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Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph over sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

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# What Is Palm Sunday?

## What Do Christians Celebrate on Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday is a moveable feast that falls one week before Easter Sunday. Christian worshipers celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, which took place the week before his death and resurrection. For many Christian churches, Palm Sunday, often referred to as Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.



## Palm Sunday in the Bible - The Triumphal Entry

Jesus traveled to Jerusalem knowing that this journey would end in his sacrificial death on the cross for the sins of all mankind. Before he entered the city, he sent two disciples ahead to the village of Bethphage to look for an unbroke colt:

*As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.' "* (Luke 19:29-31, NIV)

The men brought the colt to Jesus and placed their cloaks on its back. As Jesus sat on the young donkey he slowly made his humble entrance into Jerusalem.

The people greeted Jesus enthusiastically, waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches: *The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"* (Matthew 21:9, NIV)

The shouts of "Hosanna" meant "save now," and the palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. Interestingly, at the end of the Bible, people will wave palm branches once again to praise and honor Jesus Christ:

*After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.* ( Revelation 7:9, NIV)

On this inaugural Palm Sunday, the celebration quickly spread throughout the whole city. People even threw down their cloaks on the path where Jesus rode as an act of homage and submission.

The crowds praised Jesus enthusiastically because they believed he would overthrow Rome. They recognized him as the promised Messiah from Zechariah 9:9:

*Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.* (NIV)

Although the people did not fully understand Christ's mission yet, their worship honored God:

"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, " 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?'" ( Matthew 21:16, NIV)

Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus Christ, he began his journey to the cross.

## How Is Palm Sunday Celebrated Today?

Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday as it is referred to in some Christian churches, is the sixth Sunday of Lent and last Sunday before Easter. Worshipers commemorate Jesus Christ' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

On this day, Christians also remember Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, praise God for the gift of salvation, and look expectantly to the Lord's second coming.

Many churches distribute palm branches to the congregation on Palm Sunday for the customary observances. These observances include a reading of the account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, the carrying and waving of palm branches in processional, the blessing of palms, the singing of traditional hymns, and the making of small crosses with palm fronds.

Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week, a solemn week focusing on the final days of Jesus' life. Holy Week culminates on Easter Sunday, the most important holiday in Christianity.

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## THE FOUNDATIONAL STORY

Holy Week is when the foundational story of Christianity – Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection – is remembered and retold, both in words and in ritual actions, at services throughout the week. It ends at sundown on Holy Saturday with a service called the Great Vigil and the first Easter celebration.

The suffering of Jesus Christ before dying on the Cross to redeem humanity is called the Passion of Jesus. The term is from the Latin *passio*, which means “suffering.” A gospel narrative of this redemptive suffering is called “the Passion.” Faith in Jesus’ resurrection on the third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief.

From earliest times Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion. Jerusalem contains many sacred places where Christ suffered and died. For centuries pilgrims have followed the path of Jesus in his last days at these places with processions and worship services.

The rites Episcopalians and other Christians will observe during Holy Week evolved from the observances of the pilgrims at these holy sites. These rites provide a worship experience of the last days of Jesus’ earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection.

The beloved [Book of Common Prayer](#) provides special services for each of these days. Some congregations also observe the service of Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness” or “shadows”) on one of these days. The service of Tenebrae is in the [Book of Occasional Services](#). But the heart of Holy Week observance is the three holy days, or Triduum, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

## THE TRIDUUM – THE HEART OF HOLY WEEK

**Maundy Thursday’s** name comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, “new commandment,” from John 13:34. The ceremony of washing feet also was referred to as “the Maundy.” In some congregations the priest will wash the feet of worshipers in commemoration of Jesus’ washing the feet of the apostles at the Last Supper. Maundy Thursday also commemorates the institution of the Eucharist (also known as the Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion) by Jesus at the Last Supper. Afterwards, the altar is stripped and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church in preparation for the somberness of Good Friday.

**Good Friday** is when the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and self-denial. The worship service includes John’s account of the Passion gospel, a form of prayer known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and optional devotions before the cross, commonly known as the veneration (or adoration) of the cross. The Eucharist is not celebrated in The Episcopal Church on Good Friday.

**Holy Saturday** 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, which ends at sunset with the Easter Vigil

## THE EASTER VIGIL

**The Easter Vigil**, also known as the Great Vigil, is the most comprehensive and dramatic worship service of the church. It is the first celebration of Easter. The Greek and Latin term for Easter is Pascha, in Hebrew *pesach* (Passover). It is used both for the Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter. From pascha comes terms such as “Paschal Lamb,” referring to Jesus; and “Paschal Candle,” referring to the tall candle first lit during the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, and consists of four parts:

**The Service of Light**, which includes the kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, and the *Exsultet*, the ancient joyful proclamation of the Resurrection

**The Service of Lessons**, with readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers

**Christian Initiation**, in which people are baptized and baptismal vows are renewed

**The Eucharist** (Holy Communion or Lord’s Supper). <https://episcopaldiocesefortworth.org/2018-easter-holy-week/>

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### **Chapter of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Attention Men of St. Paul's:**

We are organizing a Chapter of Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a fraternity within the Episcopal Church which encourages the living, praying, and laboring together to perform our common Prayer Book Ministry. It is a brother organization of the Daughters of the King.

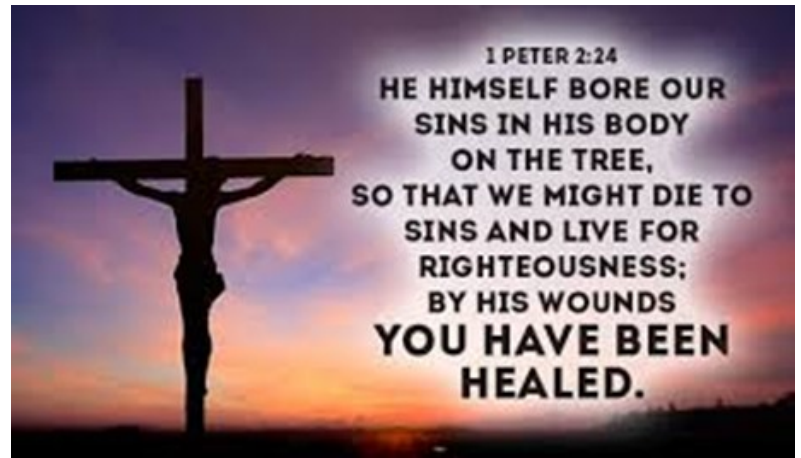
A brother from the Diocesan office  
for an informational meeting of interested men.  
Date and Time is forth coming.

### ***For Trust in God***

O God, the source of all health: So fill my heart with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy I may make room for your power to possess me, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [http://www.stthomasreidsville.org/bcp/prayers\\_sick.htm](http://www.stthomasreidsville.org/bcp/prayers_sick.htm)



Miller, Mr. Bill	4/01
Harrison, Ms. Kathi	4/07
Outenreath, Mr. Gary	4/07
Hughes, Miss Kayla	4/08
Marshall, Dr. Don	4/13
Portman, Helen	4/14
Giblin, Joyce	4/16
Michaelis, Miss Sarah	4/18
Waguespack, Megan Nicole	4/18
Hollier, Mrs. Mimi	4/23
Lincecum, Mrs. Shana	4/24
Carson, Mrs. Bobbie	4/28
Hancock, Mrs. Ruth	4/28



## St. Paul's Family & Friends Prayer List

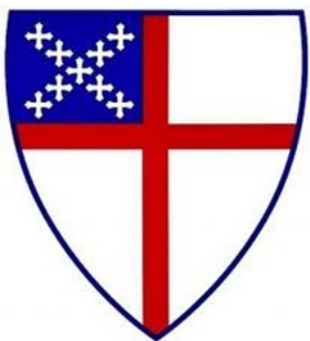
Miles Hall, Jr.	David Silk	Robert Cheek	David Haley
Jenny Guth	Amanda Watt	Anne Breitenstein	Todd Hurst
Cheryl Blanchard	Allan Anderson	Cayden, Whitney and	Robin Kump
Charlie Pieper	Rosie Hurst	Tyler Legrand	Sabine Lamar
Jay Todd Cleaver	Kenric Marshall	Timothy Ruehlen	Gary Outenreath
Virginia Watson	Peggy Lane	Jerry and Petroula	Rayda Neswick
Tom Freeland	Fawn Welborn	The Woodley's	Walter Rotsch
Margaret Ebarb	Leona Fields	Ester Jeans	
Father Bob	Jaimie Geis	Barbara Klein	
Becca Hagan	Betsy Phillips	Sharon Childress	
	Bobbie Carson	Don Ball, Jr.	

Military: Prayers : All Military persons deployed in dangerous areas.

Pray for all people suffering with a an illness and , Victims of Violence, Victims of natural disasters, City of Refuge, Schools, All Ministries of St. Paul's, All first responders, and the unemployed.

Ann Jackson, Talbert Meadows, Thad and Regina. Tracy Underwood, Delores Cleaver, Sidney, Jacquie Pence, Casey D., Beth Holm, Joanne Price, June & Merrill Stringer & Dena, Kelly and John, Nancy Ellis, Cathy Tompkins, Ross, Deanna Davis, Matthew H., Alison Clary, Renee, Jennifer, Jill, Gabriel, Josie Walter, Margaret & Debbie Herrington, Charlotte Parker, Elizabeth, Bella, Kelly Clawson, Thomas Ray Manuel, Tim Fading , Brianna, Mary Guillot, Bette, Carol and Bruce Thornburgh, Nick Tullier, Tim Lawler, Melanie Maxie, Kay Gragg, Kay Stone, Rachel Guy, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Kim and Chris Griffin, Daisy Guillotte, Kim Keyser, Anne Hoffpaur, Janelle Ramsey, Erin Lawler, George Schroeder, Kathleen, Dominic Abshire, Kenny Slaughter, Justin Morvant, Ronnie and Margaret Sonnier, Barbara Richard, Tony Dallas, Jesse Mae Pujol, Steve Rogers, Christine Duos, Dave Shows, Sharon Debes, Mickie Davis, Anthony Sparacino, Jim Racca, James Poole, Sharon Stanley, Laura Pachuca

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**Rite I Holy Communion  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month) 8:00am  
Morning Prayer (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month) 8:00am**

**Rite II (Family Service) 10:30am**