

APRIL 6, 2023

Gather in Silence

Voluntary

Heartfelt Love I Have for Thee, O Lord
HERZLICH LIEB HAB ICH DICH, O HERR

Johann Ludwig Krebs
(1713–1780)

✠ 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 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain

Musical notation for the Refrain, consisting of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

Verses

Musical notation for the Verses, consisting of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God. bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly. praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry. The piece ends with a double bar line and the words 'to Refrain'.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

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MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985
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CRUCIFER
10.10 with refrain

♣ 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.

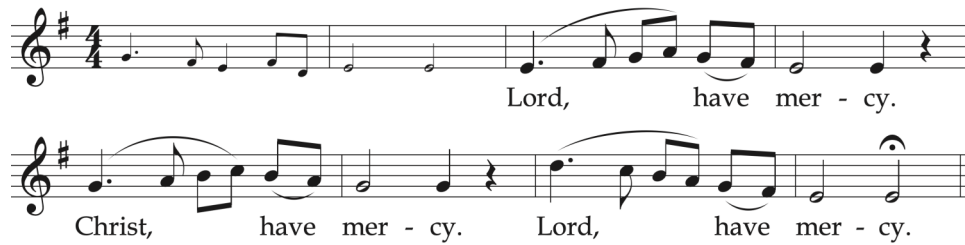
In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.
Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ,
who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

silent prayer

✦ **Response**

Lord, have mercy | Kyrie

John Weaver
(1937-2021)



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

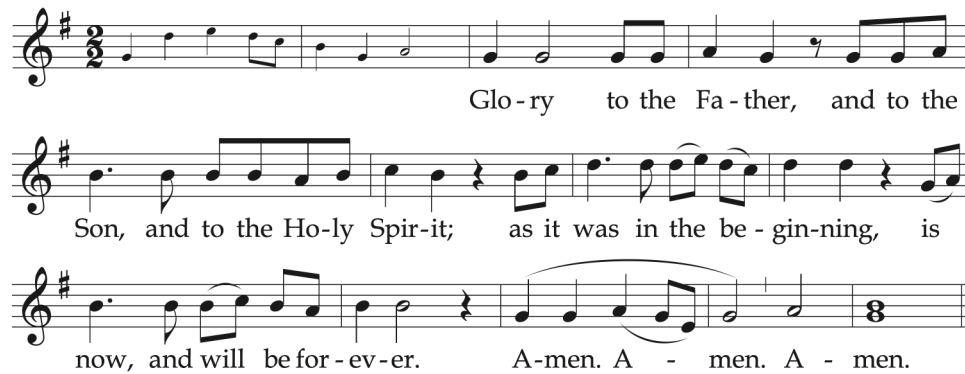
✦ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

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

I Give You a New Commandment

Peter Nardone
(b. 1965)

I give to you a new commandment,
a new commandment I give to you:
that you love one another as I have loved you.

<i>Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.</i>	Where there is true love, God is there.
<i>Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.</i>	The love of Christ has brought us together as one.
<i>Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.</i>	Let us rejoice and take delight in it.
<i>Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum,</i>	Let us fear and love the living God,
<i>et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.</i>	and with a sincere heart let us love one another.

– words from John 13:34-35 and the *Liber Usualis*

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:17-29

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

Sermon

Love Wins

John W. Wurster

Silence and stillness



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

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 MUSIC: English folk melody

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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.

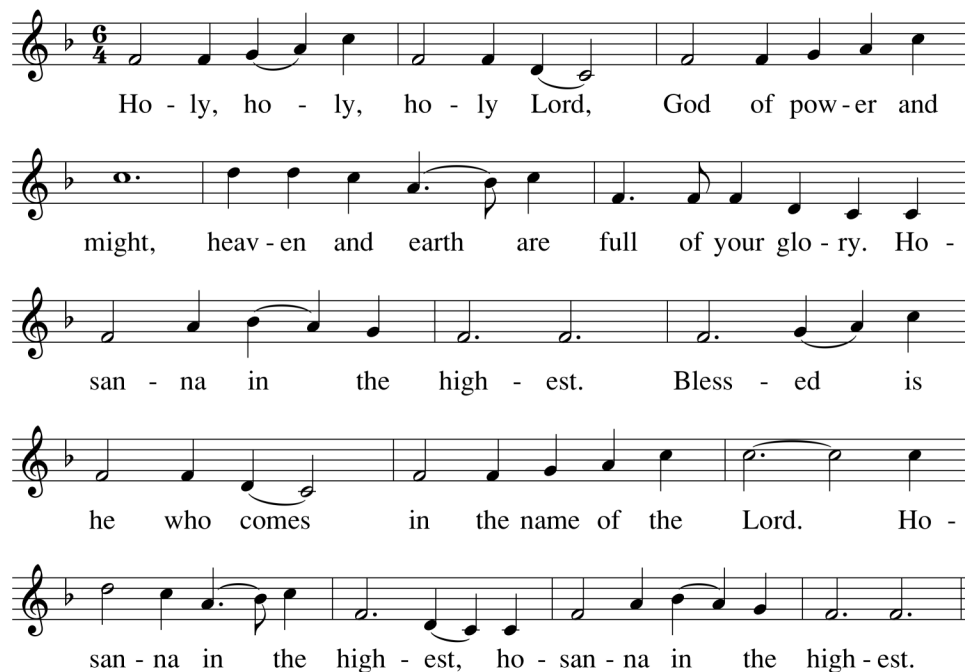
Lift up your hearts.

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 Motet

Ave verum corpus

Geoff Weaver
(b. 1943)

SUNG IN LATIN	TRANSLATION
<i>Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum, in cruce pro homine, cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine. Esto nobis prægustatum mortis in examine.</i>	Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for humankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be for us a foretaste (of the heavenly banquet) in the trial of death.

Gospel Reading

John 13:21-38

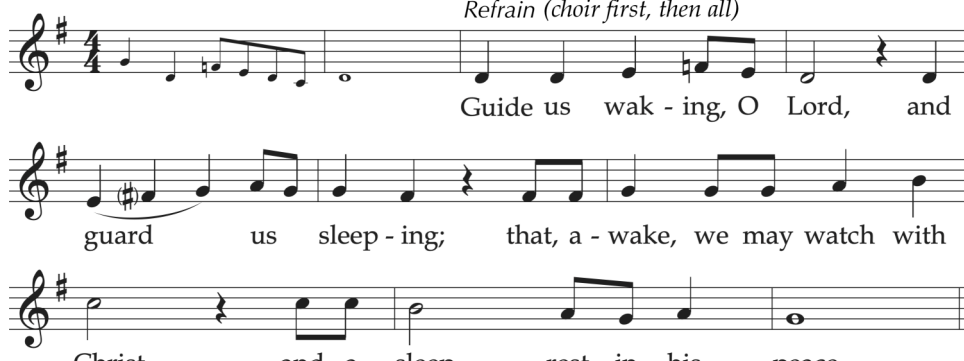
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Stripping of the Church

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

St. Philip Choir | Cecilia Duarte – cantor
Matthew Dirst – organist | Randall Swanson – 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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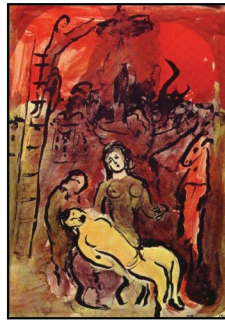
Good Friday Worship – **April 7** at 12 noon
A brief service remembering the death of
Jesus in scripture and song.

Good Friday Worship – **April 7** at 8 p.m.
A dramatic Tenebrae service of light and
shadows with music
from the St. Philip Choir
The gathering darkness represents the
Passion of Jesus.

Easter Sunday Worship – **April 9** at 9 a.m.
and 11 a.m.

Identical Festival Services of Word and
Sacrament with John Wurster preaching.
Breakfast available between services.

April 23 – Spring Potluck Picnic and Earth
Day Celebration



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**.

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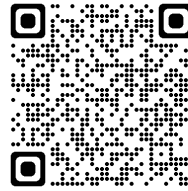
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AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,
we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.

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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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.

