

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

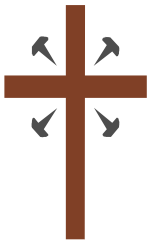
at Church of the Good Shepherd

The Sunday of the Passion

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Palm Sunday, March 28 - 7:30, 9:00*, & 11:05* a.m. The Holy Eucharist with the Palm Sunday Liturgy and Choral Reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ. At 9:00 and 11:05 am, the service will begin with the Palm Sunday procession. There will be no Sunday school or chapel on this day. The nursery will be open from 8:45-12:45.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week



Monday, March 29 - 7:00 p.m. A Contemplative Holy Eucharist. That means there will be fewer words, no sermon, more quiet, and peaceful music.

Tuesday, March 30 - 7:00 p.m. A Contemplative Holy Eucharist. That means there will be fewer words, no sermon, more quiet, and peaceful music.

Wednesday, March 31 - 7:00 p.m. A Contemplative Holy Eucharist. That means there will be fewer words, no sermon, more quiet, and peaceful music. This service will include special prayers for healing.

The Triduum

Maundy Thursday, April 1.

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7:00 p.m.* The Holy Eucharist with a liturgy of foot washing. The Good Shepherd Choir will offer special music. The service ends with the solemn stripping of the altar. Nursery care will be provided for the 7:00 pm service.

A Prayer Vigil will last from the end of the Maundy Thursday service through the start of the Great Vigil at 7:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the entryway.

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Good Friday, April 2.

7:00 p.m.* The Good Friday Liturgy will include the reading of the Passion, prayers and Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament. Nursery care will be provided.

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Easter Eve, April 3 - 7:30 p.m.* The Great Vigil, featuring the first light of Easter, the story of Creation and Redemption, Holy Baptism and the first Holy Communion of Easter. (A small amount of incense will be used at the beginning of this service.) Nursery care will be provided.

The Feast of the Resurrection

Easter Day, April 4

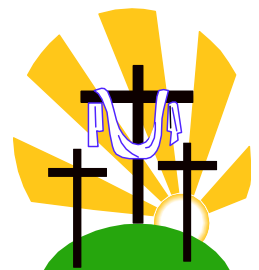
7:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist with music by the Good Shepherd Choir.

9:00* a.m. The Holy Eucharist with music by the Good Shepherd Choir.

11:05* a.m. The Holy Eucharist with music by ShepherdSong.

There will be no Sunday School or Chapel. The nursery will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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*Nursery care is offered at these services. Children are warmly invited to participate with their families.

Getting Ready for Holy Week and Easter



Holy Baptism will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for your children, please contact Rev. Shelly, 892-7770, or shellyf@goodshepherdvancouver.org. You may also sign up in

the church entry. Baptism class dates will be March 7, 14, and 21 at 12:30 pm in the sanctuary, after the 11:05 service. These classes will involve light reading, fellowship and story-sharing.

Easter Memorials - Memorial gifts for Easter altar flowers or individual lilies can be arranged through the Church office, 892-7770. If you would like to make an offering toward Easter flowers, call with your memorial information by March 29.

A Prayer Vigil begins immediately after the Maundy Thursday worship service and continues until the start of the Great Vigil at 7:30 p.m. on Easter Eve. Jesus asked his disciples in the garden at Gethsemane, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" We try to answer that question by praying throughout the 48 hours in the church in one-hour shifts. There is more information and a sign-up sheet in the entry. Please call the church if you are unable to come at the time you signed up for. Questions, call Chuck or Sandy Bristol – 360-571-0389.



No Sunday School or Chapel on Palm Sunday or Easter for children or adults. Please have your children join you in church for these special services.

Help is needed to fold Easter bulletins on Fri., April 2, at 10:00 am and to fold Triduum bulletins on Thurs., April 1, at 10:00 am. If you can help, please sign up in the church entry or call the office.

Flowers for the Children - Easter Pansies for the children is a long-time tradition at Good Shepherd. Be sure your children receive their plant on Easter morning. Thank you to Nick & Barbara Welsh for providing this Easter gift again this year.



The Sacrament of Penance, commonly called Confession, will be offered by appointment only during Holy Week on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. For some, Confession is a regular part of their faith discipline. For others, it is appropriate when they feel weighed down by sin and are unable to feel forgiven. If you have questions about the Sacrament of Penance and whether it might be helpful to you, or if you would like to schedule a time for Confession, talk to one of our priests, Tom Warne or Shelly Fayette.

Easter Crowding - Easter attendance is the largest of the year. It is the number one day for our own parishioners to be in Church. It is a time when we bring family members and others as guests. It is also the day we have the most visitors. We want everyone to have a special, faith-filled celebration of Easter. Here are several suggestions for how you can help.

To help alleviate parking lot overcrowding, you could bring the whole family to Church in one car or you could park at Ellsworth School. If your schedule allows, consider making The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday or the 7:30 a.m. service on Easter morning your Easter celebration. These will be beautiful services with special music. And, there will be lots of available seats.

Whatever works best for your family, our worship leaders have been at work planning for a joyous celebration of the Resurrection. Invite your family and friends to join you for worship on this great day.

