



# Holy Week & Easter Day Services at Holy Sacrament 2017

## April 9 - The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

*This first day of Holy Week celebrates the Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.*

### 8:00 a.m. - The Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

The service includes the blessing and distribution of palm branches and the Eucharist

### 10:15 a.m. - The Blessing of the Palms, Procession, and Sung Eucharist

The service begins at the entrance to the MacDonald Building on the Church Campus with the blessing and distribution of palm branches, followed by a Procession into the Church Building, the reading of the Passion Gospel by congregants, and the Eucharist.

## April 12 - Wednesday in Holy Week

### 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study with Holy Eucharist

The last of this year's Lenten Series on the Book of Revelation, chapters 1-3, (Letters to the Seven Churches) will be discussed. The Eucharist immediately follows the Bible Discussion.

## April 13 - Maundy Thursday

*"Maundy," comes from the Latin word 'mandatum,' translated "commandment" (John 13:34-35).*

*It is on this day, which begins the Easter Triduum (the three days before Easter Sunday), that we celebrate the Institution of the Lord's Supper.*

### 7:00 p.m. - The Celebration of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist (the Lord's Supper), the Washing of the Feet, the Stripping of the Altar, and the Watch

During this service, foot washing is practiced, the Eucharist is celebrated with special wine and unleavened bread, the altar is stripped of its apparel, a reminder of Jesus' anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, and concludes with the Watch. Members are invited to participate in the Watch, a response to Jesus' question, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40; Mark 14:37). The Watch, which begins at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Good Friday, is held in the narthex or lobby of the church building where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the context of a garden. (A sign-up sheet for participation in the Watch is available in the Church's narthex/lobby, while persons desirous of having their feet washed are to contact the Church Office).

## April 14 - The Day of the Crucifixion: Good Friday

*The commemoration of our Lord's passion and death.*

### 12:00 noon - The Good Friday Liturgy with Meditations

The Good Friday Liturgy with Biblical Readings, the Solemn Collects, The Veneration of the Cross, Communion, and Meditations.

### 7:00 p.m. - The Living Stations of the Cross

The service dramatizes "the Way of the Cross," (*Via Dolorosa*) on the Church Campus. Members of the congregation participate in the dramatization.

## April 16 - The Day of the Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY

*The commemoration and celebration of our Lord's resurrection.*

### 6:00 a.m. - The Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Festive Holy Eucharist

While still dark, the service commences on the outside with the igniting of the "new fire," and the lighting of the Paschal Candle, symbolizing Jesus as the Light of the World, which is carried into a dark church. After the decorating of the sanctuary, the Eucharist begins and includes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the *asperges* or sprinkling of the congregation with holy water.

### 8:00 a.m. - Festive Holy Eucharist

The second service of Easter Day is celebrated with joyous Easter hymns, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, the sprinkling of the people with holy water, and the Eucharist.

### 10:15 a.m. - Festive Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism

#### Followed by Easter Egg Hunt for Children (Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The third service of Easter Day is celebrated with joyous Easter hymns, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the sprinkling of the people with holy water, and Choral Eucharist.

An Easter Egg Hunt immediately follows this service for children (*Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*).

