

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2019

*As the most sacred time of the Christian year, 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.*

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## THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14

The entrance to Holy Week, all three Sunday Eucharistic services begin by celebrating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the way to his Passion. At 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. a spirited procession with palms begins in the Rotunda and, *weather permitting*, proceeds outdoors and into the church. Once inside, the mood changes with a turn to Jesus' last days through the reading of the story of the Passion from Luke's Gospel. At 8:30 p.m. a service of Compline will be held in the Rotunda.

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

### **Holy Eucharist, 6 p.m. St. Martin's Chapel**

As is traditional, the texts of this service of Holy Communion wrestle with the hostility and humiliation Jesus endured in his Passion, and Judas' plot of betrayal.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18 — The Beginning of the Great Three Days

### **Family Friendly Service of Foot Washing, Agape Meal & Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m., Nave**

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.*

### **Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar 7:30 p.m., Nave**

This service celebrates the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus at the Last Supper, through the washing of feet, Jesus' command to serve one another, and the move toward Good Friday through the dramatic stripping away of all adornment from our worship space.

## GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

### **Community "Three Hours" Service: The Seven Last Words of Christ, Noon to 3 p.m.**

Spanning the three hours Jesus hanged on the cross, this community service includes psalms, hymns, prayers, time for silence, and diverse sacred choral works by Lotti, Mozart, Oldroyd, Pinkham, Liszt, and others. Seven area clergy persons will preach meditations on the traditional last words of Jesus on the cross. *Come for any portion of this service or for the whole three hours.*

### **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.

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

On the second and most somber of the Great Three Days, this service includes the reading of the story of Jesus' Passion from John's Gospel, solemn prayers of the church and world, and devotions to the Crucified on the Cross.

## HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

### **The Great Vigil, Holy Baptism & First Eucharist of Easter 8:15 p.m.**

Beginning near sunset, this third of the Great Three Days, this service begins by kindling a new fire outside, lighting the paschal candle as a sign of Christ's resurrection light. After sharing the light with candles, the service continues by keeping vigil while hearing in Scripture the story of God's work of salvation throughout history. Through Holy Baptism all present join with the newly baptized in renewing our own commitment to the resurrected life of Christ and then together celebrate the Holy Eucharist. *This dramatic service is approximately an hour and forty-five minutes in duration. It is the first service of Easter. A joyous dessert reception will follow. Come celebrate the resurrection with us!*

## EASTER DAY, APRIL 21

Continuing the festivities begun at the Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter on Saturday night, Easter Day celebrates Christ's resurrection with Eucharistic services at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. will include Flowering of the Font by children and youth. *Bring fresh flowers!* And at 10:10 a.m. the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the Fairmount Lawn.