

Holy Week and Easter Services 2021



Come Worship With Us! in the CATHEDRAL



Please note that the services listed here are subject to last minute changes.

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday of the Passion

SUNDAY 28 MARCH
with the blessing of palms
8.45 A.M.

A day of contrasts, Palm Sunday begins with joyous choruses of "Hosanna," welcoming the one who comes in the name of the Lord. The dramatic liturgy turns from joy to sorrow, from rising to dying, from fidelity to betrayal. Hearing the Passion Narrative, we turn our faces toward the dark days of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We enter Holy Week today with prayers, music, and ceremonies that would be recognized by ancient pilgrims to Jerusalem walking the way of the cross. This is not merely the story of Jerusalem two thousand years ago — it is our story, too. We have a part in this great act by which God redeems the whole of creation through Jesus Christ. Today we are part of the passion of Christ and through it we see the reality of God's saving action in our lives.

MON 29, TUES 30, WED 31
6 P.M. *in the Lady Chapel*

Lenten Devotion
Evening Prayer with a short homily
lasting approximately 45 minutes

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY 1 APRIL
6.00 P.M.

Every Christian Eucharistic meal follows the pattern Jesus instituted on this night when, sharing a Passover meal with His disciples, He broke bread and shared a cup. We join in the mystery of His promise that whenever we do likewise, we experience His abiding and redemptive presence among us. We wash one another's feet, as Jesus washed the feet of His disciple, Peter; a reminder that to follow Jesus is to serve one another. In a dramatic moment, the altar of the church is stripped bare of all its furnishings, reminding us of the starkness of what will occur on Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY 2 APRIL
9 A.M.

On this, the most solemn day of the Christian year, we remember the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the Cross. In prayers, Scripture and song, we hear God's word proclaimed and preached, experience the Cross as a focus for meditation and prayer.

EASTER VIGIL



SATURDAY 3 APRIL

7 P.M.

*A quiet contemplative service
preparing us for Easter
with lighting of the Paschal Candle.*

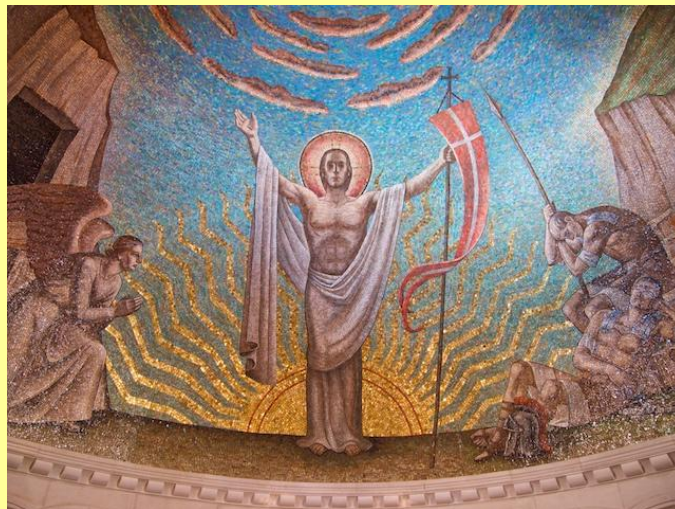
*On this night, Christ broke the bonds of death and rose victorious from the grave.
We light the Easter fire and hear the stories of God's redeeming work among God's people.*

EASTER DAY

Sunday of the Resurrection

SUNDAY 4 APRIL

9 A.M.



The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The disciples' Easter proclamation becomes our Resurrection song.
The Cathedral is transformed with joyous music and beautiful flowers,
expressions of the grace and triumph of Christ's glorious resurrection.*

*We gather this morning to celebrate the deepest, most important truth we know — that in the life,
death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has entered into our world to bring hope, healing,
and new life. Jesus embodied God's unstoppable love so completely that He became a threat to
nearly everyone around Him, and He was hung on a Cross for refusing to compromise
or set limits on that love.*

*Today the Church proclaims that death was not the last word for Him, that God raised Him to new
life, and in doing that has opened the possibility of healing and hope for everyone.*

