



APRIL 2, 2026

Gather in Silence

Voluntary

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622
("O Man, bemoan your great sin")

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

✠ Call to Worship

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

On this night,
Christ took a towel and washed his disciples' feet
to show us how to love and serve one another.

On this night,
Christ our God gave us this holy feast,
that we who eat this bread and drink this cup
may proclaim his sacrificial love.

On this night,
Christ the Lamb of God gave himself
into the hands of those who would slay him.
Let us follow him to Calvary,
so that we may partake in his resurrection,
and at the last day may reside with him in glory.

✠ Hymn 215 [\(see page 5\)](#)

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE

✠ Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ,
you host us at your Table,
but we choose to sit elsewhere.
We reserve sumptuous tables, not sacrificial ones.
We handpick guests without wondering who you would ask.
We gossip then laugh.
We're embarrassed to pray.
Remove our sins from us, O Lord,
and ready us to gather at your Table
and rely on your gospel alone.

silent prayer

♣ Response

Justin Langham

Lord Je - sus Christ, Lamb of God, Have mer - cy on us. — Lord

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Je - sus Christ, Lamb of God, — Have mer - cy on us.

♣ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

♣ Response

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.**

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26-14-29

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

Anthem

*Love Bade Me Welcome*Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
 But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
 Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lack'd anything.
 'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
 Love said, 'You shall be he.'
 'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on Thee.'
 Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
 'Who made the eyes but I?'
 'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.'
 'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
 'My dear, then I will serve.'
 'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
 So I did sit and eat.

— George Herbert (1593-1632)

✠ Hymn 529 ([see page 6](#))*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

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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.

On this bittersweet night, Holy God...who taught us to pray, saying...

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 Music***Ubi Caritas*Dan Locklair
(b. 1949)*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*Where affection and love abide, God is.
We are gathered in one body by the love of Christ.
Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.
Let us fear and love the living God,
And from the heart let us love each other sincerely.*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur,
Ne nos mente dividamur caveamus.
Cessent iurgia maligna, cessent lites
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.*Where affection and love abide, God is.
When therefore we are gathered in one body,
Let us be watchful that our minds not divide us.
Let hateful quarrels cease, let disputes cease
And in our minds let there be Christ our God.*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul quoque cum beatis videamus
Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus;
Gaudium quod est immensum atque probum,
Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen.*Where affection and love abide, God is.
May we too, together with the blessed, see
In glory your face, O Christ our God.
That is joy beyond measure and excellent,
Through ages of ages without end. Amen.

Gospel Reading

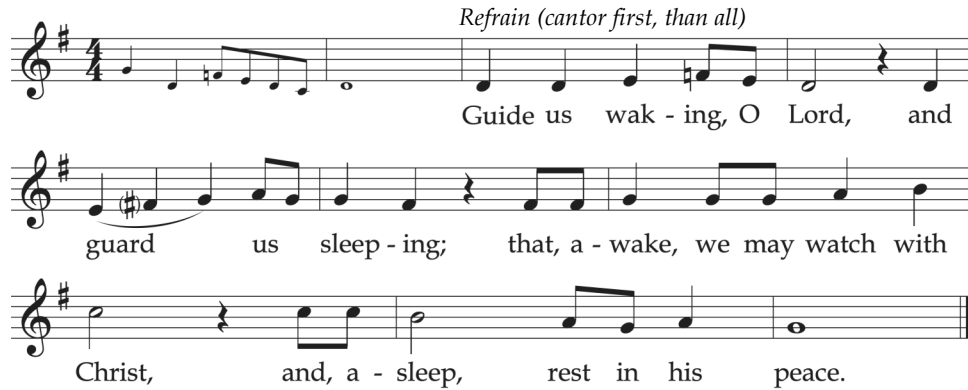
Matthew 26:30-35

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Stripping of the Church*Canticle of Simeon*

John Weaver

Refrain (cantor first, than 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

Depart in Silence*The service continues on Good Friday at 12 noon and 8:00 p.m.***SERVING TODAY****Liturgists**

Omar Rouchon | Keatan King

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | David Le, baritone | 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:

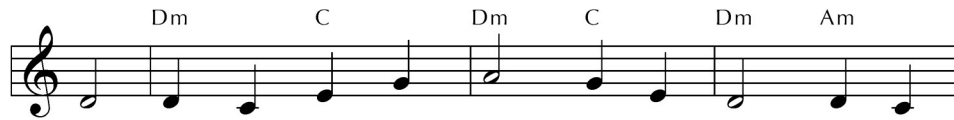
- Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14 – *Before the exodus, the Lord gives instructions for the Passover.*
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 – *What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift the cup of salvation.*
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 – *Paul recounts and interprets the tradition of the Lord's Supper.*
- John 13:1-17,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

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Hymn 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811
 MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1965
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Hymn 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

TEXT: Percy Dearmer, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957

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HOLY WEEK AT ST. PHILIP



GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3

12 PM | SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG
WITH CECELIA DUARTE

8 PM | TENEBRAE SERVICE OF DARKNESS
FEATURING THE ST. PHILIP CHOIR

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4 | 5 PM

ST. PHILIP PRESENTS MARCO ROSANO'S "STABAT MATER,"
A 20TH-CENTURY WORK WRITTEN IN THE BAROQUE STYLE,
FEATURING MEZZO-SOPRANO, CECILIA DUARTE,
ACCOMPANIED BY ORGAN AND STRING ENSEMBLE.
MATTHEW DIRST, ORGANIST & JUSTIN LANGHAM, CONDUCTOR



EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5 | 9 AM & 11 AM

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

BREAKFAST AND EASTER ACTIVITIES BETWEEN SERVICES.

**PLEASE BRING FLOWERS FOR THE TRADITIONAL
FLOWERING OF THE CROSS OUTSIDE
THE SANCTUARY ON EASTER SUNDAY.**



[GUEST BOOK]

Welcome to Worship at St. Philip
Please register your attendance by
scanning the QR code or by visiting the
Live Stream tab at 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.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 AM–12:30 PM. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery has returned to the Education Bldg. and can be accessed from the hall off the Gathering Area 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 BULLETINS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

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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 AM Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. 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, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at denise@saintphilip.net.



[MAKE A CONTRIBUTION]

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Director@stphilipdayschool.org.

Lost & Found—did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.

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.



Nametags—Please wear your nametags not just in the sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible moment! Those returned tags will be