

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

6:00 pm Agape Dinner in the Narthex

The Agape Feast dates back to apostolic times and is a simple meal of bread, cheese, olives, and fruit. Parishioners are asked to bring food, wine or juice to share as an example of our mutual Christian love for each other

7:00 pm The Maundy Thursday Rite

The Liturgy for Maundy Thursday is rich and focuses on two major themes. Coming from the Latin for “mandate” which means to command, “maundy” refers to the commandment Jesus gave his disciples to love each other. At this service we enact that commandment in the foot washing. After an invitation from the celebrant, people come forward to have their feet washed. We encourage you to take part in this beautiful ritual, a way of making Christ’s call to service real. The second important theme in this liturgy is Jesus’ institution of the Eucharist.

The service concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

The Watch before the Altar of Repose

During the night on Thursday, a watch is kept before the consecrated bread, the presence of Christ, his body for us. The tradition comes from the night when Jesus was praying in the garden, awaiting his arrest, and Peter, James, and John, his disciples, kept falling asleep. *Can't you watch with me even one hour?* asked Jesus. So now we take turns, each praying the hours through the night before the sacrament. Come at any hour through the night until 7 am Friday when Holy Eucharist is celebrated. Sign up in the Narthex so that each hour is covered. It is also fine to just show up.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 am Holy Eucharist

This Eucharist, from the reserved Sacrament concludes the Watch.

7:30 am Morning Prayer

12:15 Stations of the Cross

This service powerfully illustrates the journey Jesus took on Good Friday. Just as people in Jerusalem travel to places associated with Jesus’ passion and death, we move to different stations in the church. At each one we hear a brief reading from scripture and a prayer.

4:00 pm Praying the Stations with Children

On Good Friday at 4:00 pm join us for an afternoon snack of Hot Cross Buns and a special Stations of the Cross walk especially for children and their families.

7:00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy

We mark Christ’s crucifixion with the Good Friday Liturgy, which is made up of readings, hymns, prayers, and silence. The Church is bare and the ministers enter in silence. The *Liturgy of the Word* concludes with the dramatic reading of the Passion According to John. The *Solemn Collects*, which follow, are the fullest form of the Church’s public intercessory prayer and present our prayers before God for the entire world for which Christ died.

EASTER EVE, APRIL 3

8:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Since the early days of the church, Easter Eve was a time set aside for baptisms. They were elaborate, dramatic services, symbolizing a new beginning.

A study in contrasts, the service begins in the darkness of the courtyard. A fire is kindled and the Paschal Candle is lit. Candles held by the congregation are lit and the procession moves into the darkened church following the Paschal Candle, bringing in new light. An ancient hymn, the *Exsultet* is sung. Several Old Testament lessons are read and songs are sung.

Baptisms follow, and at the conclusion of the baptisms, the celebrant calls out "Alleluia. Christ is risen." Then the lights come on and the bells are rung with great fanfare. (Worshippers are encouraged to bring their own bells from home and to join in.)

The service continues with the first festive Eucharist of Easter.

Join us for a festive celebration in the Narthex after the service.

EASTER DAY, APRIL 4

7:45 am Holy Eucharist

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9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard

11:00 am Festival Eucharist

Childcare is available from 8:30 am—12:30 pm. Church School and Adult Forum do not meet.

Holy Week concludes with the greatest feast of the Christian year, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. We mark the occasion with unbridled festivity, pulling out all the stops in our liturgy and music.

After the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services children 10 and under are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard. The stone is removed from the Columbarium and the alleluias that were buried by the children at the beginning of Lent are uncovered.

We hope that you can be with us on Easter Day, as we greet one another with the great words of hope: "Alleluia, Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

A Guide to Holy Week at Trinity

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28

7:15 am Matins

7:45, 8:45 and 11 am Liturgy of the Palms, Reading of the Passion and Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

Child care is available from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Church School 9:45 am-10:15 am.

The Liturgy for Palm Sunday carries us into Holy Week. Services begin with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The mood shifts with the reading of the passion, and we begin the journey through the events that culminate in Jesus' crucifixion and death. The gospel is the story of the passion, read dramatically by members of the congregation.

At 8:45 am the service begins in the Narthex with the Liturgy of the Palms followed by a procession into the Sanctuary. At 11:00 am the service begins in the Parish Hall with the Liturgy of the Palms at 10:15 am followed by a joyful procession outside with the choir, clergy, lay ministers, and the congregation ending in the Sanctuary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

12:15 pm Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

5:30 pm Children's Instructed Eucharist in the Narthex and Sanctuary

Walking the Stations of the Cross is a liturgical way to reenact Jesus' journey to the Cross as a meditation of worship, an act of devotion and faith.

Children 4-10 and their families join to learn more about the origins and practice of our Holy Eucharist. Dinner provided.