

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 14

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES 9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

Holy Week begins with this celebration of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We start the service downstairs (or outside, weather permitting) with the Blessing of the Palms and then process together into the sanctuary.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 18

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00 P.M.

In this service, we celebrate Christ's last night with his disciples through scripture, music, prayers, a sermon, an optional foot-washing, and the celebration of the Eucharist.

ALL NIGHT PRAYER WATCH 9:00 P.M. – 7:00 A.M.

An all-night Prayer Watch will be kept after this service until 7:00 a.m. Sign up on our website or in the gathering space.

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 19

MORNING PRAYER 7:00 A.M.

The Prayer Watch concludes with a brief service of scripture readings and prayer. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 12:00 P.M. & 5:30 P.M.

In this service of prayer and reflection we meditate upon the chief scenes of Jesus' sufferings and death, moving throughout the sanctuary, pausing at each station and cross. You may proceed through the stations by yourself at anytime after noon on Friday, or join with others at noon and 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER APPOINTMENTS 2:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Clergy will be available to pray with members of the congregation on Good Friday. This can be for a time of confidential confession (which is traditionally done on Good Friday) or for any other prayer needs. Sign up on our website.

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 19

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:00 P.M.

The Good Friday service focuses on Christ's passion and death for us on the cross. It is a somber service, but also one of hope as we remember what Jesus accomplished for us. It includes readings, prayers, music, and a reflection on the cross of Christ.

*** Every year, we take a special offering during our Good Friday service. This year, we will be supporting the work of Toni Georgiev, a Cross supported missionary who leads a church and evangelistic ministry in Macedonia, by helping provide a van for outreach and serving others. ***

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 20

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT 10:30 A.M.

As part of our Easter Celebrations, we're having a community Easter Egg Hunt in Valley Park, Hopkins, which is just over 1 mile south of Cross. We'll have treats and coffee, easter egg hunts by age groups, and fun games.

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 20

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.

Since the first centuries of the Church, the Vigil has marked the beginning of Easter with baptisms, renewal of baptismal vows, and celebration of the Eucharist. But first, the Vigil powerfully retells the story of salvation history beginning with creation, continuing with God's covenant with the Israelites, and reaching a climax in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In this service, we remember God's past work and eternal faithfulness. For the first time since Lent began, we sing Alleluia together as a congregation—a moment that is marked by the ringing of bells, keys, etc. (Please bring bells.)

EASTER

APRIL 21

EASTER SERVICES 9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

On this, our most important holiday, we celebrate Christ's resurrection and the new life it brings to us. Children's programming and nursery care is offered during the 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. services following a children's processional.

NURSERY CARE FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES (APRIL 18 - 21)

The nursery will be open for children ages 3 years and under during the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil services. Visitors and those signed up for nursery care are given priority. Sign up online at ofthecross.org/holyweek