



Services during Holy Week & Easter Sunday Livestreamed on Facebook

This is a very unusual time for the Church where we cannot be with one another in a physical sense. But although the church building is closed, please know that WE ARE STILL HERE. As the Body of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are united in fellowship with one another and with the whole company of heaven.

As such, whether you are reading this on your own or following along on the live stream we are delighted to welcome you. Please note that, because it is live streamed online, I may be shortening the service to try to keep it closer to 30 minutes.

Some notes about Holy Week

It is with real sorrow that we are unable to meet in person for Holy Week. However, we will still endeavour to be united in prayer and fellowship wherever we are.

As a way of marking the journey of Holy Week, you are encouraged to create your own small 'chapel' – find a surface, place a small cloth, perhaps with a candle or a cross. This can serve as an altar and a place of prayer in your home which will be 'stripped' on Maundy Thursday.

At the end of each liturgy, there will be some questions for you to reflect on or discuss with other people.



Palm Sunday

@ 10.00am – Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion

@ 6.30pm – Sung Compline by Candlelight

Today, we would normally be given Palm Crosses to join in a procession.

As we are unable to meet, we encourage you before the service begins to make your own cross, either from things around the house or garden, or an origami cross.

If you are able, post it on social media at 5.00pm on Palm Sunday and share on the Diocesan Facebook page. Beneath your photo put the link to our live-streamed service.

Questions to ponder...

1. What images, words, or phrases do you associate with Palm Sunday?
2. The Palm Sunday liturgy shows the fickleness of humanity. One minute we shout someone's praises, and soon after we yell, "Crucify him!" When in your own life have you been inconsistent in your actions or beliefs?
3. What is your prayer as you begin Holy Week?

Holy Week

Regular Morning Prayer continues @ 9.30am

Regular Evening Prayer continues @ 5.00pm on Zoom

Monday – Wednesday @ 6.30pm – Reflection from Richard Cooke

Monday – Wednesday @ 7.00pm – Holy Communion



Maundy Thursday

@ 6.30pm – Reflection from Richard Cooke

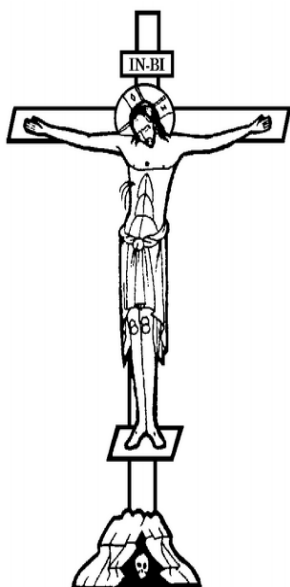
@ 7.00pm – Holy Communion

On Palm Sunday, you were encouraged to create an altar or small chapel in your home. As part of the liturgy of tonight's Eucharist, you will be invited to strip the altar. This symbolises the humiliation of Jesus at the hand of the soldiers and is a powerful reminder of the desolation he felt.

If you live with one or more other people, you are also encouraged to have a large bowl with water in it to wash each other's feet during/after the service.

Questions to ponder...

1. What images, words, or phrases do you associate with Maundy Thursday?
2. How does Jesus call you to serve others in your everyday actions and interactions?
3. How might you explain the connection between the washing of feet and Eucharist?



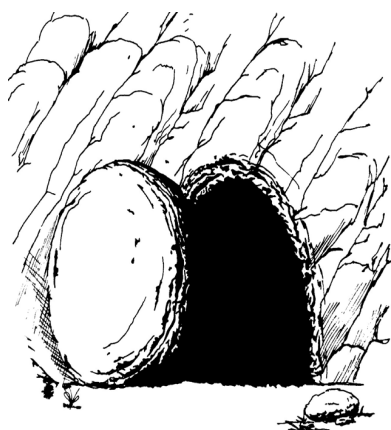
Good Friday

- @ 1.00pm – The Liturgy of Good Friday
- @ 6.30pm – Reflection from Richard Cooke
- @ 7.00pm – Sung Compline by Candlelight

Good Friday is the day we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. It is part of the Paschal Triduum, preceded by Maundy Thursday, when Jesus shared the Eucharistic meal with his disciples, and followed by Easter Sunday, when the Risen Jesus was seen for the first time. Though there are words and music in the service, silence is used throughout. What else can we do, but fall silent for on this day of days, before the cross, all creation stands in awed silence. You may like to have a small cross in your eyeline.

Questions to ponder...

1. What images, words, or phrases do you associate with Good Friday?
2. What are your own experiences of death and resurrection?
3. How might you explain the significance of the cross to someone?



Easter Sunday

- @ 6.00am – Dawn Service
- @ 10.00am – Holy Communion

This service celebrates Christ's glorious bursting from the tomb, his assurance of salvation and his victory over death. Though we are not able to physically be united, we are nevertheless united in prayer and fellowship made possible because of this most blessed of days.

There will be two services this morning: the dawn Easter vigil where the Easter candle will be lit and then the Eucharist at 10am. For the Vigil, you are encouraged to have a candle with you and to begin in as much darkness as you can manage, lighting the candle at the indicated moment. The Vigil begins in the Vicarage garden: you may wish to mirror this before 'processing' back into your home. You may also wish to have a bowl of water with you for the renewal of baptismal vows during the 10am Holy Communion.

Questions to ponder...

1. What images, words, or phrases do you associate with Easter Sunday?
2. What are some important Easter traditions in your own family?
3. Where do you encounter the Risen Christ?