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Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity
Christ-centered, Biblically grounded, worshiping in the Anglican Tradition



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Holy Week

Holy Week is a journey we take with Jesus to the Cross and beyond. This very special week allows us to participate in the unfolding drama of our Redemption and New Life brought to us in Christ. The journey is marked with special days of devotion and fasting that point us forward to the great Resurrection celebration on Easter Sunday. The journey begins on Palm Sunday:

Palm Sunday (April 9)

We are in the crowd celebrating Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, waving palm fronds and crying Hosanna! But the tone of the liturgy quickly turns as the crowd in Jerusalem turns against Jesus. They realize he was not the messiah they were wanting or expecting. The service goes on to prepare us for what lies ahead on Good Friday by the reciting of the *Passion*, the story of the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. This year we hear the story of the Passion through St. Matthew's telling of this "Old, Old Story."

Scripture records that Jesus went on from the Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday to spend the early days of Holy Week teaching in the temple. His presence and teachings fuel the building enmity between Him and the religious authorities who are increasingly bent on ridding themselves of this itinerant rabbi.

Maunder Thursday (April 13)

This is Jesus' last evening before His arrest and crucifixion. On this night we gather to celebrate the Passover meal with Jesus and His disciples in an upper room of a home in Jerusalem. During this time with His disciples, Jesus commands them (and us) to do two things. First, He commands that we love others as He has loved us (John 13:34). Jesus demonstrates what it means love one another by washing His disciple's feet. We, like Peter, are uncomfortable with this, but perhaps we become even more uncomfortable when He commands us to do likewise to those around us.



Secondly, at this Passover meal, Jesus commands that we break bread with our fellow disciples in remembrance of Him. We become aware that Jesus is talking about more than just remembering. He is infusing new meaning into the Passover meal by amazingly offering Himself as the Passover Lamb who will be sacrificed for us. The Passover becomes not only what it has always been, a remembrance of the saving acts of God, but also a memorial that Jesus is the very culmination of Salvation History. Through the bread and wine, Jesus assures us of His "Real Presence" with us always.

At this Maunder Thursday service, we are obedient in following both of these commands. We wash one another's feet and participate in the wonderful mystery we know as the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday (April 14)

On Good Friday we are there as Jesus stumbles along the road carrying His Cross. Crowds jeering! Whips cracking! Calvary looming ahead! We cannot help but remember the old spiritual hymn, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

It is the tradition of many Christians on this day to walk the *Way of the Cross* with Jesus, also known as *The Stations of the Cross*. Early Christians who would make their pilgrimage to Jerusalem would walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the route He took as He bore His Cross to Calvary. When access to the Holy Land became limited following the Muslim conquest of the Middle East, churches in Europe would place "stations" along the walls of the church commemorating the events of Jesus' journey to the Cross, thus continuing to walk The Way of the Cross.



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Here at Holy Trinity on Good Friday, we walk to the Way of the Cross with Jesus. We gather at noon in the church and using the painting on the wall of the nave, we move from prayer station to prayer station, event to event, until we end up at Calvary with Jesus.

At our Good Friday Liturgy in the evening, we once again read the *Passion Story*, as we did on Palm Sunday, except this time from St. John's Gospel. After special prayers, known as the Solemn Collects, a wooden cross is brought into the church, and we have the opportunity take our sins, burdens and worries to the Cross of Christ, writing them on a slip of paper and nailing them to the Cross.

Holy Saturday (April 15)

1 Peter 3:19 tells us that on **Holy Saturday** Jesus "*went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison.*" This is known as the "Harrowing of Hell" when the proclamation of the Gospel is made to those who have not and will not otherwise hear the saving message of the Gospel. But for you who walked with Jesus through the events of this week, watching as He was crucified, Saturday is a day of prayer and contemplation concerning what God in Christ has done for us. Knowing the rest of the story, we wait expectantly for its fruition on Easter morning.

The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, April 15)



In the 2000 years since these events of Holy Week, we have learned what it means to wait for the Day of the Resurrection with joyful expectation. After sundown we gather to participate in what has become known as the Great Vigil of Easter. In the early centuries of the Church, this was done with prayers, Scripture readings, singing, baptisms, and holding vigil throughout the night until dawn, at which time the first Eucharist of Easter would be celebrated. The Scriptures read and expounded upon through the night would recall the mighty saving acts of God that culminate in the glorious event of Easter Morning.

On this night at Holy Trinity we also will hold vigil, but in a more abbreviated manner. We begin by commemorating the "Light of Christ" that has come into the world with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. We then do many readings that take us through God's mighty and saving acts in history. We pray and renew our own baptismal covenant. We conclude by celebrating the first Eucharist of Easter and then processing to the parish hall for an "Agape Feast," a celebration of the Risen Christ who has secured for us a place at the "Great Banquet Feast of the Lamb."



Easter (April 16)

This is the **Feast Day of the Lord's Resurrection**, the single greatest celebration of the Christian year and the event to which all of Holy Week has been pointing. Easter is a celebration of the wonders of the *Paschal Mystery*, which is that Jesus has overcome death and opened for us the gates to eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcoming the Diocese of SC

This past week, Anglicans in the lower part of the state under The Diocese of South Carolina, a diocese that disaffiliated with The Episcopal Church a few year ago, has now become part of our Anglican Province, the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). The Diocese is composed of 52 parishes and approximately 23,000 baptized members, and is one of the oldest religious districts in the United States. The Diocese has several of the oldest, operating churches in the nation.

On behalf of all of us here at Holy Trinity, welcome!



This past month some of our ladies helped provide lunch for *Habitat for Humanity* crew in North Augusta.

Lay Ministry Chart

2017	April 2 5 th Sun of Lent	April 9 Palm Sun	April 13 Maundy Thu	April 14 Good Fri	April 15 Easter Vigil	April 16 Easter	April 23 2 Easter	April 30 3 Easter	May 7 4 Easter
Euch. Min.	Paula W	Sandra S	Jerry N	N/A	Mike S	Paula W	Sandra S	Jerry N	Rosemarie
Ushers / Greeters	Bobbie R Monte S Sue J	Joseph A Bill B Judy C	Margaret W Deborah K Donna L	Wayne L Richard Jason N	Bobbie R Monte S Sue J	Susan P Joseph A Bill B	Judy C Deborah Donna L	Richard M Jason N Bobbie R	Monte S Sue J Wayne L
Presenting Bread/Wine	Terri F Ginger H	Billy & Amy H	Adam H Nancy H	N/A	Dianne H Marci H	Mike & Amber H	Bob & Sue J	Lisa J Phyllis K	Deborah K Donna L
Prayer Team	Nancy H Wayne L	Rosemarie Margaret W	Ginger H Monique T	TBD	Nancy H Wayne L	Ginger H Monique T	Rosemarie Margaret	Nancy H Wayne L	Rosemarie Margaret W
Lector-OT	Jackie F	JoEllen B	Brenda B	Mitch C	TBD	Judy C	Betty C	Jennifer D	Tom D
Lector-NT	Betty C	Avery S	Jennifer D	Tom D	TBD	Ginger H	Billy H	Sue J	Wayne L
Altar Guild [week of]	Rosemarie JoEllen B	Virginia F Marguerite P	Ginger H Monique T Terry N	Betty C Donna L	Annette M Myrle W	Virginia F Marguerite	Rosemarie JoEllen B	Ginger H Monique T Terry N	Betty C Donna L
Acolyte Guild	TBD	Kevin W	Jackie F	N/A	Sandra S	Oke I	Avery S	Kate W	Kevin W

What God Has to Say about the Generous Spirit

It is giving sacrificially

Luke 21:1–4 *Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”*

True generosity doesn't come from our excess; it comes from a sacrificial heart.

It is loving as God loves; giving as God gives

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

1 John 3:16–18 *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

Love blossoms into generosity. Our generosity should be modeled on our savior's self-giving love. It isn't enough to talk about our love; it needs expressed in concrete examples of generous sacrifice.

It is fulfilling the law of Christ

Galatians 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*

What is the law of Christ? Love the Lord with our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. And it's fulfilled by bearing one another's burdens.

It is investing in the future

Matthew 6:19–21 *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

The beauty in this passage is found in Jesus' promise that as we invest our resources in God's kingdom, our heart will also be pulled in that direction.

Luke 6:38 *Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”*

In God's economy, generosity is rewarded with the same kind of benevolence—pressed down and running over.

Community Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am Saturday, April 15

All the children of the broader community are invited to bring their Easter baskets and take part in our annual Easter egg hunt in the field across from the church. Easter eggs are an old tradition. Just as a chick emerges from the egg, the egg is a symbol of [resurrection](#) and new life. What could be more appropriate for Easter!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						9:00 to 10:20am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5th Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00-11:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night at the movies	9:00 to 10:20am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 6:00 pm Service of Prayer & Praise
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Palm Sunday 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	<u>No</u> Fellowship Supper & Bible Study	7:00 pm Maundy Thur Service	Noon Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy	<u>No</u> men's Study 10:00 am Community Easter Egg Hunt 7:00 pm Easter Vigil
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter Day 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee <i>Nursery available</i> <u>No Adult Forum</u> <u>No Sunday School</u>		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night at the movies	9:00 to 10:20am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 11 am – 2 pm Holy Trinity Blood Drive 6:00 pm Service of Prayer & Praise
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
2nd Sunday in Easter 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night at the movies	
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3rd Sunday in Easter 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>						

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