

Easter Sunday, April 1

6:00 a.m. **The Great Vigil of Easter & Baptism*** (with incense), *Outside & Nave*
A 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 Our Lord. 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.

A special festive Easter Breakfast will be served between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning. All parishioners and visitors are welcomed.

9:00 a.m. **Special Easter Breakfast, \$6.00 Adults/\$5.00 Children/\$20 Family Maximum,** *Parish Hall*

9:00 a.m. **St. Bartian’s Easter Bonnet Celebration,** *Parish Hall*

9:15 a.m. **Easter Egg Hunt,** *Meet in the Gathering Area by the Children’s Formation Bulletin Board*

9:30 a.m. **Children and Family Christian Formation,** *Wardens’ Hall*

10:30 a.m. **Easter Festal Eucharist*+ (with incense),** *Nave*

There will be a **Festive Easter Reception** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 service where all are welcomed! The Parish Life Committee will provide the country ham and would like to request foodstuff from the parish for our Easter Reception. The breakdown follows: **A-K:** Vegetables (Cooked/Raw) or Salad; **L-P:** Desserts; **Q-Z:** your favorite non-alcoholic beverage or bottle of wine/champagne. *Nursery care is available.*

No 6:00 p.m. Eucharist on Easter Sunday

The church office will be closed Monday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 3

**Nursery-care provided*

+Children’s Church offered

Throughout Holy Week

The Rite of Reconciliation, *Chapel*

While one can make a confession to a priest at any time, special times have been set aside during Holy Week in the Chapel on Monday, March 30, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Good Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit — Representations by Parish Artists, *Narthex and Nave*

The Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit is open each day of Holy Week, 8:00 a.m.—6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, March 27, St. Bartholomew’s Way of the Cross service will be enhanced by the words and experiences of those that created our artistic interpretations of the Way of the Cross. Please make time during Holy Week to visit this moving exhibit..

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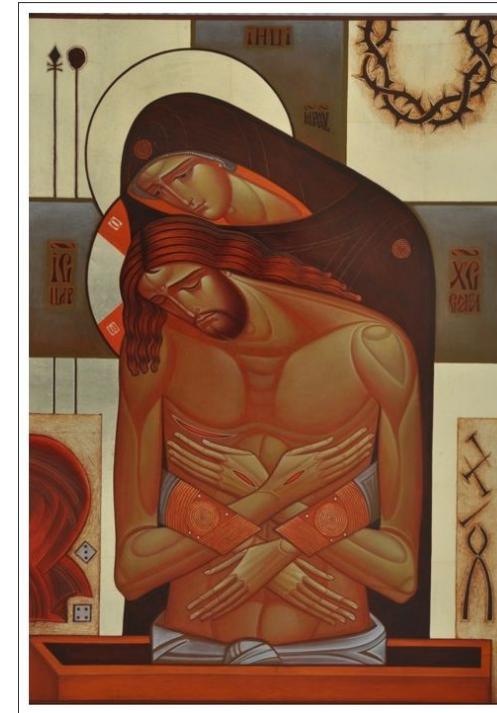
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ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

MARCH 25 – APRIL 1, 2018



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 each day of Holy Week.

We invite you to enter fully into this holy observance.

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, March 25

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 we rehearse the coming week by remembering the days leading up to and including Jesus’ passion. Cries of “Hosanna” will suddenly change to “crucify!” The Passion narrative is read and the congregation takes part. This is a service where we look full into the face of costly love.

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 & Holy Eucharist,** *Outside & Nave*

9:00 a.m. **Breakfast,** *Parish Hall*

9:30 a.m. **All Ages Formation*,** *Parish Hall Meeting Room*

10:30 a.m. **Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist*,** *Outside & Nave*

6:00 p.m. **Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist,** *Chapel*

8:00 p.m. **Compline,** *Nave*

Monday in Holy Week, March 26

5:00 p.m. **Rite of Reconciliation,** *Chapel*

While one can make a confession to a priest at any time, special times have been set aside during Holy Week in the Chapel on Monday, March 30, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Good Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. **A Contemplative Service of Anointing,** *Nave*

This is the fourth time this service has been offered at St. Bartholomew's. It will mark Mary Magdalene's loving anointing of Jesus' feet as he entered Jerusalem and her accompaniment of Jesus at every stage of the Holy Week drama. The service shifts the emphasis of Holy Week from the abandonment of Jesus and consequential guilt, to emphasize his sacrificial love – a course of action voluntarily chosen. The service is based on one created by Episcopal priest and modern mystic, The Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault. A dramatic telling of Mary's anointing of Jesus, will be followed by all present anointing one another. There is no Eucharist.

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 27

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

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 that created our artistic interpretations. This indoor service will use the traditional Way of the Cross service and the artist responses from parishioners who have created.

Wednesday in Holy Week, March 28

12:10 p.m. **Healing & Eucharist,** *Chapel*

7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae with Compline Choir (with incense),** *Nave*

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. ***No Parish Dinner on this night.***

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 p.m. **Agape Meal,** *Parish Hall, RSVP church office (404) 634-3336*

The word *Agape* is one of the Greek words for love: in this case, the sort of unconditional, selfless love that we seek to live out in the pattern of Christ. This feast is a time of fellowship around a table spread with a simple meal consisting of soup, bread, cheese, olives, dried fruit, grape juice, water, and wine. Short readings and prayers are said during the meal. The Agape Feast can be traced back to the early Christians who met regularly for food and fellowship before or after the Eucharist. RSVP is required by Monday, March 26, by phoning the church office. Cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, \$15 max for a family. Each family is asked to bring a bread, wine or juice: A-M: one loaf of flat bread; N-P: juice or wine. Following the meal we will move into the Nave for the Maundy Thursday service that commemorates Jesus' last meal with his disciples, where he washed their feet.

7:00 p.m. **Walk the Labyrinth,** *Parish Hall Meeting Room*

Spend time to prepare your heart for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. The labyrinth offers intentional space and time to quiet our doubts and fears, to open to our center of wisdom, to review our lives, turn and re-turn again, and to connect with the Divine within. The indoor labyrinth, in the Meeting Room, will be open for walking 5:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday, March 29, through 7:30 p.m., Good Friday, March 30. The outdoor labyrinth is open 24-hours a day!

7:30 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Liturgy (with incense),** *Nave*

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. A community meal, in the Parish Hall, precedes the service.

9:00 p.m. **Vigil before the Sacrament,** *Chapel*

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 Thurs-

day, and continues overnight until 8:00 a.m. on Good Friday. The sign-up sheet for the Overnight Vigil is available in the outer narthex. The Vigil before the Sacrament is open to all (with or without signup).

Good Friday, March 30

12:10 p.m. **Stations of the Cross,** *Nave and Outside*

Many Christians gather in Jerusalem at this time of the year to walk where Christ walked in the week of his Passion; from Pilate's palace, down the Via Dolorosa, to Calvary. For most such a pilgrimage is impossible. Thus, wishing to reproduce a parallel for those at home, this 'Way of the Cross' has come into our tradition. Fourteen large, numbered wooden crosses are stationed along the circular driveway. The gathered faithful make their pilgrimage, stopping at each "station" to remember one of the 14 Passion events.

1:00 p.m. **Rite of Reconciliation,** *Chapel*

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5:30 p.m. **Good Friday Liturgy for Families,** *Nave*

Our children understand what it means to be sad. Good Friday is the time for us to walk through the saddest part of Jesus' story as a family. A liturgy that is accessible and appropriate for all ages will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on Good Friday with our youngest worshippers in mind. All are invited into the stripped-down Nave to come close to the story and offer our prayers. To better understand the mystery of Easter we need the sad seriousness of Good Friday and the happiness that follows giving us an experience of true joy. If you have questions about this service, please contact the Rev. Beverley Elliott, bev@stbartsatlanta.org, or Christen Erskine, christen@stbartsatlanta.org.

6:30 p.m. **Introduction to Walk the Labyrinth,** *Parish Hall Meeting Room*

Spend time to prepare your heart for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. The labyrinth offers intentional space and time to quiet our doubts and fears, to open to our center of wisdom, to review our lives, turn and re-turn again, and to connect with the Divine within. A brief introduction to walking the labyrinth in preparation for Good Friday will be offered at 6:30 p.m. before the Good Friday liturgy. The indoor labyrinth will be open for walking 3:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday, March 29, through 7:30 p.m., Good Friday, March 30. The outdoor labyrinth is open 24-hours a day!

7:30 p.m. **Good Friday Liturgy,** *Nave*

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 same reserved sacrament before which the faithful have been in vigil at the Altar of Repose.

The Good Friday Offering

The Good Friday offering in all Episcopal congregations is designated for ministries of the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has encouraged congregations to contribute to the Good Friday offering.

Holy Saturday, March 31

10:00 a.m. **Children's Easter Garden & Easter Egg Dyeing,** *Parish Hall*
Digging up the You Know What Banner

Children and their parents and grandparents are invited to come plant flowers, decorate eggs to take home, and hear a special story. We will have a flat of flowers available to purchase (our gardeners have chosen plants that are likely to thrive in our space); donation of \$1.50 per plant will be appreciated. Please plan to come and bring a trowel, some eggs to decorate, and joyful enthusiasm as we assist the other guilds in readying the church for Easter Sunday. There will be digging, decorating, and other bits of excitement you won't want to miss! RSVP to the church office.

12:00 p.m. **Holy Saturday Liturgy,** *Chapel*

The Saturday after Good Friday, which recalls the day when the crucified Christ visited among the dead while his body lay in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. In the Episcopal Church there is no Eucharist on Holy Saturday. The BCP 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 instead of the prayers of the people (BCP, p. 283). 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.