

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

April 2nd
8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Vesper on Wednesday

April 5th
6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 6th
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 7th
7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 9th
6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m.

We want to encourage everyone to experience the meaningful worship services of Holy Week. The whole range of emotions are present in the different worship services this particular week. If you have never been to a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday worship service, please give them a try. The services, while covering some of the difficult portions of Jesus' story, make the joy of Easter even greater. The ancient church used to look at Holy Week as a single, long worship service; let us enter into these seven days with open hearts ready to be filled with God's Spirit.

April 2, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday and Communion Sunday The worship begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as we pass out palms for everyone that we might celebrate like the crowds calling out, "Hosanna!" We also begin to develop some of the themes of Holy Week as Jesus speaks powerful words in response to those who would end his ministry to the poor and outcast. Our Fellowship Team will serve the delicious cinnamon rolls once again, after both services.

April 5, 6:30 p.m. Final Wednesday Lenten Vesper Service It is a simple service of prayer, scripture reading, and spiritual discernment. The Sanctuary is lit with candles and Pastor Scott begins the 30-minute worship with prayer, followed by a scripture reading, and then a guided meditation on the text. The scripture is the story of the "Suffering Servant" from the prophet Isaiah.

April 6, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion and Service of Tenebrae The word "Maundy" comes from Jesus' "command" to love one another given at the last supper and the word "Tenebrae" means "shadows". This night we share communion in remembrance of the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples and experience the growing shadows of the worldly powers gathering to end Jesus' life and ministry. It is a powerful worship experience featuring a choral quartet, communion, and readings telling the story of the disciples' betrayal and abandonment.

April 7, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday We hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion, through music, scripture, and proclamation. We recall Jesus' suffering and his last words. It is an emotionally moving service in which we contemplate Jesus' sacrifice for his disciples and the whole world.

April 9, Easter Sunday Morning Services at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 The 6:00 morning service begins in the dark and welcomes the sunrise as together we dismantle the black pall that covers the communion table to experience anew the joy of God's resurrection power. The twin services at 8:00 and 10:00 feature the joyful music of our Chancel Choir and the excitement of Brass accompaniment to our hymns. In each service we hear again of Mary Magdalene's discovery of the empty tombs as she witnesses to having seen the Lord! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!