

# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday** — April 14

8:30 and 10:15 AM

The service begins on the Labyrinth and we process into the church waving palms and glorifying God. We made a change in the Palm Sunday service last year, “come and see!”

Holy Cross is being Stewards of God’s Grace (2009’s Lenten theme) and once again endorsing Eco-Palms as a way to promote economic justice on Palm Sunday. Through our use of Fair Traded palm branches we make Palm Sunday a day of celebrating economic justice for farmers and stewardship of God’s creation in Guatemala and Mexico. Eco-palms are harvested in a way that rewards workers for the quality of the palms they harvest rather than the quantity, which helps to limit the amount of palms taken from our creation.

Eco-palm communities have taken upon themselves to learn about harvesting practices that minimize impact on the natural forest where the palm grows, and biodiversity of the region and improve the local communities’ standard of living.



*Hosanna h! Blessed is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord*

## **Monday of Holy Week— April 15 at 7:00 PM**

A simple service of Holy Communion celebrated at 7:00 PM. The story of a woman anointing Jesus with costly perfume is the traditional gospel reading for this evening. Come and hear how a simple act causes quite a stir!



## **Tuesday: Tenebrae— April 16 at 8:00 PM**

Join the choir for an ancient service of “Matins.” This profound service of an extinguishing of light is a reminder of what we experience as we move deeper into Holy Week and toward the cross. The

choir has some wonderful music to share with us as we journey toward the extinguishing of the lights in the church to a single candle.

## **Wednesday: Service of Reconciliation— April 17 at 7:00 PM**

Join us for an evening of reflection, repentance and forgiveness. Tonight is an opportunity to spend some time considering our life journey just before we embark upon the “three great days.” We hope you can join us for an evening of reflection.



## **Maundy Thursday— April 18 at 6:00 PM**

This service begins the Triduum Sanctum, The Three Great Days!

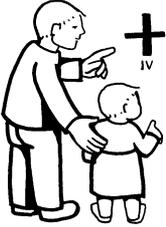
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter (the Vigil in particular) have ancient roots in the early Christian church. We invite you to make a commitment to be present for these most important celebrations of our life together as the body of



Christ. This year we once again share our popular, “out of the box” Maundy Thursday experience. It features a simple pot-luck meal (bring whatever the Spirit moves you to share) and an opportunity to wash feet or have your feet washed, hosted by our children!

The Chapel of Repose follows the Maundy Thursday service. Sign up for a prayer “watch” at the Information Center after church or call the parish office (889-7233).

## Good Friday— April 19

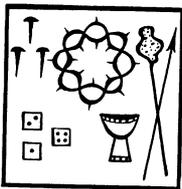


### Stations of the Cross—12:00 Noon

This is a moving 45-minute service led by our youth as we move around the parish campus and trace the last hours of Christ before and on the cross. We begin in a bare church and return there after making one lap around the parish grounds hearing the story of Christ’s passion and a brief meditation at each station.

### Children’s Good Friday Event—4:00 PM

Good Friday is a crucial part of our Christian story and when working with children, it must be shared in careful and developmentally appropriate ways. We have de-signed a Good Friday experience for preschool and grade school children. It will include crafts and experiential learning and we plan to use a movie to tell this important part of our sacred story. Does the picture at the right give you a clue about the movie? Adults, you are MOST welcome to join us too!



### Good Friday Service—7:00 PM

Our evening service will be a combination Labyrinth Walk and the reading of the Passion. Please bring coats and dress in layers as we complete our liturgy by tracing the steps of Jesus on the Labyrinth.

# The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 20 beginning at 8:00 PM

On this night we celebrate the “feast of feasts” by hearing God’s word proclaimed, welcoming new Christians into the household of God through baptism, and celebrating our first Easter communion!



We begin our worship this evening on the Labyrinth gathering around the New Fire (a bonfire) holding candles and hearing some of our most sacred stories told in the oral tradition. We then process by candlelight to Turner Hall where we will celebrate baptism and then make a final procession to the Memorial Garden to reclaim the Alleluia banner buried there on Shrove Tuesday. Lastly, we arrive at the doors of the church to proclaim, “Christ is risen” and celebrate together the first Eucharist of Easter in the sanctuary filled with light, music, flowers, and the ringing of our Easter Bells! (Be sure to bring a hand bell if you have one!) Following the service, we will break our Lenten fast with a Pot-luck feast! We invite you to bring something that you have given up for Lent and share it at our table as we break our Lenten fast together!

If someone in your household is interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, please speak with one of the clergy. The Vigil is the perfect night to be welcomed into the household of faith!



# Easter Sunday

## **Easter Day Celebrations April 21**

Our first Easter morning service of Holy Communion is a sunrise celebration with Taize music on the Labyrinth at 6:00 AM

Our traditional Festive choral celebration of Holy Communion is at 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM



An Easter Egg hunt will follow the 10:15 service!

Nursery Care is available for children 3 years and under at the 10:15 service.

1:00 PM Sacred Space worship service in Cannery Park Hayward. Sandwich making in Holy Cross kitchen following 10:15 service. Sacred Space is a ministry with unhoused persons in the Hayward area. Every Sunday Holy Cross, in rotation with other Episcopal parishes in the Southern Alameda Deanery, leads a worship service. A bag lunch is provided to those who attend, and to those who just drop by.



*The Resurrection  
of the Lord*