



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOLY WEEK & THE DAY OF RESURRECTION March 24 – 31, 2024

Holy Week is the final period leading to the high holy days of the Triduum and Easter. Holy Week is best seen as a single observance with an integral unity of purpose and proclamation. Services are held Monday – Saturday of Holy Week. We invite you to enter fully into this holy observance.

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, March 24

At the service on this day we distribute palms which are blessed. The palms symbolize Our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and the opening of the liturgy is quite joyous: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!* We carry these palms in joyful procession as we follow Jesus in the way that leads to eternal life. Once in the church, there is a shift as cries of "Hosanna" will suddenly change to "crucify!" The Passion narrative is read and the congregation takes part. This liturgy points us toward new life.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- 8:00 a.m.** **Liturgy of the Palms** (*Labyrinth*) & **Holy Eucharist**, *Nave*
- 10:30 a.m.** **Liturgy of the Palms** (*Labyrinth*) & **Holy Eucharist**, *Nave* (*incense will be used*),
[Livestream to YouTube](#)
- 6:00 p.m.** **Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist**, *Shalom Chapel*
- 8:00 p.m.** **Compline**, *Nave*

Monday in Holy Week, March 25

6:30 p.m. **Grief Ritual**, *Brooks Room*

7:30 p.m. **Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two** will include praying the Anglican Rosary followed by Contemplative Prayer. Rosaries will be provided. *The Shalom Chapel*

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 26

6:30 p.m. **Artists Stations of the Cross including Artists' Reflections**

Join us for an artistic journey to the cross. The Way of the Cross service will be enhanced by the words and experiences of those who created our artistic interpretations. This service includes the traditional Way of the Cross and artist's responses.

Wednesday in Holy Week, March 27

12:15 p.m. **Healing Eucharist**, *Shalom Chapel*

7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae with Compline Choir**, *Nave (incense will be used) & [Livestream to YouTube](#)*

The name Tenebrae (the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadow") has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning services (Matins and Lauds) of the last three days of Holy Week, which in medieval times came to be celebrated on the preceding evening. Along with the reading of scripture, the most conspicuous feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of Christ, remains. Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, symbolizing the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection, the hidden candle is restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence.

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:30 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Liturgy (with Foot Washing, Stripping the Altar, Reserving the Sacrament, and Washing the Altar)**, *Nave (incense will be used) & [Livestream to Youtube](#)*

The word "Maundy" comes from a Latin word meaning "commandment." The evening of Maundy Thursday is the beginning of three days in Holy Week known by the Latin title, "triduum sacrum" (Sacred or Holy Three Days). During this service we remember Jesus' institution of Holy Communion and his command to "Do this in remembrance of me." The gospel reading will recall Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet, and this act of Jesus is repeated by the congregation. Experiencing this action of mutual service and love for one another is often a profoundly moving experience.

9:00 p.m. **Garden of Repose: A Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, Shalom Chapel & [Livestream to Youtube](#)**

The practice of keeping watch with our Lord can be traced to Christ's appeal to His disciples in the garden of Gethsemane on the eve of the crucifixion: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" By keeping an hour of vigil with the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of Repose, we can answer Jesus with an emphatic "yes," knowing that we are in the presence of the same Jesus, now veiled in the form of bread and wine, as were the disciples who witnessed His resurrection. The vigil begins at 9:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, and continues overnight until 8:00 a.m. on Good Friday. You are invited to [sign-up](#) and go to our [Youtube](#) channel for prayer or at any time that is convenient for you.

Good Friday, March 29

[The Good Friday Offering](#)

Contribute to support the churches in Jerusalem. Learn about the [history](#) of this special offering. You may contribute at the link above or leave your offering at St. Bart's following the Good Friday service.

6:00 p.m. **Children/Youth/Family Service, Warden's Hall**

This special service is open to all and designed to meet our families where they are. Come join us!

7:30 p.m. **Good Friday Liturgy, Nave & [Livestream to YouTube](#)**

In the Episcopal Church, Good Friday is one of the days in the Church calendar set aside for "special acts of discipline and self-denial." Traditionally this means a day of fasting and church attendance. On this solemn day we remember that Jesus was "obedient unto death" and do not celebrate the Eucharist. Instead, Holy Communion will be administered from the reserved Sacrament.

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. **Holy Saturday Liturgy, Nave**

The Saturday after Good Friday recalls the day when the Christ's body lay in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. In the Episcopal Church there is no Eucharist on Holy Saturday. The Book of Common Prayer provides a simple liturgy of the word with collect and readings for the Holy Saturday service. The funeral anthem "In the midst of life" (BCP, p. 492) is used. In the ancient church, those preparing for baptism and perhaps others continued the fast they began on Good Friday. Holy Saturday ends at sunset. Fasting and other preparations end at sunset or with the Easter Vigil, which begins the celebration of Easter.

9:30 a.m. **Children's Activity, Outside**

Meet at Sophie's Garden located to the right of the entrance driveway. The story of Sophie will be remembered as we re-plant the garden. Then we will dye Easter eggs and conclude by hanging the Alleluia banner in the outer Narthex.

Easter Sunday, March 31

6:30 a.m. **The Great Vigil of Easter, Holy Eucharist, & Renewal of Baptismal Vows***, *Outside, Nave (incense will be used)*, [Livestream to YouTube](#)
A Continental breakfast feast follows the service, Parish Hall.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the most joyous and beautiful liturgy of the church year, and is the principal celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The Vigil begins in total darkness, like the darkness of the tomb. The Paschal Candle is lighted from the New Fire and carried into the darkened church as the Exsultet, the oldest distinctively Christian melody is sung. Readings from scripture chronicle the history of our relationship with God through the biblical themes of creation, sin, redemption, and resurrection. We respond by renewing our baptismal vows. Then with the singing of the Great Alleluia, "Christ is Risen", the church is flooded with light, the tomb is empty, death is conquered! We burst into singing the Gloria for the first time since the Sunday before Lent. **Remember to bring small bells to ring during this moment of pure joy.**

9:30 a.m. **Easter Egg Hunt**, *Meet in Crossing Hall, Ages 0-18 welcome*

10:15 a.m. **Extended Prelude with organ, brass & timpani**

10:30 a.m. **Festive Holy Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows, with organ, brass & timpani**
Nave (no incense), [Livestream to YouTube](#)
There will be a **Festive Easter Reception** in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10:30 service where all are welcome!

6:00 p.m. **Easter Evening Holy Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows**, *Shalom Chapel (no incense)*

Throughout Holy Week & The Entire Year

The Rite of Reconciliation, *Shalom Chapel*

Please contact a priest to schedule a mutually acceptable time. Prepare by reviewing the Rite of Reconciliation found on pp. 446 - 452 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Contact angela@stbartsatlanta.org or alex@stbartsatlanta.org.

Walk the Outdoor Labyrinth



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