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Proclaiming the Living Voice of the Gospel in Beauty and Holiness

Holy Week and Easter Worship at Trinity

The liturgies of Holy Week are the most powerful of our Christian year. As we retell and explore the depths of our salvation through Christ, I encourage you to make time for worship during Holy Week. Bring your children! Bring a friend! The services of the Paschal Triduum (Thursday-Saturday) contain many symbols of God's grace and love, and are deeply meaningful and important opportunities for worship.

Passion Sunday with Procession of Palms – Sunday, 5 April 2009 • 8:30am & 11:00am

We process waving palm branches, hear the reading of the Passion story according to St. Mark, and partake in Holy Communion. Our procession with palms helps us remember the entry of Christ into Jerusalem, the beginning of Christ's passion.

Maundy Thursday – 9 April 2009 • 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday marks the first day of our Paschal Triduum (three days). We hear the story of the Passover meal and the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples. Here Jesus knelt to wash their feet - an action recreated as we have the option to wash the feet of one another. We share in the Lord's Supper and prepare for Good Friday as the church is stripped of its furnishings and adornments.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship – 10 April 2009 • 7:00pm

In our Tenebrae (darkness) worship, we hear the seven last words of Christ and meditate through song and prayer on Christ's crucifixion, death, and burial. Candles are extinguished throughout the service reminding us of the darkness that covered the earth at the time our Lord spoke his last words.

The Great Easter Vigil – Saturday, 11 April 2009 • 7:00pm

The Easter Vigil, the last day of the Paschal Triduum, was the way early Christians celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord. It is the oldest celebration in the church year, and most importantly the pinnacle of the Christian Church Year. Beginning in darkness, we light the Easter candle from the new fire and hear the ancient stories of Creation, the Flood, the Exodus, and prophecies of new life and resurrection. Baptism and Holy Communion are celebrated! We ring in Easter with a Holy Noise - remember to bring something to jingle!

Easter Sunday Festival Worship – Sunday, 12 April 2009 • 8:30 & 11:00am

We continue our celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord with a festival worship. As we celebrate, we remember that it is up to us to respond to God both in our worship and as we go out into the world. We remember that through our baptism we are called to joyful service. Connected by our Creator, we have the opportunity to live in new life with him, where all boundaries are erased and all wounds are healed. We go out renewed and freed, to serve a world as Easter people!

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