

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

2024 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, March 24

- 7:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite II **
- 10:00 a.m. – Palm Cross Making and Refreshments (Parish Hall)
- 11:15 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist (Solemn) Rite II **
- 6:00 p.m. – Breaking Bread @ 6 with palms

Monday in Holy Week, March 25

- 8:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. – Chrism Mass (Solemn) *Bishop blesses and distributes oils for churches of the Diocese*

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 26

- 8:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. – Reconciliation of a Penitent (Chapel)
- 12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday in Holy Week, March 27

- 8:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. – Reconciliation of a Penitent (Chapel)
- 12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. – Taizé Tenebrae (Nave)

Maundy Thursday, March 28

- 8:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. – Reconciliation of a Penitent (Chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with Foot-Washing and Stripping of the Altar (Nave) **
- 8:00 p.m. – A Vigil with the Blessed Sacrament—through 11:00 a.m. Friday (Chapel)

Good Friday, March 29

- 12:00 p.m. – The Good Friday Liturgy (Nave) **
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. – Nave open for prayer
- 6:00 p.m. – Good Friday Worship at Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church: “The last seven sayings of Jesus.”

Holy Saturday and Easter Eve, March 30

- 9:00 a.m. – Rehearsal for Vigil Baptisms (Nave)
- 10:00 a.m. – Holy Saturday Liturgy (Nave)
- 10:15 a.m. – Rehearsal for Vigil Confirmations and Receptions (Nave)
- 7:00 p.m. – The Great Vigil of Easter (Solemn) with Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation (Nave)

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, March 31

- 7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II **
- 11:15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Solemn) Rite II **
- 6:00 p.m. – Breaking Bread @ 6 - Jazz Mass with the Jubilee Band

**Nursery and Toddler Atrium

- Palm Sunday** – 8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday** – 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Good Friday** – 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday** – 8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

On Easter Day, all are invited to bring flowers and place them on the cross in the Nave.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Day there will be No Christian Formation.

Holy Week Notes

General

Meetings

In order to honor the solemnity of Holy Week, all administrative meetings of the Cathedral will be rescheduled for other times. This announcement is inclusive of all staff, vestry, commission, and committee meetings of the Cathedral.

The Chrism Mass

Every year bishops, priests, and deacons gather together to renew their ordination vows before Easter. This is a prayerful opportunity to support the clergy in their various ministries. At this liturgy, the oils used for baptism and for the sick are blessed by the Bishop and sent out to the congregations to be ready for Easter. The oils for the liturgy are prepared by Thistle Farms.

Reconciliation of a Penitent

During Holy Week a priest will sit inside the altar rail in the Cathedral Chapel Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., for those who wish to make Holy Week confessions according to the form *Reconciliation of a Penitent* as listed on page 447 of the Book of Common Prayer, 1979. Appointments are also available with Cathedral priests, contact info@christcathedral.org to request an appointment.

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Activities

At the 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. liturgies on Palm Sunday, the Blessing of the Palms, and the procession are highlighted. Children of all ages are invited to watch the blessing from the back pews and then join in the joyful procession. Everyone is invited to gather for a time of fellowship, palm cross making, and refreshments in Parish Hall.

Taizé Tenebrae

A Liturgy of Shadows

The liturgy of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Tenebrae is an extended meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings anticipate the story of Christ’s Passion. This year the liturgy will be Taizé style.

Maundy Thursday

The Maundy Thursday Liturgy

The Holy Eucharist includes the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet in which members of the congregation come forward to have their feet washed and to wash the feet of another. “*By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.*” John 13:35

A Vigil with the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday is the one day in the Church year when the Holy Eucharist is not celebrated, as the Church mourns the death of the Messiah. But so as not to be denied the benefits of his Passion in the Sacrament, the tradition arose wherein the faithful kept vigil with the consecrated bread and wine from Maundy Thursday night until the time of its distribution on Good Friday. Following the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday, the Cathedral Chapel is prepared with an Altar of Repose (for the Reserved Sacrament). Volunteers are needed to be present at this Vigil throughout the night. You may sign up online at <https://bit.ly/vigil2024>.

Good Friday

The Good Friday Liturgy

The Good Friday Liturgy is offered at noon so as to have the Cathedral’s gathering conform to the historical hour of the Crucifixion. The liturgy includes the Liturgy of the Word, Sermon, the Solemn Collects, the Veneration of the Cross, the Reproaches, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Liturgy

The Holy Saturday Liturgy is a very short office said at 10 a.m. in the Nave. Holy Saturday is the 40th day of the Lenten Fast and the office commemorates the last day that Jesus’ body lay in the tomb.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Saturday evening liturgy, the night before the Day of Resurrection, is the liturgy in the tradition in the Book of Common Prayer, from which all other liturgies derive their meaning and purpose. Those assembled light the New Fire and by candlelight keep vigil in anticipation of the Resurrection celebration. Lessons from the salvation history of the People of God are read. Dear ones are brought to baptism, confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation. The Paschal Shout goes up, and the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated.