



What is Holy Week?

The week leading up to Easter, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending the night of Holy Saturday with the celebration of the Easter Vigil. As Christians, we observe this period of devotion to remember and experience the last days of Jesus' earthly life. Rather than skipping straight to Easter, our services provide the experience of the events leading to the Resurrection. At the heart are the three holy days, called the **Triduum**. It begins with Maundy Thursday and ends with the Great Vigil of Easter. Throughout the week, the liturgical color is **red** to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – 4/2

Holy Eucharist: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday - 4/6

Holy Eucharist w/ Foot Washing -
6:00 PM

Youth sit on Chapel side transept.

Good Friday - 4/7

Stations of the Cross - 10:30 AM

*(Starts at Old Christ Church –
Park at CC and take shuttle)*

Children's Stations of the Cross –
5:00 PM

Liturgy with Choir - 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday - 4/8

The Great Vigil of Easter - 8:00 PM

Easter Day - 4/9

Holy Eucharist: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - 10:30

Holy Eucharist - 11:00 AM



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HOLY WEEK**





Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is also called The Sunday of the Passion. The service opens with liturgy of the palms, when we process with palm branches singing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.” This celebrates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem when he was proclaimed as King of kings and those along the way spread garments and palm branches as a sign of his triumph. At the gospel, we see a sharp contrast as the hosannas change to “crucify him” in the reading of Jesus’ passion. As we participated in singing praise with the procession, we also participate in the story of Jesus’ suffering and death. *The palm branches that we wave on Palm Sunday will be saved and burned as ashes for the following Ash Wednesday.*

Maundy Thursday

We remember the “Last Supper.” Jesus’s last teachings were preparing both himself and his disciples for his death. He taught them to love and serve one another and instituted the Holy Eucharist (bread and wine) for them to remember him and his sacrifice. The church does a foot washing ceremony in which we wash the feet of our fellow parishioners in Jesus’s example. At the end of the service, the altar is stripped, and we leave in silence and darkness.

“So if I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” John 13:14

Good Friday

We remember Jesus’ passion, death, and burial. It is a day of solemnity and fasting. You may participate in Stations of the Cross. At services, we pray the **solemn collects** – prayers for all people and their needs. We also **venerate** (kneel before) a wooden cross, reflecting and giving thanks. There is no Eucharist - to symbolize his death and worldly absence.



Holy Saturday

A day of waiting that focuses on when Jesus’ body lay in the tomb and Jesus descended to the dead. It is a time of longing for life amid death and waiting for Jesus to rise to newness of life on the third day (Easter).

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter is the heart of our Christian year and the end of Holy Week. Beginning in darkness and silence, we watch and wait for the Lord’s Resurrection. The service takes us through the story of redemption – the passing from death to life and sin to grace. The service transitions to a joyous celebration of Jesus’ resurrection with light and the singing of Alleluias. As the first Easter act, we normally celebrate with baptisms, renewing our own Baptismal Covenant, and conclude with the first Eucharist of Easter

