

HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS

PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday we start our Liturgy outside (*weather permitting*), then march into the church to re-enact Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, crying Hosanna and waving Palms and singing on our way. The spiritual mood changes as we then hear and participate in the Passion narrative, in which we become the crowd and cry "Crucify him."



TENEBRAE

On Wednesday of Holy Week in the service of Tenebrae, we contemplate images of darkness and light while we hear sung lessons from the Lamentations of Jeremiah, juxtaposed against our Schola chanting several Psalms of despair, and of hope. This year, Sally Sanford will be singing a setting of the Lessons written by Johann Rosenmüller, who worked in Leipzig in the 1680s and also, later, worked in Venice.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday brings into focus the last supper, when Jesus gave his followers the model of service and love for one another by washing feet. We re-enact this, and celebrate Holy Eucharist, just as we do each Sunday. The service ends with the

stripping of the altar as we follow Jesus into the Garden of Gethsemane. There we try to watch with him as he faces the events of his Passion. The Chapel is kept open with the Reserved Sacrament and those willing to “stay awake and watch” with Jesus can take turns keeping vigil in the **Maundy Thursday Watch**. (Sign up is posted next to the Window in the Link.)

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday at noon, we will celebrate a special Liturgy in which we contemplate the “What if” and focus our attention on the importance of the Cross, hear the Passion Narrative, read a series of prayers and venerate the Cross. The service ends as we consume the Sacrament reserved from the Maundy Thursday watch. Following this liturgy, the church will be open for spoken meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ, interspersed with periods of silence and solo cello music.

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

On Saturday we celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter, which begins in darkness until the new fire is kindled and the light of Christ is brought into the Church. We then hear stories of salvation and, finally, the Glory to God is sung with a great noise and ringing of bells **(remember to bring bells and noisemakers for this moment in the liturgy)*. In the early church this was the service when new converts were accepted into the faith so it is especially meaningful when we have Baptisms at this service. Our first Easter Eucharist is celebrated.

EASTER SUNDAY

Nothing can compare to Easter Sunday when the multitudes gather at our 8 and 10 am services to celebrate the central event in our Christian Faith with great singing, beautiful flowers, and all the makings of a Festival Eucharist; made more powerful by a full contemplation of the meaning of light in the midst of darkness, after journeying through the experiences of Holy Week.



*A Service of
Choral Evensong
and
Prelude Recital
Sunday, April 29
5:00 PM*

The Parish Choir will again sing the Traditional Anglican Service of Choral Evensong with a Prelude Recital by choir members, Claudia Waterhouse and Cinda Nimmer, sopranos. They will sing music by Heinrich Schütz, Claudio Monte-verdi and Georg Frederic Handel, among others and will be accompanied on our new little Huntington Organ. The choir will then sing canticle settings by Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856) who worked in Croydon Parish and Trinity at Cambridge, England. The Responses are by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012) who served at St. Thomas NYC from 1971-2004. The anthem is a setting of "Beautiful Savior" by F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955) St. Olaf Choir (Minn.) (1912-1944).

UNDERCROFT BLESSINGS *by Carol Brady*



Pre-K & Kindergarten—During Lent they reflected on Jesus’ *Journey to Jerusalem*, including lessons on *Jesus and the Children*, *Jesus and Bartemaeus*, *Jesus and Zaccheus*, and *Jesus the King*. After Easter, they will begin their unit on Parables.

1st & 2nd Grade—They focused on key events of Jesus’ early ministry (*Jesus’ Baptism and Days in the Wilderness*) and his last days in Jerusalem (*The Most Important Commandment and the Last Supper*). During Eastertide, they will explore the disciples’ experiences with the Risen Christ.

3rd Grade—They completed the unit on “Learning to Use My Bible.” During Lent, they used the Episcopal Relief and Development’s curriculum, *The Abundant Life Garden Project* to learn to be thankful for the essential gifts from God and our call to care for people in need all over the world. They will finish up the year with a special unit on Holy Communion, Church Practices, and the Prayer Book.

4th & 5th Grade—They continue their exploration of various faith traits reflected in the life and teachings of Jesus as told in the book of Luke. Examples of their lessons include *the Healing of the Paralytic*, *the Entry into Jerusalem*, *the Cleansing of the Temple*, *the Appearance of Jesus on the Road to Emmaus*, *The Gift of the Holy Spirit*, and *Dorcas, an Early Follower of Jesus*.

Gap Year—Based on Acts and some of Paul’s letters, the youth are delving into many issues faced by the early *Followers of the Way* as they spread the Good News of the Risen Christ, and sought God’s guidance in the creation of Christian Churches.

Next Children’s Chapel is April 15th (*details on page 16*)