

Christ Church Cathedral

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2018



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

- 7:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite II +
- 11:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist (Solemn) Rite II +
- 6:00 p.m. – BreakingBread@6 with palms +

MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, MARCH 26 AND 27

- 7:15 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 28

- 7:15 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. – Tenebrae +

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

- 7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. – Chrism Mass (Solemn) *Bishop blesses and distributes oils for churches of the Diocese* +
- 6:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with Foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar +
- 8:00 p.m. – A Vigil with the Blessed Sacrament— through 11:00 a.m. Friday

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

- 12:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy +
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Nave open for prayer

HOLY SATURDAY AND EASTER EVE, MARCH 31

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

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY, APRIL 1

- 7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II +
- 11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Solemn) Rite II +
- 6:00 p.m. – BreakingBread@6 +

+ Denotes when childcare will be provided.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

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

*On Palm Sunday and Easter Day there will be **NO** Christian Formation classes or breakfast.*

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.

RECONCILIATION OF A PENITENT

Throughout Lent and Holy Week, priests of the Cathedral will be available by appointment for those seeking to make a Confession according to the form *Reconciliation of a Penitent* as listed on page 447 of the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*. Also, during Holy Week, a priest will sit inside the altar rail in the Cathedral Chapel between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, for those who wish to make unscheduled Holy Week confessions.

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Activities

At the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Liturgies on Palm Sunday, the Blessing of the Palms and the procession will be highlighted. Children of all ages are invited to watch the Blessing from the back pews and then join in the joyful procession. Between the Liturgies there will be an opportunity for fellowship and activities, and refreshments will be available. Among other activities, there will be stations to make palm crosses and cards to give to our home-bound congregants. An old tradition is to take your blessed palms home and put them with any cross or icon you have until next Ash Wednesday.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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. We in the Diocese of Tennessee have beautiful oils prepared from old recipes by Thistle Farms.

The Maundy Thursday Liturgy

The Eucharist includes the ceremony of the washing of feet. Members of the congregation are invited to 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.” (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 275.)

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 (Mass of the Pre-Sanctified, see the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*, p. 282.) In order to facilitate this Vigil, the Cathedral Chapel will be prepared with an Altar of Repose (for the Reserved Sacrament) following the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday. Volunteers are needed to be present at this Vigil throughout the night. You may sign up online at <http://bit.ly/2nePB3f> or at the reception desk. A minimum of three people per hour is needed, but as many as would like can be present at any hour through the night. Volunteers at the reception desk will let those in who come during the night for prayer. Silence is kept throughout the Vigil. Candles may be lit at the close of one’s time of prayer. Devotional resources for the hour will be made available in the Chapel.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday Liturgy

Good Friday Liturgy will be offered at noon so as to have the Cathedral’s gathering conform to the historical hour of the crucifixion. The Liturgy will include 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 on March 31 this year. Holy Saturday is the 40th day of the Lenten fast and the office commemorates the last day that Jesus’ body lay in the tomb. At Christ Church Cathedral, Altar Guild and Flower Guild members, clergy, Journey in Faith participants and companions, baptizands, youth confirmands and their sponsors all take a break from the preparations to pray together.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Saturday evening Liturgy, the night before the Day of Resurrection, is the Liturgy in the tradition, the Liturgy 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, and reception. The Paschal Shout goes up, and the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated.