



2018
HOLY WEEK
AND
EASTER
AT
ST. BART'S

AN
INVITATION
TO

HOLY
WEEK
2018

Our Lenten Journey brings us to Holy Week
—a powerful story of change.

It's possible to fast-forward to the great celebration of Easter and hear only the story of joy that came on that resurrection morning. But the impact, indeed the change, will be deeper and more powerful if you walk with us through these holy days.

We encourage you to find your own path through these important days where eternal themes of death and life, sorrow and joy, and hope and resurrection are heard in liturgies more powerfully than at any other time of the year.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25 **SUNDAY OF THE PASSION †**

8 am Eucharist with Palms and Reading of the Passion, in the Chapel

10 am Palm Sunday Intergenerational Forum
Palm cross making, hot cross buns, and surprises. All ages are welcome.

9 and 11 am Choral Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms and the Passion Drama, in the Church *

These services begin with the great festivity of the procession of palms. Children are invited to participate in the parade and remain for the dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel, when the mood shifts quickly with Jesus' journey to Calvary. The service concludes with a retiring procession in a somber tone.

The Boy and Girl Choristers, St. Bart's Singers and St. Bartholomew's Choir offer Thomas Weelke's "Hosanna to the Son of David," Bob Chilcott's "Were you there?," Roger Ducasse's "Crux fidelis," William K. Trafka's Mass for St. Bartholomew's, and McNeil Robinson's "Improperium."

5 pm Community Eucharist with Palms, Reading of the Passion and Hymns, in the Chapel

MONDAY, MARCH 26 **TUESDAY, MARCH 27** **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**

12:05 pm Eucharist in the Chapel

Each of these three days comes with its own focus. On Monday, we reflect on the story of the woman who anointed Jesus before his death. On Tuesday, we explore with St. Paul the mystery of the power of the cross. And on Wednesday, we encounter the theme of betrayal.

5:30 pm Evening Prayer in the Chapel

6 pm Tuesday Tenebrae, in the Chapel

A new service featuring prayers, psalms, and music sung with members of our choir. This is a candlelit service which represents the gathering darkness of Christ's passion. It also serves as a time of special prayer for the tribulations of our world.

6 pm Wednesday Community Eucharist with Hymns in the Chapel





MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

8 am Eucharist, in the Chapel

12:05 pm Eucharist with Hymns, in the Chapel

5:30 pm Evening Prayer, in the Chapel

**6 pm Choral Eucharist with
Maundy Ceremonies, in the Church**

The word “maundy” comes from the Latin mandatum which means “commandment”—in reference to Jesus’ words to his disciples, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.” At 6 pm, we reenact Jesus’ demonstration of what it means to be a servant through the ritual of foot washing. At the conclusion of this service, the altar is stripped and the sacrament is reserved and taken to the chapel to be used on Good Friday. The service moves from light to darkness and silence.

**7:15 pm “The Night Watch” until 8 am
on Good Friday, in the Chapel**

All night prayer vigil in the Chapel in the presence of the reserved sacrament—in quiet, in prayer, in watchfulness. Sign up at our Welcome Table.



GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

8 am Good Friday Liturgy, in the Chapel

A service of the Word, with a focus on the cross, including the Passion according to St. John and the solemn collects. The service concludes with Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament.

**10:30 am–12 pm Children’s Stations
of the Cross, Memorial Chapel**

This service is especially designed for children ages 5 to 12 and is a great way to help our children understand the joy of Easter. Hot Cross Buns to follow.

**12 pm–3 pm The 3 Hours: Seven Last Words
of Christ, in the Church**

The Gospels collectively record the “seven last words” of Jesus on the cross, and this traditional service is in seven sections. In each, we reflect on the cross in choral anthems by St. Bartholomew’s Choir, hymns, a prayer, a series of meditations, and a period of silence. Feel free to stay all three hours, or to come and go as your schedule allows. We end with the memorial tolling of the bell 33 times, one for each year of Jesus’ life.

GOOD FRIDAY, CONTINUED

3:15 pm Confessions:

The Rite of Reconciliation, in the Chapel

Members of the clergy will be available for The Reconciliation of a Penitent (*The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 447–51), also known as the Rite of Private Confession. Take this opportunity to reflect on your journey and come away with nourishment for your prayer life.

5:30 pm Evening Prayer, in the Chapel

6 pm An Evening Devotion: The Stations of the Cross with Readings and Music, in the Church

This ancient service traces the route that Jesus took to the cross through the traditional fourteen “stations” along the Way of Sorrows. Ken Cowan, our former associate organist and now organ professor at Rice University in Houston, Texas, will play Marcel Dupré’s “Le Chemin de la Croix” (The Way of the Cross), Op. 29, an organ work musically portraying the emotions of Jesus’ journey from his painful suffering carrying the weight of the cross to his tenderness in meeting his mother.



HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

10 am Liturgy of the Day, in the Chapel

A brief service of the Word (no Eucharist) and prayers from the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 283.

10:30 am–12:30 pm Children’s Vigil and adorning of the Memorial Chapel

Children and youth are invited to join us as we adorn the Memorial Chapel with flowers in preparation for Christ’s resurrection, and to keep the vigil with us as we prepare this holy space for new life.



* **CHILDCARE AVAILABLE** † **FREE PARKING FOR SERVICES**

We provide parking free of charge for our Easter Vigil and Easter Day services. The garage is located at 136 East 51st Street, on the south side of East 51st Street, between 3rd and Lexington Avenues. Ask an usher or someone at St. Bart’s Central for a voucher. Vouchers are valid for 12 hours or until midnight, whichever comes first. (Because some have asked, please note that each redeemed parking voucher costs St. Bart’s \$12.)



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, SATURDAY, MARCH 31 †

4 pm Children's Baptisms, in the Chapel

7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter, with festive reception following, in the Church *

Drawn from ancient sources, this is the most dramatic liturgy of the year. We hear the timeless prophecies of hope. We renew baptismal vows by candlelight. We sing the first "Alleluia" of Easter. The church is flooded with light as the Eucharist is celebrated. Bring your own bells and noisemakers! A festive reception follows.



EASTER DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 1 †

8 am Eucharist with Hymns, in the Chapel

A simple, festive celebration using the traditional rite.

9 and 11 am Festival Choral Eucharist, in the Church *

(no tickets required, but come early to get a seat)

The Boy and Girl Choristers, St. Bart's Singers and St. Bartholomew's Choir

Brass, timpani and combined choirs offer music to uplift the soul. Great Easter anthems and favorite hymns for congregation and choirs are sung, all with St. Bart's incomparable Easter touches. Come early, bring a friend, share the joy. Music highlights: MacFarlane's "Christ, our Passover," Gabrieli's "Angelus Domini," Sir Charles Stanford's "Ye choirs of new Jerusalem," and Mozart's "Missa Brevis in C Major."

Easter Walk for Children during the sermon

Children are invited on a special Easter walk. Join us as we search out Jesus in the tomb and make our way to his resurrection. Children will be escorted from the service and will rejoin their families for Communion.

5 pm Festive Community Eucharist with Hymns, in the Chapel

A simple, festive contemporary Easter celebration.



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