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This Upcoming Sunday

**Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday**

2 April 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist II-A

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Dana Carlson

Passion Readers: Alex Buckley,
Gregory Proctor, Allyn Reilly

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Tyrone
Carr

Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:
David Burton

Altar Guild: Sally Spero

Coffee Hour Host: Dana Carlson



LESSONS for Palm Sunday

Old Testament – Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm – 31: 9-16 (Sung)

New Testament – Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel – Matthew 27: 11-54

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Holy Week



Welcoming the Holy in the Week

On Sunday, churches all around the world will begin the long liturgy that is Holy Week. While we all still have the demands of our lives and jobs that week, we are also invited to make time to come close to Jesus. Just like you must make time to watch your favorite TV shows, or listen to your favorite music, or spend time with a loved one if you want to learn more about them or get to know them better, spending time with Jesus during Holy Week can help you grow closer to Christ.

One way you can do this is by attending Holy Week services. Each service is unique and will have special immersive rituals that only happen during this time of year.

Another way you can observe Holy Week is by praying the daily prayers found in the *Book of Common Prayer* on pages 220-221.

Some people spend Holy Week watching religious programs or movies or reading spiritual books.

However, as you are able, I hope you will let the holy enter into your week, and that you will feel closer to Christ.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 2, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Palm Sunday)

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Maundy Thursday)

Friday, April 7, 12:00 noon - - Good Friday

Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. - - Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Easter)

Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Looking Ahead

April 2 - Palm Sunday 10:30 am Service will begin on the porch for the blessing of the palms.

April 6 - Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm a simplified service from the Book of Common Prayer commemorating Jesus' last night before his death.

April 7 - Good Friday 12:00 we are holding this Book of Common Prayer service at the traditional time of noon.

April 8 - Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 pm this year's vigil will be an intimate worship service reflecting on the resurrection.

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. - - Celebration Concert III Dr. Gregory Crowell, guest organist.

Schedules

Coffee Hour Schedule

April 2	Dana Carlson
April 9	David Burton
April 16	Anne Walker
April 23	Alex Buckley
April 30	Lynn Greham

Taken Dates for Altar Flowers

[To Altar Flower Open Dates and Procedure.](#)

Sunday April 2

Palm Sunday

Service Starts Outside at 10:30 a.m.



As is tradition, the Palm Sunday worship service will begin outside. Please gather in the churchyard by the columbarium when you arrive for in-person service. Dress for the weather. The outdoor portion of the service will not last long. If you need to sit there are benches. We will process together into the church building where the majority of the service takes place.

Invitation to Observe Holy Week

Holy Week starts Sunday, April 2. The observation of Holy Week is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian Church and was a significant spiritual season for the earliest Christians. For them, and for us who follow Jesus today, the invitation is the same: to be with Christ by remembering his final days of ministry, life, his death, and his resurrection. Doing so can have a profound impact on our own spiritual lives and help us learn to recognize how Christ is present in our lives and how our lives can reflect Christ to the world.

Each liturgy of Holy Week is uniquely participatory. They incorporate all five of our senses and include prayers, music, and rituals that are ancient. When we pray the Exultet, strip the altar, pray the Solemn Collects, ring bells at the return of the Alleluia, we are connecting with the many Christians who have gone before us and those who come after us.

Please join us as you are able for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday - - Sunday, April 2, 10:30 a.m.

What makes it unique:

Palm Sunday begins outside with the blessing of palm branches to celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We all get the opportunity to wave the palm branches just like the people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem over

2000 years ago. We follow the cross into the church building to represent our commitment to follow Jesus, even to the cross and the tomb and look for the Risen Christ in the world.

Maundy Thursday - - Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

What makes it unique:

Maundy Thursday can have two rituals that make it unique: washing feet and stripping the altar. The emphasis of this service is the institution of the Eucharist and how for Christians we encounter the living Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. One beautiful way this is emphasized is the stripping of the altar and the washing of the altar with water and vinegar. This symbolizes the significance of the altar as our physical connection to Christ.

Good Friday - - Friday, April 7, 12:00 noon

What makes it unique:

Good Friday has beautiful prayers said only on this day. It is the day we remember all the injustice and horror of Jesus' death, and how we as individuals and society continue to reject the Love of God Jesus brings. Part of the service features a cross that will be carried through the congregation. This year, a small cross made of 200-year-old wood repurposed from the wooden frame that held a church bell gifted to Mother Deborah will be carried through the congregation. This is to symbolize the connection all parishes share no matter our location.

Great Vigil of Easter - - Saturday, April 8 7:30 p.m.

What makes it unique:

The Great Vigil is the oldest of all the church services. It has three parts: 1) lighting a new fire, to symbolize hope. 2) telling the story of salvation in the dark of the church, symbolizing what followers of Jesus do in difficult or frightening times, we remember how God is always with God's people. 3) celebrating resurrection, we bring back the exclamation of alleluia that has been missing during Lent with joyous ringing of bells.



Remember Bells on Saturday April 8

One of the highlights of the Great Vigil of Easter service is ringing bells when the word *alleluia* returns to the liturgy after its Lenten absence. You are encouraged to bring a bell from home to ring to help experience the joy and fun of bringing alleluia back to the service. It can be noisy, which is reminiscent of the earthquake mentioned in the resurrection account in

Matthew 28:1-10.

Join us at 7:30 pm for the immersive worship service that is the Great Vigil of Easter.

THANK YOU!

To the five people who joined me for the Lenten Discussions Practicing Compassion Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Our discussions were one of the highlights of the season. I hope you all will continue to look for compassion wherever you are.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

For the last Lenton Discussion the group as Mother Deborah describes it "We shared pizza (which didn't last long enough for a picture) and shared these chocolate kisses with messages of love and peace and kindness to celebrate the last official discussion on Wednesday. We called the chocolates "compassionate kisses" instead of Hersey Kisses."



Repeats & More



CrossRoads Café is closed until we find staff. If you know of someone looking for a job, please have them send an email to chogs@chogs.org or revedebwoolsey@gmail.com.

We are still selling Deeper Roots Coffee Beans. \$15 for a 1 pound bag and \$12 for half pound. Please contact Michael Luelloff at michael.luelloff@hotmail.com if you want to purchase a bag.

If you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by environmental disaster and war anywhere in the world please consider contributing to **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)** which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church. You can select which fund, such as Ukraine Crisis Response.



Contacts & Information

Contact Information

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