

AN INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK AT ALL SAINTS-BY-THE-SEA

The Paschal Mystery -

*Christ's death and resurrection - is the **heart of Christianity**. And it is the life-saving center of our own lives and stories. Christ's Paschal Mystery finds us in the darkness of our human life, gathers us in beloved community, and makes us, once again, **a new creation**.*

This Holy Week, come and

***experience the life-saving mysteries** of Christ's death and resurrection. The services of Holy Week are the most meaningful and life-changing services of the year for many. During Holy Week, we not only remember Christ's saving acts for us, but we participate in the very acts of Christ's passion, so that on Easter we can **become God's Resurrection people**, agents of God's transforming love to this broken world.*

Palm Sunday, April 9 - 8am in the Sanctuary/10am gather on the lawn: Palm Sunday is filled with drama and action. We join in Jesus' triumphant procession into Jerusalem, only to be surprised by the cross at the end of the journey. The congregation will join in a boisterous procession into the Nave as if following Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. As we transition **from Palms to the Passion**, the newly confirmed will lead us in recalling the Passion of Jesus. At the 10am, our children will gather close to take a special part in the Blessing of the Palms and then proceed to Sunday School. Please do not miss, nor have your children miss, this story so central to our lives and faith.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 - 5pm Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall, 6:30pm Service: Gather in beloved community to break bread and share Christ's servant ministry. We gather as Jesus did with his disciples on the night of the last supper to carry out the commandment Jesus gives to his disciples: "love one another as I have loved you." We do this by washing one another's feet as servants to one another and by sharing a simple yet sacred meal of bread and wine as friends. Children are invited to help wash feet as well.



Good Friday, April 14 - Noon & 6:30pm Service: On Good Friday we commemorate and participate in Christ's suffering and death because we believe they have purpose. We believe that **Christ's death conquered death**, in all of its forms, once and for all. When we have found ourselves on one of life's many crosses, Christ, who suffers with us, has sustained us. We meet Christ on the cross, and we know that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. In baptism, we die with Christ on the cross, promising to surrender ourselves to God for the sake of our salvation, and to enter into the suffering of others for the sake of their salvation. **Come walk the way of the cross for salvation sake.**

The Great Easter Vigil, April 15 - Sunset/7:30pm Service on the Patio: Fire. Light. Word. water. Bread. Wine. These are the symbols that lead us from death to life with Christ. This ancient service, the most important service of the year, begins with the kindling of a new fire - **the light of Christ breaking into the darkness of our world**. And then we hear the story, our story, of salvation from the beginning of time. We will gather on the patio around the fire as we share our **ancestral stories** of how God has worked for our salvation since the beginning of time, and how we still participate in God's ongoing story of salvation. We will baptize new Christians and commit ourselves anew to the people of Christ's resurrection. Then celebrate that resurrection in the first Eucharist of Easter. **Dress warmly**, and don't miss this **principle liturgy of the year** gathered around the simplicity of a campfire. While there will be no childcare, children are welcome.

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Palm Sunday, April 9th.....Services at 8am & 10am

Maundy Thursday, April 13th.....Potluck Supper at 5pm

Service & Foot Washing at 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 14th.....Services at Noon & 6:30pm

The Great Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15th.....Service on the Patio at Sunset/7:15pm

Easter Sunday, April 16th.....Services at 8am & 10am

Egg hunt after 10am