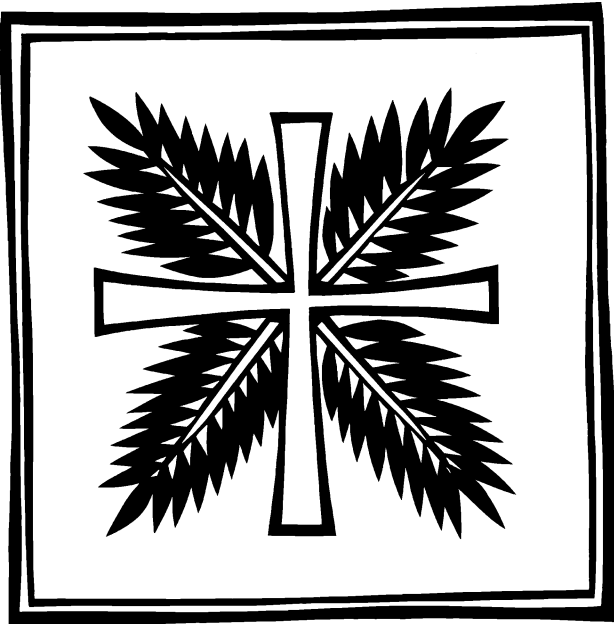


March 29th, 2026

*Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday*



*St. Philip's
Episcopal Church*
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Prayer List

Alan Clifford Brown

Lutisha Eddy

William Miles

Mary Ann Prentis

Emily

Dalea Moncrieffe

Linda Brown

Edward Herndon

Father John Paul Boyer

Melissa Isenhardt

Easter Flower Offerings

~ Thank You ~

may the flowers bring you joy for the season and commemorate
those with us in spirit

- All anonymous offerings
- Gerald and Deborah Seals
- Denise Clarke-Merriweather – In honor of Irma Clarke
- Sue Sims – Celebrating William and Barbara Sims and Frank WM.

Requests to be added to the bulletin prayer list are welcomed. Please contact the church office at 716-833-0442 or email - specbuffalo@gmail.com

Order of Service

Opening (Collect and Hymn)

Word of God (Readings and Sermon)

Prayer

Announcements

Holy Communion

Dismissal

The Liturgy of the Palms

The Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my
neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on

the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Announcements

Services for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd Service at 6:00pm – In Person and Zoom
Good Friday – Seven Last Words – April 3rd 12pm-3pm – In Person and Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 116359399 Passcode: spec
No Evening Prayer on those days (Thursday and Friday)
Easter Celebration – Service at 9:30am with Brunch to follow



St. Philp's Meat Raffle Event

Saturday May 2nd Doors Open 5PM – First Spin 6PM
Knights of Columbus 1530 Kenmore Ave
Admission \$15

Support our Musician! Alex Hamilton - Organ Recital Mini Series

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church - 4369 S Buffalo St
Tuesdays March 31st and April 7th at 7pm
Vocalist Dr. Holly Bewlay, professor of voice at Buffalo State University
Featuring Johann Sebastian Bach's 1739 *Clavier-Übung III* also known as
the "German Organ Mass"

Racial Healing Circle

April 11th 10am-1pm at the Diocesan Ministry Center - 1064 Brighton Rd
A compassionate space to share your own stories and listen deeply to others, finding
the common humanity in all of us.
Lunch is included as part of your day
Deadline to Register: April 7th
Visit <https://form.jotform.com/260833644289163> to register

Evening Prayer

Join us Weeknights on Zoom at 5pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 116359399

St. Philip's Food Pantry

Weekly every Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm
Volunteers and Donations always welcome

Union of Black Episcopalians – UBE Meeting

1st Wednesday of the month in the St. Philip's Agape Room or on Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 836 0151 0965 Passcode: UBE
NEXT MEETING: April 1st

St. Philip's Men's Club

2nd Sunday of the month – meeting after the church service at 11 am
NEXT MEETING: April 12th

Healing Hearts - Grief and Loss Support Group

Facilitator - Deacon Lillian Davis-Willson

Are you grieving some form of loss?

Come and join us on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at 6 pm
NEXT GROUP: April 14th



East Side Parkway Restoration Meetings

First and Third Thursdays, 5:45pm to ~ 7:30pm

New Location

Frank E Merriweather Jr Library - 1324 Jefferson Ave

Weekly NA and AA Meetings at St. Philip's

NA – Morning After – Weekdays from 9-11am

NA – The End of the Road – Fridays 8-10pm

NA – Back to Basics – Saturdays 5-6:30pm

AA – Fresh Start – Sundays 8pm

BOSS

Buffalo Own Smooth Steppers
Smooth Detroit-style Urban

Ballroom dance classes

Thursdays – 6-7:30pm

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Recycling at St. Philip's



St. Philip's is putting a green foot forward by collecting bottles and cans to take for the return deposit. If you would like to bring in your bottles and cans from home, we would happily accept them.

March 30th – April 5th

Monday 30th	9:00 am - 11:00 am 5:00 pm	NA Morning After Evening Prayer
Tuesday 31st	9:00 am - 11:00 am 5:00 pm	NA Morning After Evening Prayer
Wednesday 1st	9:00 am - 11:00 am 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	NA Morning After Food Pantry Evening Prayer UBE Meeting
Thursday 2nd	9:00 am - 11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	NA Morning After Maundy Thursday Service BOSS Dance Group
Friday 3rd	9:00 am - 11:00 am 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	NA Morning After Good Friday – Seven Last Words NA the End of the Road
Saturday 4th	9:30 am - 10:30 am 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Addie's Bible Study NA Back to Basics
Sunday 5th	9:30 am - 11:00 am Following the Service 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Sunday Worship Service Easter Celebration Brunch Greater Joy Church AA Fresh Start

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