

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

*The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent* *March 22, 2026*

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these lands of the Lekwungen people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.

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***Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine***, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community in Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Services at St. John's are: **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service), 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist – with choir and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong)** on Sundays as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: [www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](http://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

**Contacting Us:** Please email us at [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) or call 250-383-7169. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Pastoral Care Team who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

**You are very welcome here.** We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

If you would like to give to support the work and ministries of St. John the Divine you can do so in the offering plate which is by the Garden door and will be presented as the Communion is prepared. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page.

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Thank you for your support.



## 8:00 am Holy Communion

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*The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.*

**Presider:** The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee

**Greeters:** Barbara Jenks, Erin Kelly

**Crucifer:** Terry Needham

**Sacristan:** Penny Holt

**Readers:** Ava Gregorian, David Buckman

**Gospel:** Murray Harris

**Sermon:** The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee

**Intercessor:** Susan Banskrope

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Iris Elsdon,

Nancy Baal, Graeme Brown

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Streaming Technician:** Daphne Small

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine  
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Char Hodgkins, Assistant Director

**Setting:** Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

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## The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Introit

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
And bathe those beauteous feet  
Which brought from Heaven  
The news and Prince of Peace:  
Cease not, wet eyes,  
His mercy to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance  
Sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let His eye  
See sin, but through my tears.

Text: Phineas Fletcher (1580-1650)  
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)



## Invitation to Confession

We are all called to healing and wholeness through the God who draws us close and embraces us with love and strength.

We acknowledge our broken relationship with the earth, with one another, with God, and with ourselves, as we pray.

*Silence*

*During Lent, the Gloria is replaced with the Kyrie Eleison.*

**Kyrie**



Ky - ri - e\_\_ e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e\_\_ e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste\_\_ e - le - i - son. Chri - ste\_\_ e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e\_\_ e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e\_\_ e - le - i - son.\_\_\_\_\_

*The Priest reminds us of God's love and forgiveness.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

God of compassion,  
you call us out of the bindings of death  
on this, our resurrection day:  
Make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide  
to step into your future alive and unashamed;  
through Jesus Christ, life of the world.

**All: Amen.**

Propers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

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# The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

*Please sit for the Reading and the Psalm.*

## The First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Out of the depths have I called to you, O GOD; GOD, hear my voice; \* let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, GOD, were to note what is done amiss, \* O GOD, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; \* therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for GOD; my soul waits for GOD; \* in GOD's word is my hope.

My soul waits for GOD, more than sentries for the morning, \* more than sentries for the morning.

O Israel, wait for GOD, \* for with GOD there is mercy;

With GOD there is plenteous redemption, \* and GOD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation of the Book of Psalms,  
Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use)  
Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman,  
the Rev. K.D. Joyce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens.

## The Epistle

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### *After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gradual Hymn (CP 454)

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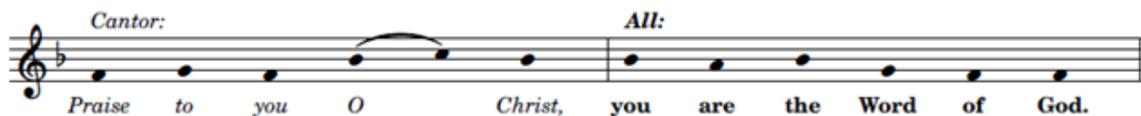
1. Revive thy work, O Lord,  
thy mighty arm make bare;  
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,  
and make thy people hear.
2. Revive thy work, O Lord,  
disturb this sleep of death;  
quicken the smouldering embers now  
by thine almighty breath.
3. Revive thy work, O Lord,  
create soul-thirst for thee;  
and hungering for the bread of life  
O may our spirits be.
4. Revive thy work, O Lord,  
exalt thy precious name;  
and, by the Holy Ghost sent down,  
our love for thee inflame.
5. Revive thy work, O Lord,  
and give refreshing showers.  
The glory shall be all thine own;  
the blessing, Lord, be ours.

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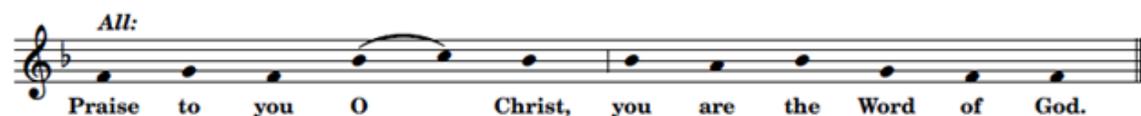
*Please remain standing as you are able.*

The Gospel

John 11:1-45



*Cantor:* I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. *John 11:25-26*



God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Christ.**

*After the Gospel*

The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

*Please stand as you are able.*

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare the faith of Christ as we say,

**All: Hear, O Israel:  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There are no commandments greater than these.**

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer.*

Prayers of the People

*Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

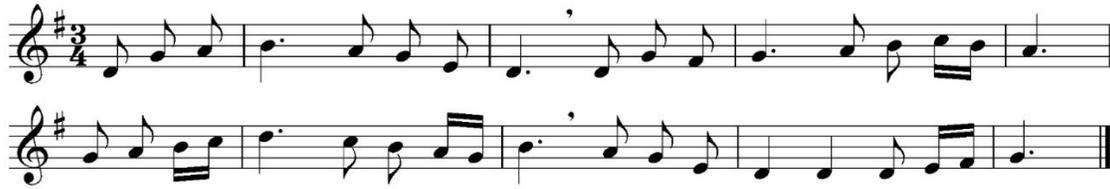
*All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.*

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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (USA 456 – The Hymnal 1982)

O WALY WALY



1. **O Love of God, how strong and true,  
eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought,  
beyond all knowledge and all thought.**
2. **We read thee best in him who came  
to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high,  
our life to live, our death to die.**
3. **O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,  
we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below,  
in seas that swell and streams that flow.**
4. **We read thy power to bless and save  
e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light  
we read the fullness of thy might.**

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).

Music: Melody – English trad.; arr. Noel Tredinnick (1949-). Arr. © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

God our provider,  
you have not fed us with bread alone,  
but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts,  
which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

*As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.*

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer V  
Scottish Episcopal Church 1982 (revised 2002) altd.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The second staff has two measures with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise." Above the first staff, the vocal parts are labeled: "Priest:" for the first measure, "All:" for the second, "Priest:" for the third, and "All:" for the fourth. Above the second staff, the vocal parts are labeled: "Priest:" for the first measure and "All:" for the second.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.  
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,  
brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.  
In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,  
debts forgiven, and strangers made welcome.  
Your Spirit frees us to live  
as a community joined by bonds of love.

We who by Christ's power  
follow the way of the Cross,  
sharing the joy of his obedience,  
now offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

### Sanctus (*sung by the choir*)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving God,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the Cross,  
Jesus' suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf sin had made.  
Through that dark struggle  
death was swallowed up in victory,  
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,  
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,  
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread  
and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
“Take, eat. This is my Body: It is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
“Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Creator,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage  
in the company of Mary, the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our siblings living and departed.

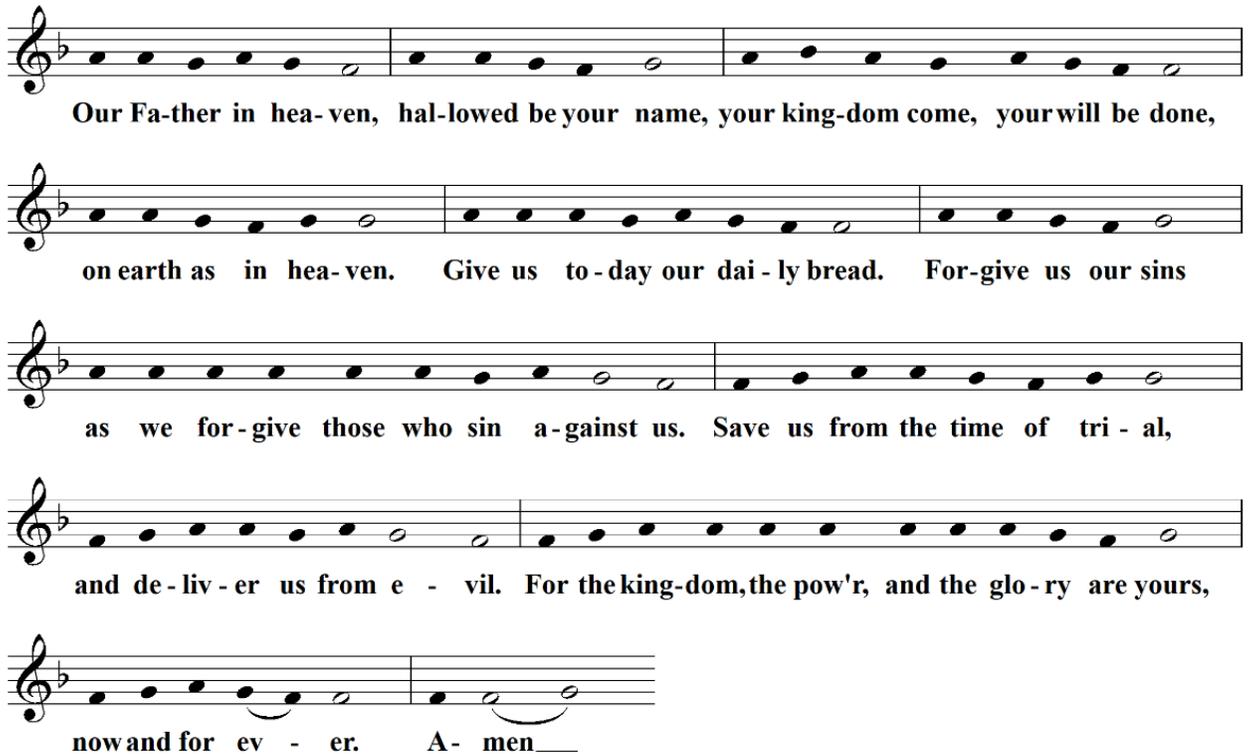
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end.



*All:*      A - men,      A - men,      A - - men.

## The Disciples' Prayer

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins  
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for ev-er. A-men

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## The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,

**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

## The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



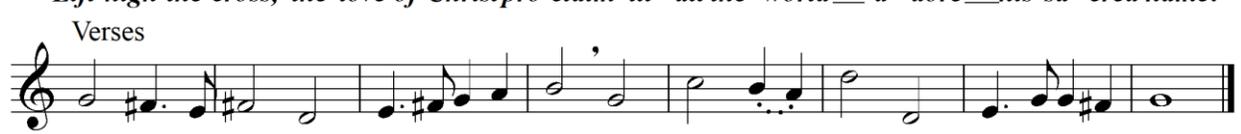


Refrain



*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim til all the world a-dore his sa-cred name!*

Verses



- 3. Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:  
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.**

**Refrain**

- 4. Great is the cost of walking on this road,  
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.**

**Refrain**

- 5. Worlds to be born and children yet to be,  
come, take up this song into eternity.**

**Refrain**

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*Please be seated.*  
Voluntary

Please join us at the back of the church for refreshments and fellowship.



Sunday Reflections will be held in the Denson Lounge  
starting about 15 minutes after the service ends.

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## **Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm**

Readings: Psalm 30; Lamentations 3:19-33; Matthew 17-end

Officiant: Gary Moss

Preacher: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: Char Hodgkins ; Canticles: Purcell in Gm

Anthem: My God, My God – John Blow

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## Readings for March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

**Matthew 21:1-11** Matthew gives an account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** The good news God offers is not always welcome: people doubt; people fear.

**Psalms 31:9-16** In the face of danger, humiliation and shame, God offers steadfast love, support and deliverance.

**Philippians 2:5-11** Paul quotes a very early Christian hymn giving understanding of Jesus' death and resurrection.

**Matthew 26:14—27:66** The story of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial, as terrible as it is, is told in such a way as to remind us of the profound hope that underlies it all.

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### Blue Envelope for March – Alongside Hope

Alongside Hope, formally known as the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), was established by the Anglican General Synod of Canada in 1959. The name reflects the agency's main program focus and philosophy. Alongside Hope provides for long-term development needs connected to most of the suffering caused by natural or human-provoked disasters.

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### The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Chuck  
Baby Caron  
Vorna & family  
Ronnie A. & family  
Sue  
Paul  
James M.  
Andrew

Charles & Frances  
Zoe  
Carolyn & family  
Tonja D.  
Robyn  
Amanda  
Nancy  
Jamie G.

Paul C-S.  
John & Pat  
Liz & family  
Kai & Chelsea  
Lisa  
Jennifer Q.  
Brian T.  
Ashley

### R.I.P.

Derek Dunwoody



### **Palm Sunday, March 29**

8:00 am – Said Book of Common Prayer service

10:00 am – Parish Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms

2:30 pm Concert - Bach's St. John Passion

*with the Choristers of St. John the Divine, the Victoria Baroque, and members of the Choirs of Christ Church Cathedral.*

***Ticketed event, at Christ Church Cathedral [Ticket info](#)***

### **Holy Week Services**

Monday, March 30 – 5:30 pm Holy Communion with Prayers of Penitence

Tuesday, March 31 – 5:30 pm Holy Communion with Prayers of Healing

Wednesday, April 1 – 5:30 pm Creative Prayer Stations

Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm Parish Eucharist with Washing of the Feet and Stripping of the Altars

*With sermon. Music led by the Choristers of St. John.*

Good Friday, April 3

10:00 am Liturgy of the Cross

*Solemn liturgy of the day, with sung Passion narrative.*

12 noon Three Hours' Meditation

### **Easter Day, April 5**

8:00 am Holy Communion - Said service, Book of Common Prayer

10:00 am Easter Eucharist

*Festive service, with sermon, activities for children, and full music led by the Choristers of St. John.*

***Note:*** *There is no Choral Evensong on Palm Sunday or Easter Day (March 29 and April 5)*

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