

ST BART'S

A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK 2019



Thorns take the shape of a crown. Popular acclaim turns to public execution. Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Life ends and begins. This coming Holy Week tells a powerful story of change—a story that continues to change the world and to change people's lives.

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. Begin with the power of the Passion Drama on Palm Sunday. Join the disciples gathered for the last supper on Maundy Thursday and discover something about what it means to serve. Answer for yourself what is "good" about Good Friday. Experience the profound shift from dark to light at the Great Vigil on Easter Eve. Catch the first rays of hope on Easter Day.

We offer the following annotated guide to this week as a way to encourage you to find your own path through these important days. Eternal themes of death and life, sorrow and joy, and hope and resurrection are heard in these liturgies more powerfully than at any other time of the year.

Year after year, Holy Week deeply moves us; though emotionally and theologically complex, it is simple and marked by profound honesty. Though it is beyond a doubt a full week, its measured pace helps to absorb the intense meaning of the events being remembered.

There is no one simple or authorized meaning to the suffering and death of Jesus. But there is depth most of us have not begun to plumb. What is truth beyond doubt is that the Passion of Christ resides at the center of our lives as Christians.



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14 THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION †

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

10 am The Forum, in the Great Hall *

Artist Noah Buchanan shares with us the creative process that resulted in his Crucifixion painting, currently on display in the North Transept Chapel, and contemplates how art can help us better understand and appreciate the love Jesus demonstrated on the Cross.

10 am Intergenerational Palm Sunday Fair, Room 33 *

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. After the celebration of the Eucharist, the mood shifts to Jesus' journey to Calvary with a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel. The service ends in silence,.

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



MONDAY, APRIL 15 TUESDAY, APRIL 16 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

12:05 pm Eucharist, in the Chapel

Join us for worship in the quiet setting of our exquisite 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 centuries-old service of light and darkness, of keeping watch, with readings, chanted Psalms, and motets sung by members of St. Bartholomew's 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, APRIL 18

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."

8 am Eucharist in the Chapel

12:05 pm Choral Eucharist in the Chapel

With members of St. Bartholomew's Choir.

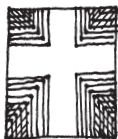
5:30 pm Evening Prayer in the Chapel

6 pm Choral Eucharist with Maundy Ceremonies, in the Church

At this service 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 taken to the chapel where it is reserved 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. Please sign up at our Welcome Table or online at stbarts.org.



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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.

12 noon to 3 pm The Three Hours: Seven Last Words of Christ, in the Church

The Gospels record the “seven last words” of Jesus from the cross, and this traditional service is in seven sections. In each, we reflect upon the crucifixion with choral music by St. Bartholomew’s Choir, hymns, prayers, a series of meditations, and periods 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.

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.

4 pm Family Stations of the Cross, in the Church

Our Interactive Stations of the Cross for children ages 5 to 17 is a great way to help our young people connect with the journey of Holy Week through themes of betrayal, comforting our friends, caring and forgiveness. For many people, especially our children and adolescents, Holy Week can feel disconnected from their lives. This service will engage families in conversation and help them connect greater meaning to this holiest of weeks.

5:30 pm Evening Prayer, in the Chapel

6 pm 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. And then the service concludes with Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10 am Liturgy of the Day (No Eucharist), in the Chapel

A brief service of the Word and prayers from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 283.



HOLY SATURDAY EASTER EVE, APRIL 20 †

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, the Great Vigil is the most dramatic liturgy of the year. We begin by lighting the new fire, and then hear the timeless stories of our salvation history. We renew our baptismal vows by candlelight. Then, as the church is flooded by light, we sing the first “Alleluia” of Easter and joyously celebrate the Eucharist. Bring your own bells and noisemakers! A festive reception follows. (*Note: We will have incense at this service.*)



EASTER DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 21 †

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)

Our combined choral ensembles, with brass, timpani, and organ offer music that uplifts 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," Scheidt's "Surrexit Christus Hodie," Stanford's "Ye choirs of new Jerusalem," and Willan's "Rise up, my love, my fair one."

Special Service for Children during the sermon

Children, and their parents if they would like to, are invited to a special Easter service in the chapel. 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.

For additional information, including music for Holy Week and Easter,
visit stbarts.org or call St. Bart's Central at 212-378-0222.

* CHILDCARE AVAILABLE † FREE PARKING

We provide parking free of charge for our Easter Vigil and Easter Day services. The garage is 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. (Because some have asked, please note that each redeemed parking voucher costs St. Bart's \$15.)

ST. BART'S PASTORAL STAFF AND MUSICIANS

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, *Rector*

The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders, *Vicar*

The Reverend Susan Anderson-Smith, *Associate Rector for Justice and Reconciliation*

The Reverend Peter Thompson, *Associate Rector for Formation and Liturgy*

The Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman, *Interim Associate Rector*

* The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins, *Assistant Rector*

* The Reverend Clayton Crawley, *Assisting Priest*

* The Reverend Dr. Tom Mugavero, *Assisting Clergy*

* The Reverend John F. Wirenius, *Deacon*

Patrick Bergquist, *Minister for Children, Youth and Family Formation*

Dr. Paolo Bordignon, *Interim Organist and Choirmaster*

Dent Davidson, *Interim Director of Emerging Liturgy and Music*

David Bryan, *Liturgy Coordinator*

Manny Rodríguez, *Welcome, Parish Life and Stewardship*

Raquel Murray, *Parish Administrator*

Meighan Corbett, *Director of Giving*

* Non-stipendiary