



Holy Week Worship Schedule

- March 24, ***Sunday of the Passion***
9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
10:30 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion with the Blessing of Palms and a dramatic reading of the Passion according to St. Mark (led by the Rev. Michael & the Rev. Karen Tamorria)
- March 25
OFFICE CLOSED
- March 28, ***Maundy Thursday***
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7 PM Liturgy of the Last Supper with the Stripping of the Altar (led by the Rev. Michael & the Rev. Karen Tamorria)
- March 29, ***Good Friday***
7 PM The Passion and Death of Our Lord (led by the Rev. Sally Gausmann)
- March 31, ***The Resurrection of Our Lord***
8:30 AM Easter breakfast
10:30 AM The Festival of the Resurrection with Holy Communion (led by the Rev. Sally Gausmann)
(No Living in Faith Education Hour today.)



CONCLUSION OF OUR LENTEN DISCIPLINE, AND A PREVIEW OF THE HOLY WEEK TO COME: UNDERSTANDING THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES PREPARING FOR EASTERTIDE.

Many have expressed appreciation for the liturgies we observe at this most holy time of the Church. So that you can best be prepared to understand your experience this year, and perhaps share it with guests you invite, the following is offered. Please read this before you come to worship this Holy Week.

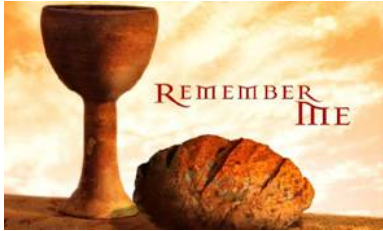
TODAY: **Sunday of the Passion**

Christ is revealed as an uncommon Messiah. The Lord becomes visibly the Suffering Servant of God, first acclaimed at His entry into Jerusalem, shortly to be despised and rejected. This day of transition ushers in Passiontide, a week full of sorrow, but leading to joyous celebration.

The climax of this holy week is commemorated in the Triduum--the "Great Three Days" preceding Easter, the Festival of the Resurrection. Easter is most fully appreciated by those who prepare to celebrate it; the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter serve this good and holy purpose.



MAUNDY THURSDAY



Maundy Thursday is named from the Latin mandatum, "command," recalling the Lord's words on this night: "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another." First we experience the completion of our Lenten penitence through absolution for which we have waited since Ash Wednesday. Then we hear the Good News in Scripture and proclamation, join in prayer, and receive the Lord's Supper, recalling that night in the upper room and His instruction, "Do this when you remember Me."

Unique to this liturgy is our singing of the penitent thief's prayer, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom." As Jesus on this night went from a peaceful gathering with His disciples to the turmoil of arrest and indignity, so we move from the liturgy's comfort to the somber remembrance of His mistreatment as we witness the stripping of the altar and hear the words of Psalm 22. In the power of this liturgy we depart in silence.

GOOD FRIDAY

We gather to honor our Lord's crucifixion with a simple liturgy, The Passion and Death of our Lord, recalling the events of that Day in Scripture and song. We also participate in veneration of the Cross, the instrument of disgrace and death transformed by the power of God into the symbol of victory for His Son and for all who believe. At the last, the Cross speaks for itself and worshippers are free to stay in prayer or depart in silence.



At Home Prayer Vigil on the Eve of EASTER

This year in place of the formal Easter Vigil or time of prayer in the church, a time of personal contemplation and prayer at home is encouraged.. You may read, meditate and pray on appointed Vigil texts, on hymns complimentary to the texts, or may prayerfully express your own private thoughts and responses regarding the Death and Resurrection of our Lord. Votive candles may be lit as an accessory to prayer.

FIRST LESSON – Genesis 1-3: The Creation and Fall

Hymn *This Is My Father's World* LBW 554

SECOND LESSON – Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13: Noah

THIRD LESSON – Genesis 22:1-18: Abraham & Isaac in Moriah

Hymn *Abide with Me* LBW 272

FOURTH LESSON – Exodus 14:10-15:1a: Israel Delivered

FIFTH LESSON – Isaiah 55:1-11: God's Invitation to Return

Hymn *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* LBW 105

SIXTH LESSON – Baruch 3:9-37: The Way of God's Wisdom

SEVENTH LESSON – Ezekiel 37:1-14: The Dry Bones foreshadow Resurrection

EIGHTH LESSON – Isaiah 4:2-6: The Cleansed Israel

Hymn *All Who Believe and Are Baptized* LBW 194

NINTH LESSON – Exodus 12:1-14: The Passover

TENTH LESSON – Jonah 3:1-10: Nineveh Repents

ELEVENTH LESSON – Deuteronomy 31:19-30: Song of Moses

TWELFTH LESSON – Daniel 3:14-29: The Fiery Furnace

Hymn *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* LBW 135

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