

# A Guide to Holy Week at Trinity

Thorns take the shape of a crown.

Popular acclaim turns to public execution. Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Life ends and begins. Holy Week tells a powerful story of change, a story that continues to change the world, and to change people's lives.

It's possible to fast-forward to the great celebration of Easter and hear only the story of joy that came on that resurrection morning. But the impact, indeed the change, will be deeper and more powerful if you walk with us through these holy days. Begin with the power of the Passion story on Palm Sunday. Witness the light seemingly begin to fade at the service of Tenebrae. Join the disciples gathered for the last supper on Maundy Thursday and discover something about what it means to serve. Answer for yourself what is "good" about Good Friday. Experience the profound shift from dark to light at the Great Vigil on Easter Eve. Catch the first rays of hope on Easter Day.

We offer the following annotated guide to this week as a way to encourage you to find your own path through these important days. As Trinity continues to grow, we are seeking new ways to observe these meaningful days, new ways to get in touch with the themes of death and life, sorrow and joy, hope and resurrection.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we hope you will feel welcome to take advantage of the opportunities to explore faith and reflect upon the meaning of Christ's life, death and resurrection. There is no one simple, or authorized, meaning to the suffering and death of Jesus. But there is a depth most of us have not begun to plumb.

Make time to enter deeply into a service, or two or three, this week. You may find more than you can ask for or imagine.

## Palm Sunday ~ Sunday of the Passion March 24

8 AM Holy Eucharist with Reading of the Passion.

9 AM Santa Eucharistia.

10 AM Liturgy of the Palms with Reading of the Passion Drama and Choral Eucharist.

A day marked by a kind of spiritual whiplash. We begin with a triumphant prelude, followed by the great festivity of the procession, and then the mood shifting quickly, following communion, as we tell the story of Jesus' journey to Calvary.

The Rev. Chase Danford preaching.

## Monday-Wednesday in Holy Week

As we begin our walk to Calvary, each of these days comes with its own focus.

### Monday, March 25

7 PM Holy Eucharist.

Our attention is drawn to the story of the woman who anointed Jesus before his death. The Rev. Katherine Cunningham preaching.

### Tuesday, March 26

7 PM Agape Liturgy and Meal.

The early followers of Jesus combined worship and table fellowship. At this special evening in the gym/auditorium, we follow in their footsteps with a liturgy and meal.

### Wednesday, March 27

7 PM Tenebrae.

Tenebrae means "shadows" or "darkness." That is a perfect title for a service that prepares us so well, in heart, mind, even in body, for the three days when the Light seemed to fade. It is a haunting service of prayers and Scripture readings. The most conspicuous feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of Christ, remains. Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the crucifixion as told in Mark's Gospel. The hidden candle is restored to its place and by its light all depart in silence.

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## Maundy Thursday, March 28

7 PM Choral Holy Eucharist with Footwashing  
and Stripping of the Altar.

The word “maundy” comes from the Latin *mandatum* which means “command.” We follow Jesus’ example of what it means to be a servant through the ritual of foot washing and by commemorating the institution of the Holy Eucharist. At the close of this service, the reserved sacrament is carried out during the singing of Hymn 166 “Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle.” Psalm 22 is then chanted while the altar is stripped. The music sets us up to wait: the all-night watch begins.

The Rev. Tom Pivinski preaching

9 PM - 6 AM All-Night Watch.

Spend time in the Chapel in quiet, in prayer, in watchfulness. (security will be present throughout.). Sign up in the back of the church or call the parish office at 732-775-5084.

7 AM After the All-Night Watch, Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

## Good Friday, March 29

Good Friday is a continuation of the service from the night before. It is the middle of the *Triduum*, (Three Days). The services focus on the saving power of the cross. A distinct aspect of both the noonday and 7 PM services at Trinity is a devotional reverence of the cross. People are invited to come forward to touch the cross. Traditionally, no celebration of the Eucharist takes place on this day.

Noonday Service.

A service of readings, prayers and reflections on the stations of the cross as well as reading of the Solemn Collects, concluding with the Veneration and Flowering of the Cross. The Rev. Geoff Curtiss preaching.

7 PM The Good Friday Liturgy.

The service includes music, reading of the Passion and the Solemn Collects, concluding with the Veneration and Flowering of the Cross.

The Rev. Geoff Curtiss preaching.

## Holy Saturday, March 30

10 AM Interactive Children's Easter Eve Walk.  
An interactive walk through the stories of Holy Week for children.

11:30 AM Liturgy of the Word.

A brief, simple service of prayers and readings reflecting on Jesus in the tomb.

11:45 AM Holy Labor for a Holy Time.

After the service, stay for a bit to help decorate and spruce up the church for Easter!

7 PM The Great Vigil of Easter & Choral Holy Eucharist.  
Drawn from ancient sources, this is the most dramatic liturgy of the year. We'll begin by hearing the timeless prophecies of hope. We move from darkness to light, first by candlelight. We will renew our baptismal vows. We'll shout the first “alleluia” of Easter. The church is flooded with light as the Eucharist is celebrated. Don't forget to bring a bell (and one to share if you have an extra) to ring out Good News at the pronouncement of Christ's resurrection. The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Bradley preaching.

## Easter Day, Sunday, March 31

6:35 AM Sunrise Holy Eucharist on the Boardwalk  
Service at sunrise on the northern-most end of the boardwalk. The Rev. Chase Danford preaching.

8 AM Holy Eucharist.

A festive celebration in the Church with congregational hymns. The Rev. Chase Danford preaching.

9 AM Santa Eucharistia

10 AM Festival Choral Eucharist.

Trinity Choir, brass, and timpani uplift the soul with favorite Easter hymns and special music. Activity bags for children provided. Come early (street parking will be tight), invite friends, and share the joy of our most festive service of the year!  
The Rev. Chase Danford preaching.

Easter Egg Hunt.

After the service, children will be invited to join in an Easter egg hunt (*weather permitting*) around the outside of the church.

