

Holy Week

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, the week preceding *Easter Sunday*. It is observed in many Christian churches as a time to commemorate and enact the suffering and death of Jesus through various observances and worship services. We often focus on the joyful celebrations of *Palm Sunday* and the hope of the Resurrection on *Easter*. It is important to remember that suffering, humiliation, and death are also a part of Holy Week. Only by walking through the darkness of *Good Friday* and the despair on *Holy Saturday*, can we truly understand and appreciate the light and hope of *Easter Sunday* morning.

Palm Sunday – is the Sunday before Easter and is when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey in preparation for the Passover Feast. People waved palm branches and laid their coats on the ground to show respect to the “King”.

– John 11:55-58; 12:12-16

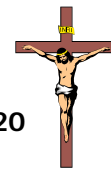


Maundy Thursday – is the Thursday before Easter. It is also called “Holy Thursday”. On this day we commemorate the washing of the disciple’s feet by Jesus Christ, the Last Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas.

– John 13

Good Friday – is the Friday before Easter or *Pascha*. This is the day we commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus at Calvary.

– John 18-20



Easter Sunday – or Resurrection Day, is the most important day observed by Christians, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on the third day after his death.

– John 20:1-18

March 28 - April 3

Isaiah 42:1-9 - Servant of the Lord
Isaiah 49:1-7 - The Future Redeemer
Psalms 36 - God Pours Out His Love
Psalms 71 - God’s Constant Help
John 12:1-11 - Woman Anoints Jesus with Perfume
John 12:20-36 - Jesus Explains Why He Must Die
I Corinthians 1:18-31 - Christ the Wisdom & Power
Hebrews 9:11-15 - The Blood of Christ
Weekend Reflection & Day of Worship

April 4 – April 10

Exodus 12:1-14 – The Feast of the Passover
Isaiah 50:4-9a – The Sovereign Lord Helps Me
Psalms 70 – Prayer for Help
Psalms 116 – Praise for Being Saved
John 13:1-17, 31b-35 – Jesus Washes Disciples Feet
John 13:21-32 – The Last Supper
I Corinthians 11:23-26 – The Lord’s Supper
Hebrews 12:1-3 – We Do Not Struggle Alone
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April 11 – April 17

Job 14:1-14 – God’s Solution for Believers
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 – Suffering and Glory of the Servant
Psalms 22 – Great Suffering to Great Joy
Psalms 31 – Commit Yourself to God
John 18:1-19 – Jesus Betrayed and Arrested
John 19:38-42 – Pilate Hands Jesus Over
Hebrews 10:16-25 – Christ’s Sacrifices Once for All
I Peter 4:1-8 – Living For God
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April 18 - April 24

Isaiah 25:1-12 – Praise the Lord
Isaiah 55:1-11 – Invitation to the Thirsty
Psalms 16 – Companionship with God
Psalms 118 – God’s Love is Unchanging
John 20:1-18 – Jesus Rises from the Dead
Luke 24:13-49 – Jesus Appears to Two Believers
Acts 10:34-43 – Peter Preaches the Good News
I Corinthians 15:1-11 – The Resurrection of Christ
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