

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29, 2026
9:30 a.m.

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

– Mark 11:9

Welcome!

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*We begin Holy Week by celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
We sing and shout and wave palms.*

Prelude

Chaconne in G Minor, BWV 1179

J.S. Bach

At the 9:30 service, children are invited to join the Procession of Palms which takes place during the Opening Hymn. Gather in the Narthex, outside the Sanctuary, during the Prelude.

Liturgy of the Palms

Please stand

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

All may hold up their palms for this blessing, said by the presider.

Sovereign God, we thank you for these branches of palm.

By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son.

May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah,

And follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ
Sanctuary Choir

Acolytes

Kristin Hamilton
Dan Passe
Vale Passe

Altar Guild

Diane & Roger Beyer
Carla Helming
Beth Shoen

Notes on the Notes

The *Chaconne in G Minor*, BWV 1179, is a recently-identified early organ work of J.S. Bach that was only brought to light in recent years and received its premiere in 2025. The piece was discovered in a manuscript connected to Bach's early musical circle and has since been recognized by scholars as an authentic composition from his youth, likely dating from around 1705. Written in the form of a chaconne—a series of variations over a repeating harmonic pattern—it offers a rare glimpse into the young Bach's developing compositional voice.

The Processional Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God,

as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen

Let us proceed in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Red Hymnal #344

The congregation waves palms during the refrain

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

The minister concludes the thanksgiving:

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Greeting

The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated

Children's Message

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus

Moses Hogan

Homily

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Holy Week Meditation

Readings

Mark 11:15-19 *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

Mark 12:28-34 *The First Commandment*

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(stanzas 1 and 4)

Red Hymnal #631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Readings

Luke 20:45-48 *Jesus Denounces the Scribes*

Luke 21:1-4 *The Widow's Offering*

We Remember in Prayer ...

Mike Windsor
Kathy Adam
Jack Osberg
Karen Kleinstuber
Jane Johnson
Marlys Markeson
Greg Path
Roger Elias
Donna Sankey
Jude Ragnes
Lynn Carlson
Lynne Bachschneider

Those Grieving

Don Bushek & family,
mourning the death of his
mother, Marjorie Bushek

A Rose on the Font

As an expression of our life
together, a red rose on the
baptismal font indicates that
we have received news of a
birth and a white rose that
we have received news of a
stillbirth or a miscarriage. As
Paul writes, we "rejoice with
those who rejoice and mourn
with those who mourn."
(Romans 12:15)

To make a prayer request,
send an email to
prayers@spdlc.org.

Next Week's Scriptures

To prepare for Easter next week, please read the following scripture passages:

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

New Member Class

If you are interested in joining St. Philip the Deacon, please attend our next New Member Class:

Saturday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Register at spdlc.org/register or contact Cindy Carlson at 763-475-7115. Childcare is available. New Members will be received on Sunday, April 19.

Hymn

When the Poor Ones

Red Hymnal #725



1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;
2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
when ex - spect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing:
when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:



We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

Readings

Matthew 26:1-4 *The Plot to Kill Jesus*

Matthew 26:6-13 *The Anointing at Bethany*

Matthew 26:14-16 *Judas Betrays Jesus*

Offering

Psalms 32

Celina Kobetitsch

Congregation sings refrain as indicated



In your hands, O Lord _____ I com - mend my spir - it _____

Your offerings can be left in the offering plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, mailed to the church, given electronically at spdlc.org/give, or by scanning the QR code located on the back of the bulletin. Thank you for your generous support of God's mission and ministry at St. Philip the Deacon. Remember: Your gifts make a difference.

Please stand

Offertory

Red Hymnal #811

**On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!**

The Prayers . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Lord's Prayer

The people pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Benediction . . . Amen

Closing Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Red Hymnal #597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in C Minor, Op. 37

Felix Mendelssohn

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*We invite you to take your palm branch home with you
as a reminder to be prayerfully present with Christ in this Holy Week.*

Worship Schedule

Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8:15, 9:30+
& 10:45+ a.m.

+Sunday School meets.

Childcare is available at all
Sunday services.

**Join us in Fellowship Hall
for refreshments following
8:15 & 9:30 a.m. services.**

Pastors

Tim Westermeyer

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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, March 29—Palm Sunday

8:15 a.m. **Worship**

9:30[†] a.m. **Worship**

Sunday School/Sunday Friends

10:45 a.m. **Worship with**

Holy Communion

Sunday School

TUESDAY, March 31

8 a.m. Men's Discussion Group

5 p.m. Dynamic Deacons & Chancel Choir

5 p.m. Tuesday Story Time

6:30 p.m. AA Group

7 p.m. SPD Ringers

WEDNESDAY, April 1

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

9:30 a.m. SPD Bible Study

1 p.m. Caregivers Support Group

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, April 2—Maundy Thursday

7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship

7 p.m.

Sanctuary of Survivors

FRIDAY, April 3—Good Friday

5:30 p.m.

Children's Good Friday Worship

7 p.m.

Veneration of the Cross Worship

SATURDAY, April 4

10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

5 p.m. **First Light of Easter Worship with**

Holy Communion

SUNDAY, April 5—Easter Sunday

8 a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

9:30 a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

11 a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

[†] Livestreamed

"Remember finally, that the ashes that were on your forehead were created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings invariably come from old false things that are allowed to die."

—Richard Rohr

Your Gifts Make a Difference

Each year, our church orders palm branches from Eco-Palms. Through the purchase of these palms, we are able to provide a fair wage to harvesters in poor communities in Guatemala and Mexico. The palms are sustainably harvested and managed in ways that help protect important forests as well as sustainable livelihoods. Thank you for your support of this important enterprise during the most important week of the church year. Remember: Your gifts make a difference.

Did You Know

In our worship service today, we turn our attention to the life of Jesus during the first days of Holy Week.

We invite you to read the full account of these days in the following passages from the Gospels:

Matthew 21:12-26:15

Mark 11:12-14:11

Luke 19:41-22:6

John 12:20-17:26

Then, we gather again in worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter to fully enter into Jesus' journey through Holy Week.