

MATTHEW 28.56-68

Dear friends,

During the coming Holy Week, I commend to all of us that we should take some extra time to read and meditate upon Scripture. The Word of our Lord is our guide and comfort. I believe the following passages, and the entire chapters that contain them, are good places to start our journey through this High Holy time.

God be with us all. ~John

# PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 BLESSING OF THE PALMS LITURGY AND HOLY COMMUNION AT 8:00 AND 10:15

Matthew 21:6-9: "The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!'"

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 AGAPE MEAL & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR TBD. LOOK IN UPCOMING NEWS & NOTES

John 13:1-17: This passage describes Jesus washing the feet of His disciples, demonstrating humility and service.

Luke 22:19-20: "And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'"

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 LITURGY AT NOON AND 7:00 P.M.

John 19:17-30: This passage recounts the crucifixion of Jesus, His suffering, and His final moments on the cross.

**Isaiah 53:3-5**: "He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces, he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025**

Matthew 27:57-66: This passage describes the burial of Jesus and the guard at the tomb.

#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 EASTER HOLY COMMUNION AT 9:00 AND 11:00

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the 11:00 service

*Matthew 28:1-10*: This passage recounts the resurrection of Jesus, His appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, and the angel's message of hope.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born."