

# Palm Sunday



## Procession and Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 10:30 AM



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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today.

We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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### Land Acknowledgement

*All are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.*

As we begin our journey through Holy Week, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

**Presider:** Paige Souter

### ✠ Liturgy of the Palms

*Some members of the congregation will meet at Taddle Creek Park to begin the procession; others will gather at the church to meet the procession on the front steps. Please pick up a palm branch as we gather together. Additional palms are available at the back of the church.*

## The Greeting

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*All:* **Hosanna in the highest!**

*Priest:* Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.  
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ  
entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.  
The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise,  
but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.  
Today we greet him as our King,  
although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.  
We follow him this week from the glory of the palms  
to the glory of the resurrection  
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.  
United with him in his suffering on the cross,  
may we share his resurrection and new life.

*A moment of silence is observed*

*Priest:* Let us pray.  
Assist us mercifully with your help,  
Lord God of our salvation,  
that we may enter with joy  
into the celebration of those mighty acts  
whereby you give us life and immortality;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Blessing of the Palms

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* It is right to praise you, almighty God,  
for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King,  
with palm branches in their hands, crying,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*All:* Amen.

## ✠ The Procession

*Priest:* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*All:* Hosanna in the highest!

*The two groups will meet on the front steps of the Church and enter together.*

**Palm Sunday Proclamation: “Hosanna in the Highest”** (Mike & Jill Daley)

*All Sing*

Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-

-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na in the high - est! Ho

Music: Mike Daley, Jill Daley © 2025.

*As the procession enters the church, join the parade and find a seat.*

*Priest:* Humble and riding on a donkey,

*All:* **we greet you.**

*Priest:* Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children,

*All:* **we cheer you.**

*Priest:* Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

*All:* **we salute you, Christ our Lord.**

*Priest:* You give the beasts of burden a new dignity;

you give majesty a new face;

you give those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

*All:* **With them, with heart and voice, we shout “Hosanna!”**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Priest:* Holy and immortal God,

open our hearts to the Blessed One,

so that we may enter the gates of your justice,

confessing in our words and in our deeds

that Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **✠ The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **First Reading**

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

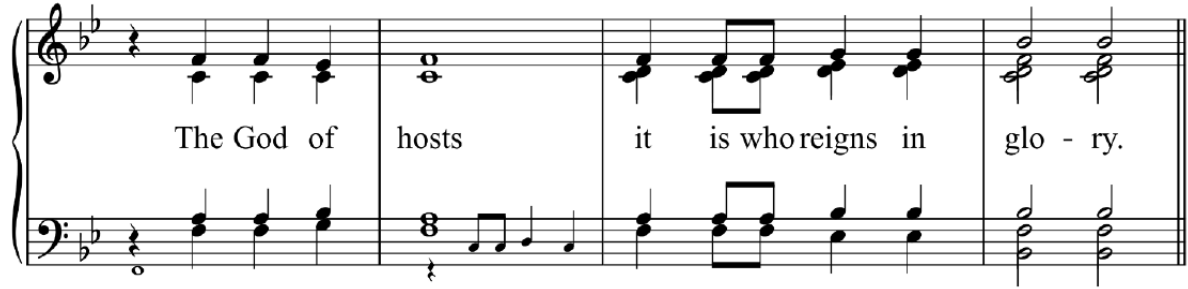
Isaiah 50.4-9a

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Psalm 24 (George Black)

### Refrain:



The earth is our God's and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein.

For God has founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.   **Refrain**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Holy One?"  
and who can stand in the holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.   **Refrain**

They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One,  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek you,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.   **Refrain**

### Second Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 2.5-11

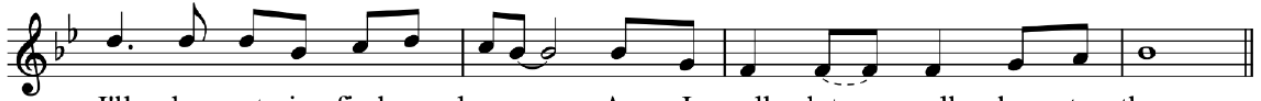
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## Sequence Hymn: #72 (Lift Up Your Hearts) “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*All Sing*



1. I am weak but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares; If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
Guide me gen - tly, safe - ly o'er To thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.



### Refrain

Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;



Dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Words: Anonymous. Music: American Folk Song

## The Gospel

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

‘Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!’

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 19:28-40

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Exhortation:** Steven Mackison

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*

## The Prayers of the People

*Please rise as you are able*



*Leader:* Lord Jesus Christ,  
...over the broken glass of our world,  
the rumours meant to hurt,  
the prejudice meant to wound,  
the weapons meant to kill, ride on...  
trampling our attempts at disaster into dust. Ride on,

*All:* **Ride on...**

*Leader:* ...over the distance,  
which separates us from you,  
and it is such a distance,  
measurable in half truths,  
in unkept promises,  
in second-best obedience, ride on...  
until you touch and heal us.  
who feel for no one but ourselves. Ride on,

*All:* **Ride on...**





*Leader:* ...through back streets, and the sin bins  
and the sniggered-at corners of the city,  
where human life festers and love runs cold,  
ride on...  
bringing hope and dignity  
where most send scorn and silence. Ride on,

*All:* **Ride on...**

*Leader:* For you, O Christ, do care  
and must show us how.  
On our own, our ambitions rival your summons,  
and thus threaten good faith and neglect God's people.  
In your company and at your side,  
we might yet help to bandage and heal the wounds of the world.  
who feel for no one but ourselves. Ride on,

*All:* **Ride on...**

*A time of reflection follows where all may add their prayers aloud or in silence.  
The Priest then offers a concluding prayer.*

## The Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

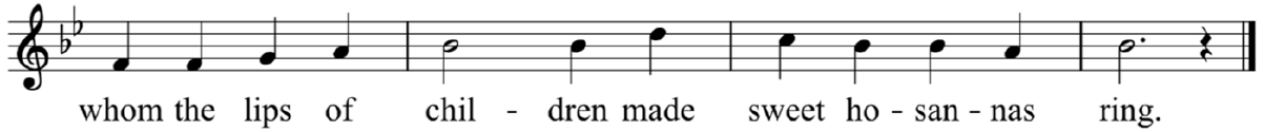
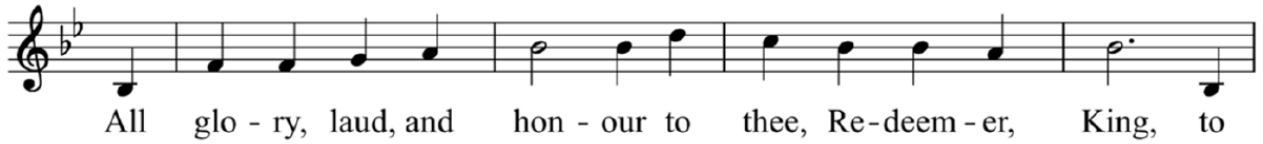
## The Offering



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plate as it is passed. Thank you for your  
gift and for joining in worship today.*

# Offertory Hymn: #181 (Common Praise) “All Glory, Laud, and Honour”

*All Sing*



2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are

3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with

4. To thee be - fore thy Pas - sion they

5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac -

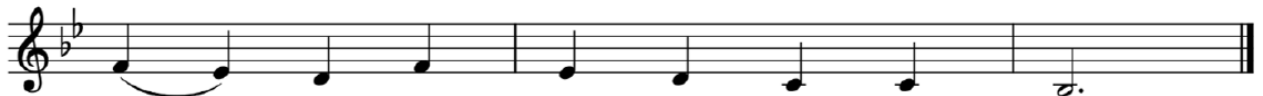


prais - ing thee on high, and we with all cre -

palms be - fore thee went; our praise and prayer and

sang their hymns of praise; to thee now high ex -

cept the prayers we bring, who in all good de -



a - tion in chor - us make re - ply.

an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.

alt - ed our mel - o - dy we raise.

light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

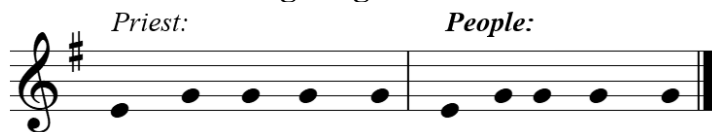
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## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* Gracious God,  
the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son,  
makes us pleasing in your sight.  
Alone we can do nothing,  
but through his sacrifice,  
may we receive your love and mercy. **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who for our salvation became obedient unto death.  
The tree of defeat became the tree of victory:  
where life was lost, life has been restored.  
Therefore, with palm branch in hand  
we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly chorus as we sing.

## Sanctus

*All sing*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 6/8 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by the notes for 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by the notes for 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line.

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*Priest:* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your People; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All:** we remember his death;  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;

**Priest:** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All:** Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Priest:*

*People:*



As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



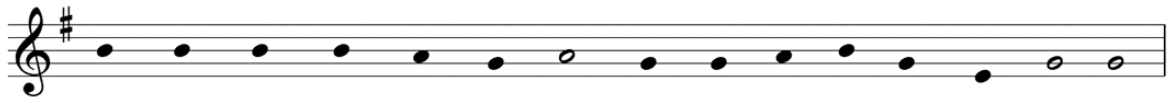
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Priest:* Living Bread, broken for the life of the world:

*All:* Sustain us on our way to your glory.

*Priest:* Fruit of the true Vine, poured out for us and for many:

*All:* Be now the wine that gladdens our hearts.

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

## Fraction Hymn: #30 (Sing a New Creation) “All Who Hunger”

*All sing*

1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wand - ering.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, is peace, we have been led. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in gra - ti - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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## The Giving and Receiving of Communion

*Priest:* Dear friends,  
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people,  
unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion  
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –  
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true  
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.  
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

*One:* Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

## The Communion



*All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion.  
If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross  
your arms as shown in the picture and the clergy will be pleased to offer you  
a blessing.*

*Intinction is the practice of dipping the bread or wafer into the wine when receiving communion.  
This practice is not allowed in churches in the Diocese of Toronto, including the Church of the Redeemer,  
for health and safety reasons.*

# Communion Hymn: #823 (Gather) "Behold the Lamb"

*All Sing*



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the  
 2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -  
 3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this  
 4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



sun - light; We who live, we who die are  
 stand - ing Of the wheat, of the wine u -  
 ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who  
 e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make



grate - ful for this gift, thank - ful for God's love.  
 nit - ed with God's word and the love we share.  
 hung - er for this feast; shel - ter them with peace.  
 still the winds that blow; cra - dle us with love.

## Refrain



Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of God. All who eat,



all who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in God, shall



come to know God's glo - ry!



**Motet: “Nothing Gold can Stay”** *(Stephanie Martin / Robert Frost)*

Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Nothing gold can stay.

Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
Nothing gold can stay.

Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.

**Prayer after Communion**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* As we enter this Holy Week in the life of the Church,  
let us remember that Christ for us became obedient unto death,

***All:* even death on a cross.**

*Priest:* Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the Name  
which is above every name,

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn: #634 (Common Praise) “Jesus, Remember Me”**

*All sing*

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Remember Me" in two systems. Each system consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, set in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are: "Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom."

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

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*There is no Dismissal at the end of this, or any other, liturgy in Holy Week.  
For we have not been dismissed; nor shall we be until God has finished working our redemption for us.*



**WORSHIP WITH US**  
**HOLY WEEK**

**Sunday April 13 (Palm Sunday)**

**7:00 PM** – Bach Vespers (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

**Monday April 14**

**12:00 PM** – Midday Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**6:00 PM** – Taizé Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**Tuesday April 15**

**12:00 PM** – Midday Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**6:00 PM** – Taizé Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**Wednesday April 16**

**12:00 PM** – Midday Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**6:00 PM** – Service of Darkness (in the Church and through YouTube)

**Thursday April 17 (Maundy Thursday)**

**7:30 PM** - Holy Eucharist and Garden Watch  
(in the Church and through YouTube)

**Friday April 18 (Good Friday)**

**12:00 PM** - Good Friday (in the Church and through YouTube)

**Saturday April 19**

**9:00 PM** – The Great Vigil (in the Church and through YouTube)

**Sunday April 20 (Easter Sunday)**

**9:00 AM** – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

**10:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)