



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2018

*Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Christian year, and the liturgies for this week are some of the richest and most ancient. We strongly encourage your attendance during this week — you will be amazed how much richer and more meaningful Easter celebrations are when you have journeyed with Christ throughout Holy Week.*

## THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Palm Sunday is a moving and dramatic service. We move from celebrating Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on a palm-strewn way to a somber reading of the Passion story of betrayal and crucifixion.

The 9 a.m. service begins outside on the Fairmount Terrace with a procession of the palms, *weather permitting*.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

**Holy Eucharist, 6 p.m.** Chapel of the Cross

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

**Service of Foot Washing, Agape Meal & Holy Eucharist, 5:30 p.m. in Tucker Hall**

A service of foot washing and an informal celebration of the Eucharist, followed by a simple Middle-Eastern dinner hosted by the Village. *A freewill offering will be taken to defray the cost of dinner.*

**Vocal & Organ Music for Holy Week, 7 p.m. in the Nave**

**Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar & Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m. in the Nave**

Recalls the Last Supper and concludes with Tenebrae, a diminishing candlelight ritual that represents the abandonment and arrest of Jesus at Gethsemane.

## GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

**Community Ecumenical Service: *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, Noon to 3 p.m.**

Preachers from area congregations offer meditations interspersed with music by the Women of St. Paul's Senior Choir featuring *Stabat Mater* by F. Lachner. Come for all or any portion of this service.

**Journey to the Cross for All Ages, 5:30 p.m.**

This interactive service, led by children and youth, is appropriate for all ages, and takes the shape of a journey with Jesus over the last hours of his life. Join us as we walk together through the story of Christ's Passion.

**Meditation with Music, 7 p.m. in the Nave**

Karel Paukert, *organ*

**Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.**

A somber, spare service, featuring the Passion Gospel, solemn prayers for the church and the world, and devotions before the Cross. Featuring selections by G.P. Palestrina by the Men of the St. Paul's Senior Choir.

## EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY, MARCH 31

**The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter, 8 p.m.**

An ancient rite, rich in powerful symbol: the new fire and Paschal Candle are lit and the ancient hymn of praise, the Exsultet, is chanted. We begin in darkness. With the kindling of the new fire, the light of Christ again comes into the world and we hear the story of salvation history through Holy Scripture and music. The Easter Acclamation heralds Christ's Resurrection and the first celebration of Easter.

All are welcome and encouraged to experience together this rich liturgical offering. Drawn from the ancient practice of our faith, the Great Vigil offers an opportunity to experience the joy of Easter in a new way.

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

**Worship Services, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m.**



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