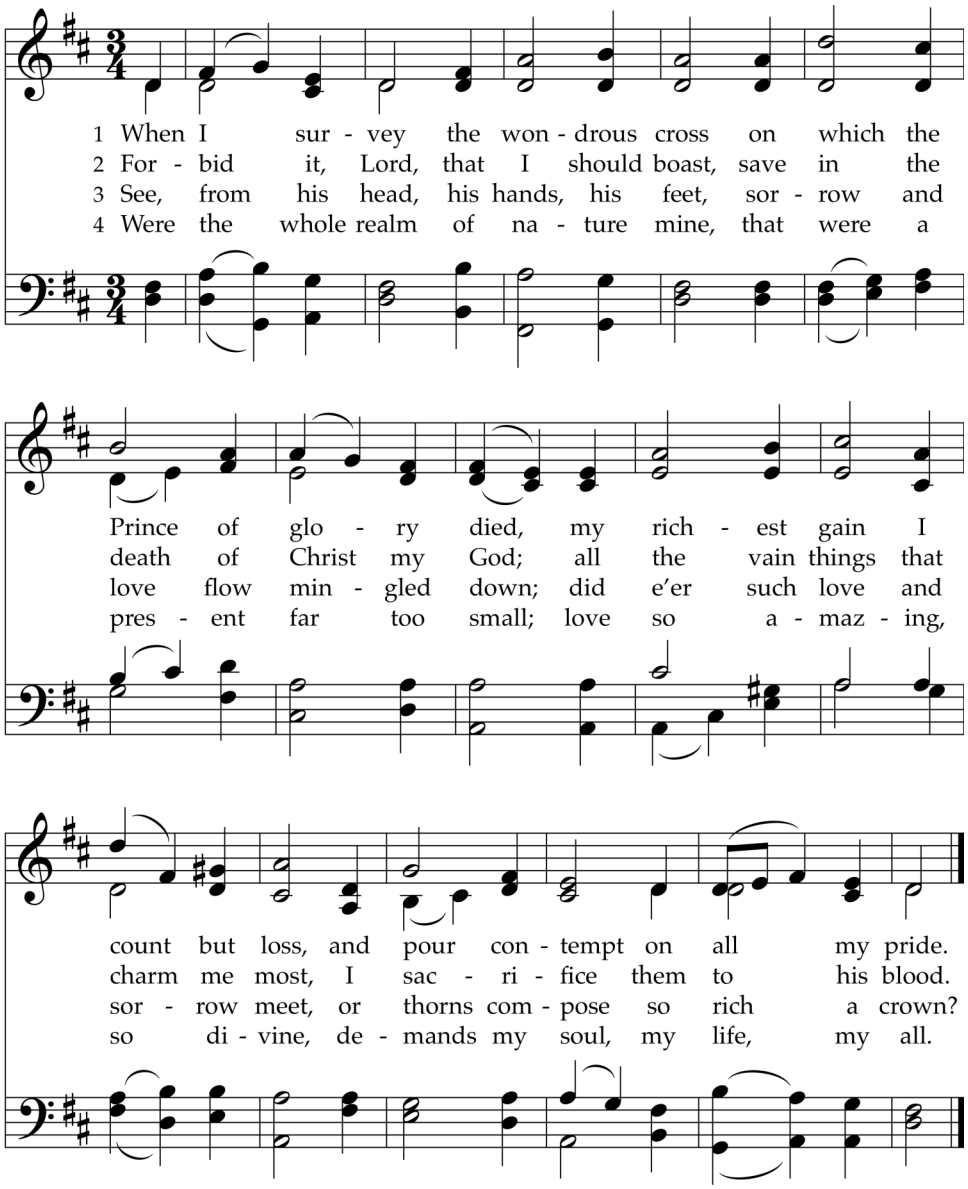
Hymn 224 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ROCKINGHAM



This carefully crafted text from the beginning of the 18th century conveys much the same intensity and vividness as a miniature painting of Christ's crucifixion, and this lyrical and dignified tune reinforces the sense that time stands still while we share such meditation.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707 ROCKINGHAM
MUSIC: *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature,* 1783; harm. Edward Miller, 1790 LM

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ST. PHILIP
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship at St. Philip
Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphlip.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.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

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. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY'S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to lorrie@saintphilip.net.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at 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.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

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.