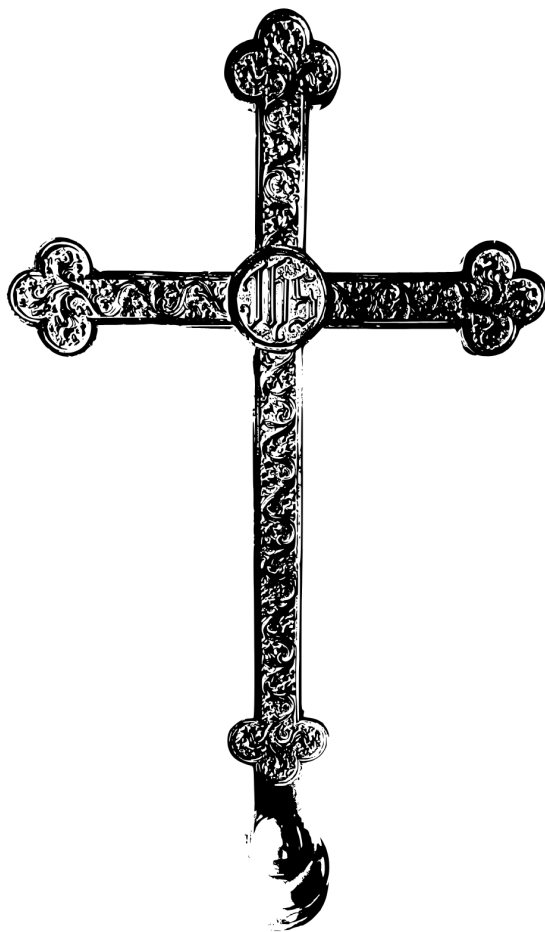


ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE PIONEER CHURCH OF WYOMING



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025 | 9:30 AM



WELCOME

FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel

Dear Friends,

Lent is a season that calls us to penitence, a word that may sound heavy, but is deeply rooted in the grace of God's love. Penitence is more than just feeling sorry about our sins - it is about turning back to God, realigning our hearts, and opening ourselves to renewal. In scripture, penitence is often linked to transformation, as in these words from the prophet Joel that we heard on Ash Wednesday: *"Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."* - Joel 2:13

Our worship reflects this call to return throughout Lent. For the remaining Sundays in Lent, we will begin each service with the Penitential Order, which shifts our focus immediately to confession and absolution. This structure reminds us that before we approach the altar, we come before God in honesty, acknowledging our sins and receiving the assurance of divine mercy. The Penitential Order frames our Lenten journey, preparing us to encounter God's grace more fully. Penitence is not about dwelling in guilt or shame, but about allowing God to reshape us, much like the psalmist prays: *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."* - Psalm 51:10

This season offers many ways to engage in that renewal together:

- **Wednesday Evenings** - Join us for a **Rite I Holy Eucharist** at 5:30 PM and for our **Community Supper** following the service, beginning at 6:00 PM. You can also join us for our Lenten **Forum on Women in Scripture**, located in the Guild Room, beginning at 6:30 PM, where we explore the lives and witness of women in the Bible.
- **Tuesday & Thursday Mornings** - Join us at 7:30 AM for **Morning Prayer** and begin the day with scripture and prayer to center ourselves in God's presence.
- **Sunday Formation** - Join us for a Lenten Book Study on "Love Set Free," a set of meditations on the Passion according to Saint John at 11:00 AM.

Lent is a pilgrimage, not a destination. May this season of penitence be a time of renewal and transformation for each of us as we walk together toward the hope of Easter morning.

Blessings,

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel
Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025 | 9:30 AM

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Prelude (seated)

Dana Anderson, *organ*

“In A Quiet Garden,” *Overholt*

“Cantilene Religieuse,” *Dubois*

Entering Procession (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 525

“The Church’s one foundation,” *Aurelia*

THE WORD OF GOD

A Penitential Order (standing)

BCP 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

All children through age ten are invited to follow the Children's Processional Cross to Children's Chapel.

Kyrie eleison (standing, sung by all)

S 96

“Lord, have mercy upon us,” Schubert/Proulx

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,
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Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day (standing)

BCP 219

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (seated)

Joshua 5:9-12

Lector: A reading from the Book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (seated, chanted by the choir)

Psalm 32; Beati quorum

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Lesson (seated)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Lector: A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 516

"Come down, O Love divine," *Down Ampney*

The Gospel (standing)

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (seated)

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel

The Nicene Creed (standing, said by all)

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People (standing)

ICP 163

Celebrant: In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer, saying:
Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all the holy people of God, that we may embrace the folly of the cross and become ministers of reconciliation in a broken world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this nation and all nations, that we may generously share the produce of the land, both in plenty and in want, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the alienated and rejected of this world, that all may come to know God's welcome to sit down at table, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this community, that we may learn from God to seek the lost and to rejoice when they are found, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our own needs and those of others, that God may be our hope and consolation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those on the St. Mark's prayer list, for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Casper, for the Diocese of Maryland; for the greens on the altar, given to the glory of God; and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: God of mercy and compassion, bring us back to you when we stray, and give us again the joy of proclaiming among the nations your saving deeds. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace (standing)

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem (seated)

Dana Anderson, *piano*

“Lord, Have Mercy,” *J.S. Bach & Hal Hopsin*

Offertory Response (standing)

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (standing)

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with You.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (standing, sung by all)

S 130

“Holy, holy, holy Lord,” Schubert/Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (sung by all)

S 169

“My flesh is food indeed,” *Ray W. Urwin*

Cantor sings the refrain, repeated by all.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a rest followed by a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." The score includes performance directions: "Cantor or Choir" above the first line, "1 All" above the second line, "2 Cantor or Choir" above the third line, and "All" above the fourth line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion. Those wishing to receive a prayer of blessing are invited to the altar rail, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate a blessing. Please inform the priest at the altar rail if you desire gluten-free wafers.

Ushers will invite each row to come forward for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please let an Usher know.

Communion Hymn (seated, sung by all)
 "There is a Balm in Gilead"

LEVAS 203

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound - ed

whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, You can
 3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged For Je - sus is your friend, And

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. **D.C.**

Post-Communion Prayer (kneeling, said by all)

BCP 366

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Solemn Prayer (kneeling)

BOS 13

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal (standing)

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Departing Procession (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 535

“Ye servants of God,” *Paderborn*

Postlude

Dana Anderson, organ

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross,” *C.S. Lang*

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee and refreshments following the service.
All are welcome!*

The foregoing text of the worship service contained in this order of worship is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The Book of Common Prayer alone is of authority in the worship of the Episcopal Church. This program is provided for convenience of use on this occasion.

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

LIVING COMPASS LENTEN STUDY

The focus of this 6-week journey will be “Cultivating the Fruits of the Spirit.” What better time than Lent to self-reflect, cultivate, and grow? Class booklets are free of charge. We will meet in the Guild Room from 12:10 - 1:10 PM every Monday. Next class: **March 31**

MORNING PRAYER

Join us for Morning Prayer every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 AM during Lent. Start your day with quiet reflection, scripture, and prayer in the beauty of our sanctuary. Next: **April 1 & 3**

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Each Wednesday evening, we will gather for a Rite I Eucharist at 5:30 PM, a time to center ourselves in worship and prayer. Following the service, you are invited to join our Community Supper beginning at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall, offering a warm meal and fellowship. This year, we will host a Forum on Women in Scripture at 6:30 PM in the Guild Room, led by Anna-Claire Musick. Come for the Eucharist, the Supper, the Forum - or all three! Next: **April 2**

YOGA EUCHARIST

Join us for a heart-centered yoga practice combined with Holy Communion. No experience needed – just bring a yoga mat and firm blanket (or borrow one of ours). Yoga Eucharist meets every second Thursday at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Enter through Kingham Walkway. Next session: **April 10**

GIRLFRIENDS UNLIMITED

LIT ‘N’ LATTE

The Girlfriends Unlimited book club meets in the Wildflower Room (3rd Floor) of the Laramie County Library from 3:00 - 4:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Upcoming Dates: **April 14 & 28**

SEW & SEWS

Gather with fellow crafters for friendship, creativity, and fun. Join us every third Wednesday from 11 AM to 1:30 PM in the Sew & Sews Room (downstairs). Bring your lunch and any fiber art project. Next gathering: **April 16**

GAB (GIRLFRIENDS ADVISORY BOARD)

The GAB Team meets every second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 Noon in the Sew & Sews room. Anyone is welcome to join! The GAB Team will not meet in April. Next meeting: **May 14**

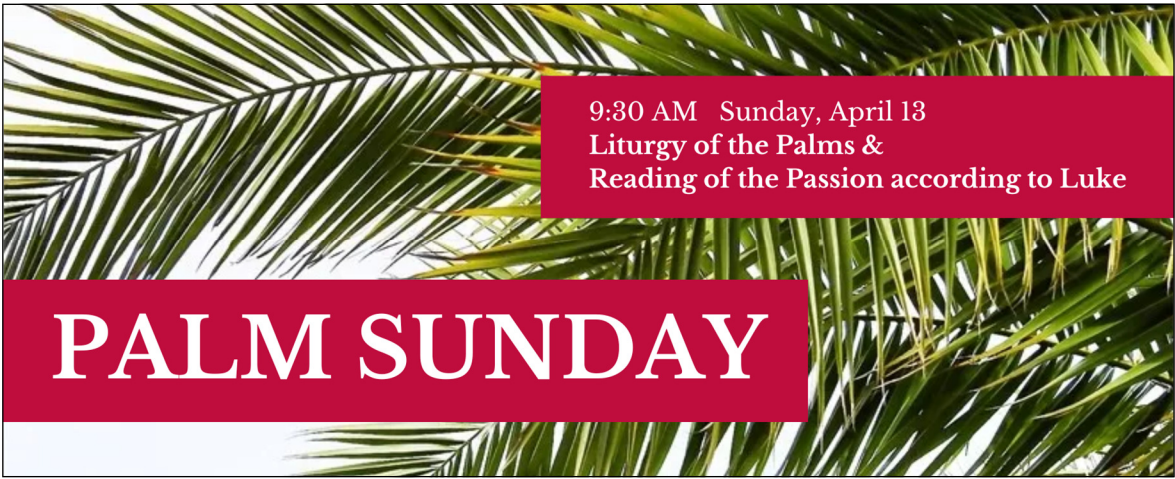




WOMEN OF THE PASSION

Join us for a unique Lenten journey as we experience Christ's Passion through the voices of women in Scripture. Their stories, woven into the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross, reveal lives transformed by their encounters with Jesus.

Led by Girlfriends Unlimited
Saturday, April 12
1:00 PM



9:30 AM Sunday, April 13
Liturgy of the Palms &
Reading of the Passion according to Luke

PALM SUNDAY

Altar Flower Dedications

Sign up for a Sunday in the altar flower dedication book located in the narthex of the church. More than one donor per Sunday is gratefully welcomed.

Cost is \$100.

Parking at St. Mark's

We are grateful to the Galeotos Family for graciously allowing us to use their parking lot, located next to the Kingham Walkway, free of charge on Sunday mornings. Please enjoy this convenient parking option as we come together for worship each week.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 13

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Holy Monday, April 14

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

7:00 PM - 12:00 Noon All Night Vigil

Good Friday, April 18

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Good Friday Service

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:30 AM The Liturgy of Holy Saturday

Great Vigil of Easter, April 19

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 20

6:00 AM Sunrise Service: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

11:00 AM Festival Eucharist, Rite II



12:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt & Visit from the Easter Bunny





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