



April 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday of Passion or Palm Sunday

The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

We begin our service outside (weather permitting) and then process into the sanctuary waving our palms. The service will have a dramatic reading based on the Gospel on Luke. Everyone is welcomed to join in this special day in the life of the Christian church.



April 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

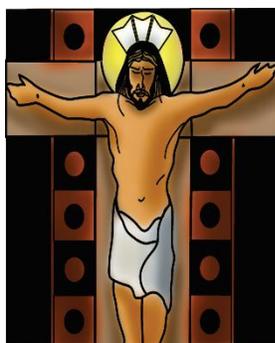
Maundy Thursday

The liturgy of the Three Days begins on Maundy Thursday with an act of confession and absolution that concludes the season of Lent and prepares everyone for the baptismal renewals of Easter. Many churches are reviving the practice of the footwashing, reiterating Jesus' sign of communal love.



Mandatum, the "command" to love, is the source of the term *Maundy*. The eucharist recalls Jesus' last meal with his disciples before his death. The lectionary's readings include both Paul's directions for the church's keeping of this meal and John's sign-and-discourse about the meaning of the meal. The

service concludes with a stripping of the worship space of all adornment in preparation for Good Friday. ALL are welcome.



April 19, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Good Friday

The service for Good Friday is taken from an early Christian service called *Tenebrae*. The name *Tenebrae* is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." In the service, we will experience only a

small portion of Christ's pain and suffering the day of His crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. At the very end, a loud noise is made (called the strepitus), symbolizing the earthquake at the time of his death (Mathew 27) and his resurrection (Matthew 28:2). The hidden candle is then restored to its place, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. By this single light we all depart this service in silence. All are welcome.



April 21, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

What is Easter anyway? Christians consider Easter to be the “first day.” From Easter comes the practice of worshipping on Sunday morning. It is the first day of the week. It is also the first day of new creation, sometimes called the “eighth day” of the week, for on it Christ restored the image of God in the human and in so doing also brought restoration and renewal to all of creation. The Easter season proceeds from and celebrates this first day. In the resurrected Christ, there is time after the end, life after death, restoration of what was broken, the brightening of what had gone dark. In the fifty days of Easter, Christian communities around the world strive to worship God in a way that illustrates that the body of Christ lives now in the heavenly places and also in the gathered body in the world. Worship is where heaven and earth meet.

We begin the Easter Service with the Bach Trio and pre-service music starting at 8:30 am. The worship begins at 9:00 am with festive music and the acclamation that **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!** It will be a morning a great music, singing, and celebration. The Easter festivities will be followed by **an Easter Breakfast at approximately 10:30 a. m.** Guests are invited as we never run out of food! Please come join us on Easter Morning!