

Holy Week & Easter at St. Anne's

Mark your calendars now to make room to celebrate the most sacred week of our pilgrimage as Christians. There are two distinct emphases for the liturgies of Holy Week. The first is remembering the actual events. The second is our participation in them. When we celebrate these liturgies we are enacting the saving relation between Christ and the Church.

The Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday March 28th, 10 am

Our service will begin on the labyrinth with the blessing of the palms and a procession into the church. The passion gospel is read on this Sunday.

Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week March 29th and 30th, 7 pm

We will have a simple service of Evening Prayer on these days.

Wednesday in Holy Week March 31st, 7 pm

We will walk the Stations of the Cross.

Maundy Thursday April 1st, 7 pm

The word "Maundy" comes from the Middle English word "maunder" (ceremony of washing the feet) and from the Latin "mandatum" (command: Jesus' command that we love one another). This service is the beginning of "Triduum" from the Latin "three days." We will celebrate Holy Communion using a Second Century Eucharist. The service includes a meal and foot washing. We will strip the altar and depart in silence because this liturgy does not end. It continues with Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Good Friday April 2nd, 7 pm

This service includes the Solemn Collects – intense intercessory prayer for the church and for the world – and Veneration of the Cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter April 3rd, 8 pm

This service contains the Lighting of the New Fire (on the labyrinth) and procession into the church during which the Exsultet is sung by a cantor, the Vigil readings which recount the events of salvation history, a renewal of our Baptismal promises and Holy Eucharist. This is the oldest service in the Book of Common Prayer and the most significant night of the Christian Year.

Easter Sunday April 4th, 10 am

This joyous celebration of the resurrection will include special music and will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Easter Sunday April 4th, 4 pm

12-step based Recovery Worship service.